



The Four Way Flasher

Meadow Ridge Rotary Club

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TODAY: Douglas Dunn of the Big Brothers Big Sisters
NEXT WEEK: Melissa Kramer - International Service Presentation



Happy Anniversary

Apr.28: Wayne & Janis Elkerton
 May 1: John & Terry Becker
 May 2: Ken & Gayle Paterson

Happy Birthday

Apr. 28: Peter Boekhorst Apr.29: Lindsay Hendy

May 1

Invocation Terry Becker
Note Taker Lynda Lawrence

May 8

Brian Bekar
 Debbie MacRae

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
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,

When we talk about building membership, we all recognize that welcoming a new member into a Rotary club is only the beginning of our task. To turn a new club member into a committed Rotarian, much more is necessary – and the first step is helping that new member to get involved.

Every Rotarian in every club should know that he or she is not only needed but relied upon. Every Rotarian should have a job within the club – a role to play. After all, why are we in Rotary? We are here to make a difference. Yes, we enjoy our Rotary service, but that is not enough if we are to make Rotary a priority week after week, year after year.

The knowledge that we are having an impact, that we are changing lives – that is what keeps us going, no matter what other demands may compete for our time. And this is why each one of us, however long we have been in Rotary, must always be striving to grow as Rotarians – to find new ways to help others, and to bring about all the positive change we possibly can. For this, more than anything, is what makes our Rotary service worthwhile.

Whether we are new members or old ones, each of us can find ways to become more involved in Rotary service – at the club level, the district level, and beyond. Rotarian Action Groups are a wonderful opportunity to put specific expertise or interests to work, in a way that brings Rotarians from every part of the Rotary world together for a common goal. Whether your passion is water and sanitation issues, or microcredit, or blindness prevention – whether you want to volunteer your dental skills or help organize blood drives – chances are there is a Rotarian Action Group for you. And if not, why not organize one yourself? You can learn more about Rotarian Action Groups at www.rotary.org/actiongroups.

Rotary is and always has been an organization based on its clubs. The purpose of Rotary International is not to direct its clubs, but to connect, inform, and support them. Where and how each club, and each Rotarian, chooses to serve, is ultimately the decision of each one alone. So follow your own ambition and your own vision. Open your eyes to the challenges in our world, and use the strength you have through Rotary to find ways to overcome them. Every one of us has so much potential, and can achieve so much, when we *Reach Within to Embrace Humanity*.

Kalyan Banerjee
President, Rotary International

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$20.00 + 1/2 of today's sales, 51 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

We were so busy with our Wine Festival, that there was no time left over last week to do the newsletter. Well, here is a report of April 17th meeting, and following that a pictorial overview of the Wine Fest.

APRIL 17TH MEETING

Introduction of Guests: Jan Hickman, Haney Rotary

Duck Race: Bob explained he had the tickets for the race with him now if anyone wanted them today and the goal is to raise \$100,000 with this years race. He also announced there will be a meeting at the ACT on April 28th for organizations to sign up youth organizations to be involved.

Jan Hickman: Told us the Haney Club is again holding a Ladies Nite on May 16th at Swan-E-Set. They would like to see us buy a table. It will be a fun night of Gambling,

Boys and Booze. Tickets are \$100.00 each.

Rotary Moment:

Marco Terwiel spoke regarding the Paul Harris Fellow recognition. It was established in 1957 to show appreciation for contributions, and to encourage substantial ones, to what was then the Foundation's only program. Rotary Foundation Fellowships for Advanced Study, the precursor to Ambassadorial Scholarships. Today, the recognition acknowledges individuals who contribute, or who have contributions made in their name of \$1000.00 to The Rotary Foundation.

Guest Speaker: Randy Kamp, MLA

Topic: 2012 Budget or Economic Action Plan of 2012

Winner of four elections in a row, Randy explained this is not just a one term document. This budget takes a long term look and it is on track to be a balance budget by 2015. Key element to growth and control of spending. Two key points of this budget is (1) not raising taxes and (2) not cutting transfers to the provinces or to our seniors.

Highlights of the budget include:

- Increase ability to invest in research
- Responsible economic development and trade expansion (focus of our government)
- Old age security change to age 67. In BC age expectancy is 79 in men and 83 in women. We are living longer in BC than any other province. It is the government's biggest single expenditure spending 110 billion yearly.
- And finally the elimination of the penny by June 2012

Matt DeBruyn pulled the Queen of hearts to win approx. \$1200.00

Submitted by Sharon Kyle

APRIL 21ST WINE FESTIVAL

We pulled it off again: the 17th annual Wine Festival!

The evening was lots of fun, thanks to the tireless work of many volunteers. Not all the financial statements are in yet, but we grossed close to \$9,000.

Here are some pictures to give you an idea.

