



The Four Way Flasher

Meadow Ridge Rotary Club

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FEBRUARY IS WORLD UNDERSTANDING MONTH



TODAY: Marco Terwiel - Mens' Health presentation

NEXT WEEK: Literacy Program

Happy Birthday

Feb. 26: Mariella Ignatieff

Mar. 01: Gladys Davies

Feb. 28:

Invocation Mary Robson

Note Taker Mark Forster

Mar. 6:

Gord Robson

Doris Gagel

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Sun-March 18	5 pm	Potluck at Marco's house	21616 River Rd. M.R.
April 21	7pm – 10pm	Meadow Ridge Rotary Wine Festival	Thomas Haney Centre
June 01-03		District 5050 Convention	Semiahmoo Resort, Blaine, WA

POLIO NOW MESSAGE ILLUMINATES WORLD LANDMARKS

Iconic landmarks around the world served as the backdrop for the End Polio Now message the week of 23 February in honor of Rotary's 107th anniversary. They included the Water and Power Development Authority building in Lahore, Pakistan, and Frere Hall in Karachi; the Roppongi Hills skyscraper in Tokyo; Federation Square in Melbourne, Australia; and City Hall in San Juan, Puerto Rico, among others.

Enjoy the month, share, and spread world peace through your own actions and words



The Tower of London in England, is illuminated with an End Polio Now message



The city hall in San Juan, Puerto Rico, is illuminated with an End Polio Now message. Photo by Javier Vazques



The End Polio Now message shines brightly on the Atlantis Towers in Nassau, Bahamas

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$852.50 + 1/2 of today's sales, 22 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Guests: Deborah Hyslop

Walter Volpatti won the 50/50 draw at the Ridge Meadows South Asian Society and donated his \$750.00 win back to their society.

Mystery greeter was Mark Forster, and that was a mystery to him (he wasn't aware).

Doris was **Fine Master** and collected from everyone, who was not wearing their Rotary Badge.

ROTARY MOMENT was presented by Mark Forster, who reported on the history of Rotary in the Fraser Valley area of BC. It began on February 26, 1934 when the Chilliwack Club was chartered. The Fraser Valley was part of District 151, which was comprised of 70 clubs with 4500 members. Geographically made up of the Yukon, Alaska, the Lower Mainland of BC, Vancouver Island and part of Washington State.

Mark gave the history of Rotary and RI from its inception to today. There was phenomenal growth from 1955 -1987. In 1955 there was one district, 70 clubs and 4500 Rotarians. By 1987 there was 5 districts, 200 clubs and 13,000 Rotarians. District 505 became District 5050 on July 1, 1991 with 26 clubs in the Fraser Valley. Today District 5050 has 52 clubs with 26 in the Fraser Valley in Zone24, and 26 in Washington State Zone 23.

No guest speaker today, reports on Committees and Activities.

President Terry reported on the "**Travelling Peace Arch**", which is a symbol of friendship between the USA and Canadian Rotaries.

The object is to encourage us to travel back and forth across the neighbouring clubs to visit and enjoy Rotary.

It must not sit on one side of the border for long periods of time. Our Rotary Club now has this symbol in our possession.



Pot Luck is scheduled for Sunday March 18 at 5:00pm at Marco Terwiel's home. Please sign up on the sheet circulating.

Robert reported on the **Wine Festival** scheduled for April 21. Tickets can be obtained from Peter Boekhorst and will be available for order on-line and are \$45.00

Every member is asked to take 4 tickets and sell them to friends or family.

Duck Race: Bob has taken over for Gord. He has had a number of meetings with Haney Rotary rep, Bonnie Telep. He needs someone to help with administration as replacement for Mary. Melissa has stepped up to help with the youth. Bob will be vetting the youth applicants and it will go beyond just sports groups. The community venues are the best places to sell the tickets such as Home Show, Farmer's Market and the Agricultural Fair. The Home Show has asked us for a donation of \$2000 for

the Physical Activity Area, in return for 2 booths, hoping Haney Rotary will assist with this cost. Very successful last year with 1000 tickets sold

Youth groups who sell tickets for the duck race will get 100% return on the money they make. Applications will be available on line soon.

Bob would like more volunteers to assist with the duties.

Submitted by Janis Elkerton

FESTIVAL OF LIGHT



A spark of light can drive away the winter blahs, warm a chill evening and illuminate a dark sky.

The 4th Festival of Light - an annual event meant to brighten winter and celebrate all the cultures who call Maple Ridge home, did just that last Friday!

Since it began as a celebration to pump up Maple Ridge for the Olympics, the Festival of Light has now grown to feature a cross-section of entertainment including the Stave Falls Scottish Dancers, First Nations storytelling, a Polynesian Dans group and a lantern parade.

This year, a Chinese lion dance troupe made an appearance and led the parade through Haney Place.

There were 23 entries for the festival's poetry contest this year judged by Nitta Spittel and Shari Craig

Meadow Ridge Rotary was one of the sponsors of this event.

