



The Four Way Flasher

Meadow Ridge Rotary Club

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TODAY: Melissa Kramer - International Service Presentation

NEXT WEEK:



Happy Anniversary

May 8: Randall & Melissa Kramer

Happy Birthday

May 9: Walter Volpatti

May 8

Invocation

Brian Bekar

Note Taker

Debbie MacRae

May 15

Peter Boekhorst

Eric Mollema

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
June 01-03		District 5050 Convention	Semiahmoo Resort, Blaine, WA
June 12		New Members Meeting	
June 22		Installation of new Executive	Pitt Meadow Golf Course

MESSAGE FROM THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

May 2012 is a month of celebration.

Starting with the International Convention May 6th to the 9th where 33,000

Rotarian's will gather in Bangkok Thailand. The Land of a Thousand Smiles.

We will celebrate with RI President Kalyan Banerjee and our theme

"Reach Within to Embrace Humanity".

Our District is well represented with having to travel so far. I know of 47 going and there may be more. I will see

some of you on the riverboat cruise and then again after the closing ceremony at the Roadhouse Barbecue.

AND DID YOU KNOW our District is 25 years young this year! It is time to celebrate, which we will do at the District



Conference. Twenty five years ago PDG Tom Rainville took the reins of District 5050 and led it into a new era.

District Conference June 1st-3rd in Semiahmoo, time to celebrate the end of the year. We will present many awards

including some surprises. So it is important you attend, one of them may be for you or your club. The conference is a

time to celebrate the success of our many service projects and the hundreds of volunteer hours Rotarians from

District 5050 put into their community locally and internationally.

Rule #1 for the conference is "have fun". I hope you will join us. I look forward to celebrating with many District 5050

Rotarians this month at these two important events. We have all worked hard this year and have had lots of fun.

Let's enjoy the fruits of our labor.

Yours in Rotary,

District Governor Jane Helten

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$29.50 + 1/2 of today's sales, 50 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Our Guests today were Sonja Mollema, Kelly Fry and Kevin Nosworthy.

Announcements:

- Eric announced that there will be a New Members Meeting on June 12, 2012, and encouraged each member to bring a guest who would be an ideal candidate for membership in our Club.
- Mike Davies presented Bob Shantz with his 2nd Paul Harris pin.
- Bob advised that 46% of the tickets for the Duck Race have been distributed to youth organizations for sale. He thanked Melissa for a great job, and advised that we still need some Rotarians to help sell tickets at the HomeShow on Friday. He said that the Haney Club is onside to help get the tickets sold.
- Tickets will be distributed to the local retailers involved later today.

Urma presented the Rotary Moment and spoke on Polio Eradication.

Today's Guest Speaker was David Sheach, Executive Director of Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Fraser Valley, who was introduced by Douglas Dunn. Douglas explained that it was 35 years ago that he went on his Youth Rotary Exchange and was pleased to be here to introduce David.



David has been the Executive Director since the fall of 2006. His work history includes child protection, adult education, community development, crisis and counselling and administration.

David advised that he has been instrumental in the amalgamation of Big Brothers Big Sisters Abbotsford Mission Ridge Meadows and Big Brothers Big Sisters Upper Fraser Valley, forming Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Fraser Valley serving families from Pitt Meadows to Hope. He amalgamated the offices and reduced staff in order to create a sustainable, responsive, effective, and relevant mentoring program.

Their 2011 Annual Report shows 410 children served and mentored for the year.

David explained that by cutting two staff in Chilliwack and one staff in Ridge Meadows and replacing them with a halftime position in each community along with a few hours admin support in Mission, they will be able to help 10 – 12 more children this year. They can't use volunteers for running the program or cut office expenses by working from home and these administrative costs are the reason for the amalgamation (it was costing Ridge Meadows \$80,000/year to administer).

Tamara Brautigam has been hired as a part-time mentoring coordinator for Ridge Meadows and will operate out of the Abbotsford office as the Maple Ridge office was closed.

Mr. Sheach discussed the effects and relationships that develops and lasts for years when a child is mentored. He advised that a 30 month study shows that youth who have been matched with a mentor are:

1. 48% less likely to have behaviour problems in school. Two times more likely to have high levels of school bonding and commitment.
2. 43% less likely to have conduct problems in school. Two times more likely to have high academic achievement.
3. 34% less likely to allow themselves to be bullied or victimized by peers. 2.5x more likely to participate in extra-curricular activities.

There are two programs; the Community Based program which is a four hour commitment each week or the School based program which is a one hour commitment each week that they seek volunteer mentors for. They are meeting with SD42 to discuss the School based program next week.



They are seeking volunteers to provide strength and a sense of hope to help families move forward. If you are interested in more information on how to participate or donate, please go to www.mentoringworks.ca or email

tamara.brautigam@bigbrothersbigsisters.ca.

Submitted by Lynda Lawrence

DOUBLE RECOGNITION POINTS

"I am very happy to share with you that between **1 April and 1 July 2012**, double recognition points will be automatically given to Rotarians and friends of Rotary who are enrolled in Rotary's recurring giving program, Rotary Direct.

The promotion is for individuals who make one or more scheduled (monthly, quarterly, or annual) contributions to the Annual Fund. This promotion was just announced and I encourage you to visit www.rotary.org in the next few days for detailed information about this promotion!

Questions about the promotion can be directed to the contact center and a detailed information guide should be on-line by the end of the week. Please spread this great news and increase support to The Rotary Foundation as well as encourage the quick, cost-effective and secure way of giving on-line with Rotary Direct!"

Bill Robson
District Rotary Foundation Committee Chair
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Rotary District 5050.