



# The Four Way Flasher

**Meadow Ridge Rotary Club**

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## MARCH IS LITERACY MONTH

**TODAY:** Carol Sicoli - Self-Management Programs, Centre on Aging, UOV

**NEXT WEEK:** Sean Allan, Powertech Labs Inc. - Electric Vehicle Infrastructure



### Happy Birthday

Mar. 21: Debbie MacRae

Mar. 26: Peter Davies

### Mar. 20

#### Invocation

Bob Shantz

#### Note Taker

Mariella Ignatieff

### Mar. 27

Rockey Simpson

Brian Johnston

## CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
April 21	7pm – 10pm	Meadow Ridge Rotary Wine Festival	Thomas Haney Centre
June 01-03		District 5050 Convention	Semiahmoo Resort, Blaine, WA
June 22		Installation of new Executive	Pitt Meadow Golf Course

### ROTARY HONORS PRIME MINISTER CAMERON FOR SUPPORTING A POLIO-FREE WORLD

Rotary International News -- 16 March 2012

Rotary International has recognized David Cameron, prime minister of the United Kingdom, with its Polio Eradication Champion Award for his leadership and dedication to a polio-free world.

RI President Kalyan Banerjee presented the award to International Development Secretary Andrew Mitchell, who received it on the prime minister's behalf at a reception at the House of Commons on 14 March.

The award is the highest honor Rotary presents to heads of state, health agency leaders, and others who have made significant contributions to the global polio eradication effort.

"We have a once-in-a-generation opportunity to rid the world of the evil of polio," Cameron said in a statement about the recognition. "The commitment of Britain and the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, with the support of millions of Rotarians, has helped bring this crippling and often deadly disease to the brink of eradication."



Andrew Mitchell (left), United Kingdom International Development secretary, accepts the Polio Champion Award on behalf of Prime Minister David Cameron from RI President Kalyan Banerjee.

Photo by Maureen McLea

### India's milestone

"On behalf of Rotary's 1.2 million members worldwide, I am honored to recognize the commitment of Prime Minister Cameron for his outstanding support of efforts to eradicate polio," said Banerjee. "My own country, India, has just surpassed the milestone of a year without polio. We would not be so close to achieving the goal of a polio-free world without the longstanding support and continued leadership of the United Kingdom. We encourage other G8 countries to follow the UK's lead in continuing their support so that the world will soon be polio free."

The United Kingdom has been a strong supporter of the global polio eradication initiative with contributions and commitments totaling more than US\$960 million through 2012.

"It is an honour for the UK and the prime minister in particular to be recognised in this way," said Mitchell. "Britain is at the forefront of the fight against polio and last year alone, Britain helped fully immunise over 45 million children from the crippling disease. None of this would be possible without the public-private partnership of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative and the tireless leadership of Rotary International and its dedicated members. I urge all other countries and organisations to play their part now to achieve our ultimate goal of a world free from polio."

In receiving the award, Cameron joins a roster of distinguished leaders, including India's Prime Minister Manmohan Singh,

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Chancellor of Germany Angela Merkel, UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, former UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan, and Pakistan President Asif Ali Zardari.

## LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Our Guests today were: Deb Hyslop and Janice Butcher.

Happy/Sad:

- Lynda Lawrence had 2 happy dollars re: a couple of her friends were out and they had a really good time at the Lava Room.
- Marco Terwiel had both a happy and sad dollar as this was his last meeting for a while as he is off to Holland until April, and he is not sure about our taxes being used for tanks (referring to the ERT vehicle parked outside of our venue). Marco also noted that the books are up and running in Nunavut.
- Ineke - had a happy dollar as she went to an a-capella show with her daughter and it was excellent.
- Janice Elkerton had a very happy dollar as her daughter delivered an 8lb 11oz baby boy after 27 hours of labour. His name is Liam Kenneth.
- Mike Davies had a sad dollar due to his weather timing being way off as he is just back from Hawaii.
- Lindsay Hendy had a happy dollar due to having a very good and informative time at the past weekend PETS in Seattle.

Rotary Moment:

- Urma Mollema discussed Paul Harris and his journey as an early Rotarian, and he was the only Rotarian to date to serve 2 terms as our international leader.

Mystery Greeter:

- Terry Becker nailed about 9 members for not shaking her hand. Not so good.

Fine Master:

Patrick O'Brien put up a \$20.00 wager from himself vs. a dollar from all of us members for some questions:

- What was Patrick of St. Patty's day background? Welshman.
- Is St. Patty's day celebrating his birth or death? His death.
- Information passed on is that Patrick was kidnapped by Irish raiders at 16 and taken to Ireland as a slave until his escape after 6 years. He then became a Bishop and went back to Ireland and ran a church.

Bob Shantz gave us an update on the Duck Race and the licence is in process, about 6 weeks earlier than last year.

Every member is on board for buying &/or selling Wine Zest tickets this year.

Laurie Anderson noted that this is 2 for 1 month for our Rotary Foundation. So every \$100 or more of donations made to Rotary Foundation this month gets you double the points.

Lynda Introduced our Guest Speaker Inspector Doug Maynard.

Doug has 25 years service in the RCMP with postings to the Special "O" Burnaby Detachment and the Lower Mainland Emergency Response Team (ERT) as the Operations Officer.

He is the critical incident commander responsible for the management of all High Risk events. Doug has instructor level at basic assault, sniper, surveillance, and critical incident commander on a National level.

He was commander of security for the final 12 days of the Olympic torch run and closing ceremony for the 2010 Winter Olympic Games, and the subsequent 2010 Winter Para Olympic Games. He has been commander of security for multiple world leaders, including Prime Minister Harper and Chretien, and President Bush and Obama and Vice President Biden. Doug is currently responsible for the daily operations of the Lower Mainland ERT.

Doug is also the father of 4 boys, a local resident of our area for 10 years, and devoted hockey coach in Ridge Meadows Minor Hockey for 15 years.

Doug thanked our club for the invite, and then gave us a history of the ERT from the 1970's when the organization was called Hostage Assault & Rescue Program (HARP) to the current era.

He noted that in the early years, team members were all full time police officers and then part time ERT members afterwards. These early members use to train just 2 days a month and this system worked well until life got busier re: crime and violence.

Now there are 67 full time police members, 2 support staff and 2 contractors. These break down into 3 teams of 20 members, with the others training. They now all train at least 65 days a year for consistency and for timely responses.



The ERT handles the entire lower mainland from Hope to Seachelt, as well as being a back up resource to the rest of the Province. Occasionally they will be used outside of our Province.

They assist at youth academies and other public relation events.

The ERT deals with many types of situations, including high risk arrests, responding to active shooter calls, high risk dog tracking, tubular assaults (planes, trains, ships etc.) and chemical, biological and nuclear responses.

**Submitted by Lindsay Hendy**

