



The Four Way Flasher

Meadow Ridge Rotary Club

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APRIL IS MAGAZINE MONTH



TODAY: MP Randy Kamp
NEXT WEEK: Fireside Meeting - Heather Hills
NEXT WEEK NO REGULAR MEETING!

Happy Birthday

Apr. 18: Ken Knuttila

April 17

Invocation Laurie Anderson
Note Taker Sharon Kyle

April 24

Terry Becker
 Lynda Lawrence

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
April 21	7pm – 10pm	Meadow Ridge Rotary Wine Festival	Thomas Haney Centre
April 24	6pm	Fireside Meeting - Heather Hills	25494 117th Ave., Maple Ridge
June 01-03		District 5050 Convention	Semiahmoo Resort, Blaine, WA
June 22		Installation of new Executive	Pitt Meadow Golf Course

YOUNG ROTARIAN MODELS LEADERSHIP IN AUSTRALIA

By Katie Hills - The Rotarian -- April 2012

During her first year at college, Holly Ransom, a member of the Rotary Club of Crawley, Australia, noticed that a lack of role models was demoralizing her female friends.

“Unfortunately, if you’re looking to the media, you’re struggling for female role models other than celebrities going in and out of rehab,” she says.

In 2009, she founded Women Who Lead, a nonprofit that aims to provide positive examples and foster leadership skills.

A year ago, she joined the Crawley club and learned that only 2 percent of Rotarians are under age 30, and 16 percent are women.

“I couldn’t get those statistics out of my head,” the 22-year-old says. She told David Goldstone, one of the club’s charter members, that she wanted to get more involved; soon after, Ransom became president-elect.

She’ll take office in 2012-13, shortly after graduating from the University of Western Australia with a degree in law and economics.

“Our club members are so different in composition and mindset,” she says. “It’s invigorating to be a part of the energy in the room every time we’re together.”



Holly Ransom, 22, is president-elect of the Rotary Club of Crawley, Australia.
Photo by Frances Andrijich

THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO STRIKE IT RICH: BUY ALL TICKETS AND YOUR CHANCE OF WINNING IS 1:15!

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$1096.50 + 1/2 of today’s sales, 15 cards left, Jackpot on “Queen of Hearts” only!

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Guests introduced:

Douglas Dunn from Big Brothers and Sisters and Ronnie Brusatore.

Happy / Sad Dollars:

- Lynda Lawrence was happy for having a nice Easter weekend with her mom and dad on the Island.
- Doris Gagel was happy to be off to Cuba on Saturday.
- Dave Rempel had 2 happy dollars that his wife is safely back from France, and is now at a dog show and getting first in class wins.
- Robert Shantz was & is happy that the Duck tickets are now printed and should be available for next week.
- Marco Terwiel was happy that another member is also supporting cancer with the yellow flower.
- Ineke Boekhorst was happy that the IBIA conference in Nanaimo was very nice and then she had a beautiful Easter weekend with her whole family.
- Our guest Douglas Dunn was happy the Bowling fundraiser for Kids' Sake went very well.
- Matt DeBruyn was very happy for his Easter weekend with his family and 2 grandchildren, and that he will have 3 grandchildren for next year. Matt also announced that he will organise another BBQ and horse riding event for our members, hopefully in June sometime.
- Robert Campbell was both Happy and Sad to announce that he and Cailin have sold their home and will be moving to Halifax for at least the next few years. The musical opportunities for them both should be very good in their new area of residence. Everybody wished Robert (& through him Cailin) the best on their new journey.

The **Fine Master** was Robert Campbell, and his first fine was to everyone crying over his leaving, then anyone who had not yet sold any Wine Fest tickets, and lastly for any missing badges.

Marco Terwiel was the **Mystery Greeter** and he nailed quite a few members.

Announcements:

- We have district assembly this coming Saturday April 14th, and we have 4 members attending as follows: Terry Becker, Lindsay Hendy, Marco Terwiel and Janice Elkerton.
- We have the upcoming District 50/50 Conference in Semiahmoo from June 1 to 3, 2012.
- Wine Fest is fast approaching and we have about a hundred ticket out there, and Peter needs the money to be collected and turned in ASAP. Also additional silent auction items needed. Lastly the Wine Fest committee is meeting right after the regular meeting.

Lynda Lawrence then introduced our guest speaker Dan Herbranson, Ridge Meadows RCMP detachment's Communications Strategist and Training Coordinator.

We were given an interesting discussion on our local area's crime statistics, showing that Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows reported crimes are down over past years, but then asked the question on if all crime is being reported? Ronnie then discussed with us the impressive volunteers we have, like the Citizens on Patrol. They discussed the recent "We Can't Help" campaign which is ongoing now, and we all received a copy of this campaign's brochure.

Dan then discussed the several reasons the police hear about why crime is not reported on, and informed us that often police do not catch the criminals on the specific crime reported by a citizen, but then the crime is solved afterwards, along with many more often, when the criminal is apprehended. He noted that if the crimes are not reported, then the criminal is not held accountable for those ones, and stolen property can not easily be returned to the rightful owners. Jim Coulter was thanked for his paper's support of the We Can't Help campaign and the distribution of this type of information. We were informed that policing now focuses on higher risk areas based on the reported crimes, and this is another reason all crimes should be reported in the first place.

There were then questions and answers.

Lynda Lawrence asked about chronic problems with homeless people sleeping on commercial property, and we were informed that this is a growing problem, and we should report this as often as it happens as the policing department does co-ordinate with bylaws to coerce movement of these people.

There were then a few members noting frustration with some of the problems in our area, and Dan noted that he was not happy to hear some of these frustrations, as he was not aware of these examples and plans to look into them.

Ken Paterson then shared an experience with us on a stolen bike of his son, that was reported, caused an insurance claim to be processed and funds received, and then got the bike back (enhanced by the person keeping) over a year later. The insurance company was then put into shock by Ken's son repaying the theft proceeds of about \$300.00, which did not appear to have ever happened before. (Nice that Rotarians can show the way.)

Dan was thanked for his presentation and informed of the book to be sent to Nunavut in his name.

50/50 was won by Debra MacRae, but she drew the 4 of diamonds, to the vocal disappointment by the other members.

We then all toasted the Queen and the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Lindsay Hendy

