



# The Four Way Flasher

**Meadow Ridge Rotary Club**

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**TODAY:** Ryan May, a Pitt Meadows resident with the LivingLand Society that is engaged in ecological agriculture projects throughout the world. He has travelled through 27 countries with an eye for sustainable agriculture.



**NEXT WEEK:** Great Canadian Casinos - Update on Gaming Centre

### Happy Birthday

### May 15

### May 22

<b>Invocation</b>	Peter Boekhorst	Ineke Boekhorst
<b>Note Taker</b>	Eric Mollema	Urma 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

### ROTARIANS CELEBRATE MILESTONES IN THE FIGHT TO RID THE WORLD OF POLIO

During the third plenary session of the 2012 RI Convention in Bangkok, Thailand, Rotarians were congratulated for meeting and exceeding Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge, Rotary's response to \$355 million in matching grants from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation for polio eradication efforts. Attendees also celebrated India's removal from the polio-endemic list in February, which leaves only three countries where transmission of the virus has never been stopped.

But speakers reminded the festive assembly that the work is far from complete, because the ultimate goal has not been reached.

"We know that we haven't reached our goal. We haven't ended polio," said John F. Germ, chair of Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge Committee. "Our clubs are still planning polio fundraisers for the coming years and encouraging donations from people in their communities."

Germ announced that, as of 4 May, Rotarians and supporters have raised \$215.7 million for the challenge, which runs through June. But with the Global Polio Eradication Initiative facing a

significant funding shortfall for 2012 and beyond, it is vital for clubs and districts to keep pushing forward with their many creative fundraisers.

#### Public health emergency

Bruce Aylward, assistant director-general for polio, emergencies and country collaboration for the World Health Organization, said India's removal from the polio-endemic list is "perhaps the most important milestone ever on the long road to eradication."

"It's a magnificent achievement. And it is a Rotary achievement," he said. "Today, Rotary's vision of a polio-free world is much closer to reality."

But an upsurge in cases of paralysis from polio in Nigeria, Pakistan, and Afghanistan and recent polio outbreaks in China, the Congo, and Tajikistan have also prompted what he called an "unprecedented push" to finally end the disease. He said 192 ministers of health will meet next week and declare polio a public health emergency.

"The world understands the full consequences of failure," he said. "We must be faster, we must be more focused and each one of us must be fully accountable."

**50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$56.00 + 1/2 of today's sales, 49 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!**

## LAST WEEK'S MEETING

### Announcements:

- Reminders of District Conference and the installation
- Bob Shantz updated on the duck race tickets - they sold \$6300 worth of tickets at the home show and 74.9% of the tickets are out for sale. Thanks to both clubs.
- Mike Davies from Community Services said there is an excess of gaming funds and if any members are aware of groups in need and meet the criteria advise them to submit an application.

### Rotary Moment, presented by Mark Forster

- talked about being at the home show to sell duck race tickets.
- he was happy to see both clubs working together.
- there was a small boy there who put on the duck outfit - apparently he was very shy but became a new boy when he put the outfit on. His Mom said she should buy him a duck costume.

### Keynote Speaker: Melissa Kramer - International committee

Throughout South Africa, there are great pockets of under resourced communities struggling for true hope and purpose of life due to joblessness, overwhelming health issues, unspeakable crime, lack of education and meagre living conditions. The darkness of despair too often hovers over the daily lives of those staying in these disadvantaged communities. Yet, in this desperate situation, a fountain of hope has sprung, and already the lives of many are changing.

Emthonjeni is a community centre who is enriching disadvantaged communities in a holistic fashion by assisting them to live full, meaning full lives and empowering community leaders.

Through the gift of the king of Ndebele people, Emthonjeni has received in 2005 a total of 9 hectares of land in Kwaggafontein to build our second community center facility. Five of the hectares received are neighboring Entokozweni Secondary School, our new partner with whom we will work hand in hand to serve this community full of crushing needs. KwaNdebele is 160km north-east of Johannesburg and the previous homeland of the Ndebele people of South Africa. This vast area is filled with more than a million people where the only jobs available are more than hour's drive away.

- Emthonjeni Centre is doing a project in the village of Kwaggafontein which is in South Africa
- in this area the life expectancy is 51.6 years
- 40% of the population is very poor.
- This project is in 3 phases - the first phase is to build the living quarters and bathrooms - this is complete.
- Second phase is where we are contributing - building a house with kitchen and water borehole. (we have approved \$4000 towards the borehole and biogas septic system)
- Phases three and four will be the classroom and cultural areas.

- Citizens from town will be using this centre (homeless and unemployed)
- Emthonjeni Centre is organizing and managing this project.

### Submitted by Debbie MacRae

## ROTARY'S ROLE IN INDIA'S SUCCESS AGAINST POLIO DRAWS GLOBAL MEDIA COVERAGE

Publication: [La Nación](#) [07-May-2012]  
**Erradicar la polio, la gran meta del Rotary**



“ Con ese mensaje esperanzador y de compromiso, el CEO del Rotary Internacional, John Hewko, pasó por Buenos Aires para convocar a...”



[The Washington Post](#) [13-Jan-2012]

India hits polio milestone, 1 year since last case of the crippling disease

“Marching ahead, the goal now is to sustain this momentum,” said Deepak Kapur, head of Rotary's polio eradication program in India.

The role played by Rotary International in helping India stop transmission of the wild poliovirus generated strong media coverage worldwide. News of India's milestone achievement of going one year without polio in January garnered more than 100 media placements that featured Rotary, representing nearly 250 million online visitors and a print circulation of over 10 million readers. Nearly 95 percent of the coverage of the milestone – by the Associated Press, [The Economist](#), Financial Times, New York Times, Reuters, and other major media – mentioned Rotary's leading role in the achievement.

In February, the BBC featured a news story that highlighted Rotary's role in India. The BBC also carried several [news stories](#), blog posts, and Twitter feeds related to Rotarians participating in the country's National Immunization Days. India's removal from the list of polio-endemic countries by the World Health Organization was announced at [Polio Summit 2012](#) by Ghulam Nabi Azad, the country's minister of Health and Family Welfare.

Anticipating India's milestone achievement, the RI Communications Group launched an aggressive communications campaign to increase understanding of Rotary's leadership role in the country's success against polio and the [Global Polio Eradication Initiative](#), working with the GPEI partners, Rotary public image coordinators, and others. [Read more.](#)