



The Four Way Flasher

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APRIL IS MAGAZINE MONTH

TODAY: Laurie Darcus, SFU Project - Northern Ethiopia, Eastern Tigray

NEXT WEEK: Dan Herbranson - "It Didn't Happen" Campaign



Happy Birthday

Apr. 07: Karen Riddell
Apr. 08: Duane Edmonds

April 3

April 10

Invocation

Marco Terwiel

Walter Volpatti

Note Taker

Ken Knuttila

Melissa Kramer

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

RI PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

My dear brothers and sisters in Rotary,

In the current issue of 'The Rotarian', you will read about what Rotary is doing to combat one of the most pressing humanitarian crises facing us today: hunger. It is, I think, common knowledge that when we talk about food shortages, the problems we face are nearly always local. There is more than enough food produced in our world to feed everyone in it. The problem is getting the food where it is needed, and helping people in the poorest regions achieve food security.

In so many parts of the world, subsistence farming practices are the only way food can be acquired, and a few months of poor weather, or even a single storm, can mean catastrophe. It is unfortunately also the case that the parts of the world where food supplies are the most vulnerable are often those that receive the least attention when disaster does strike.

But this is one of the greatest advantages of Rotary: our local presence in so many parts of the world, and our ability to see, and react to, crises when they occur. More important than this,

however, is our commitment to a long-term approach to addressing the root causes of hunger.

There is a great deal that all of us in Rotary can do about global hunger, but as always, we rely on the work of local Rotarians to bring help to where it is needed the most. And there is little question that when we look at the world today in terms of poverty and hunger and extreme material want, the place we need to be looking first is Africa – which is why Africa is also where we should be looking to expand.

Rotary's Reach Out to Africa initiative seeks to increase Rotary club membership in Africa, mobilize African Rotarians to address local needs, and raise awareness of African issues among Rotarians in more developed regions. It is just one way to connect the people who need help with the people who want to give it but may not know where to begin.

There is no question that the obstacles to global food security are significant. But they are not insurmountable, and the Rotary model is perhaps one of the most promising paths forward for development – if we continue our work to build Rotary into an ever more effective agent of global change.

THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO STRIKE IT RICH: BUY ALL TICKETS AND YOUR CHANCE OF WINNING IS 1:17!

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$1015.50 + 1/2 of today's sales, 17 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

The first order of business was a cheque presentation in the amount of \$500.00 to the North Fraser Therapeutic Riding Association, care of Gay Conn. This organization currently assist about 85 riders from the regional area.



Happy / Sad:

- Angie Edmonds is happy that the BMO branch in Haney is being renovated, and she will get an actual office to work from when completed.
- Bob Shantz is happy that we now have our Duck Race licence from Gaming.
- Walter Volpatti was happy to auction off a package of artwork created by our past member Andrea Vevers - purchased by Lindsay Hendy for the princely sum of \$10.00.
- Ineke Boekhorst is very happy that she is going to get a 7th Grandchild.
- Matt DeBruyn has 2 happy dollars for being back to see us all, and also for asking our club members for volunteers for our upcoming Winefest.

Rotary Moment:

- Laurie Anderson gave our members a Rotary moment relating to the history of Rotary's motto and purposes.

Our President gave the club a break from the Mystery Greeter and Fine Master so we could instead induct our newest member.

Bob Shantz and Mike Davies gave us a brief biography on Deborah Hyslop, and then inducted her into our club, and all members personally welcomed her to our club with a hand shake.



Ineke Boekhorst then introduced Frank Irving and Sean Allan as our guest speakers, and gave us some background information on how interested the BIA and District of Maple Ridge is to get an electric vehicle charger system in our town.



Sean Allan is a power engineer working for Powertech, a subsidiary of BC Hydro. He commented that electric cars were an idea as far back as Ford, and from 1991 to the present we have had rapid development in these.

Powertech is effectively a research lab, consulting and testing facility. They work with clean energy, power system solutions and have a global customer base. Sean commented that vehicle chargers are like having appliances in parking lots. He then went through the 3 major categories of chargers, with the lowest level taking about 16 hours for a full charge and the highest level taking only about 30 minutes.

We had a PowerPoint presentation also, with some interesting pictures of charging systems and some of their locations, like outside of a restaurant in downtown Vancouver.

At the end Sean answered several questions from the members.

Submitted by Lindsay Hendy

RI SIGNS PROJECT PARTNER AGREEMENT WITH SHELTERBOX

Rotary International and [ShelterBox](#), a grassroots disaster relief organization, signed a project partner agreement this month, allowing the two organizations to collaborate more closely to provide relief and temporary shelter to survivors of natural disasters.

“Project partner” is a special status RI gives to groups started or managed by Rotary clubs. The agreement will build on the strengths of both organizations in responding to disasters all over the world.

“Our Rotary friends have always been there ready to assist – from generous donations to direct operational support on the ground Rotary has always been part of our DNA,” said Tom Henderson, ShelterBox CEO. “I feel like we have 34,000 ShelterBox offices around the world working together to help those who have lost everything when they need us the most.”



Saving lives

RI General Secretary John Hewko said the agreement will enable Rotary club members to have an immediate, lifesaving impact in communities hit by natural disasters. “ShelterBox will be able to ensure that local Rotarians are provided an opportunity to participate in the distribution of ShelterBox containers,” he said.

Each ShelterBox typically provides a tent designed to withstand extreme weather conditions, stove, water purification kit, blankets, tools, and other necessities to help a family survive for six months or more after a disaster.

Henderson, a civil engineer and former search-and-rescue diver for the British Royal Naval, founded ShelterBox in 2000. Its response teams of trained volunteers have brought lifesaving supplies to victims of more than 175 disasters in nearly 80 countries.

Mutual goals

“For more than 10 years, ShelterBox has given light to over one hundred thousand families worldwide in their darkest hour,” said Hewko. “This project partner agreement represents our mutual goal of helping those in need. It gives RI a forward-facing approach to immediate disaster relief.”

Noted Henderson: “This partnership with Rotary International is a formal recognition of our good work over the past 12 years. It will help Rotarians get a better understanding of what we do. I hope Rotarians worldwide will see us as a coherent and able disaster relief organization.”

Earlier this month, a ShelterBox team distributed more than 550 tents to communities in Madagascar where powerful cyclones left more than 250,000 people homeless.