



# The Four Way Flasher

Meadow Ridge Rotary Club

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## June is Rotary Fellowship Month



**TODAY:** Ineke Boekhorst – RI Convention in Bangkok

**NEXT WEEK:** New Members Meeting

### Happy Birthday

June 5: Lynda DeBruyn

### June 5

### June 12

<b>Invocation</b>	Jim Coulter	Adrienne Dale
<b>Note Taker</b>	Ken Paterson	David Rempel

## CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
June 12	noon	New Members Meeting	
June 22	6 pm	Installation of new Executive	Pitt Meadow Golf Course

### MEADOW RIDGE ROTARY IN PITT MEADOWS DAY PARADE

Pitt Meadows Day Parade was attended by Lynda Lawrence, Bob Shantz and Peter Davies with support from Austin Garcia as the duck and his friend William (last name unknown).

The day was a lot of fun aided by the sunny weather. We (Lynda, Bob and William) while running to keep up, handed out 600 promotion ducks in the first quarter of the parade when unfortunately they ran out.



Peter had the easy job as driver.

### MESSAGE FROM THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

As we close out the 2011-2012 Rotary year, we look back on all of our accomplishments.

My thanks to all the club Presidents; you did a stellar job. You worked hard to accomplish your goals, my goals and RI's. You can congratulate yourselves on a "job well done". You not only accomplished your goals, you were leaders in serving by example. The Foundation has benefited from your example to

your club members by you not only attaining the goals I set forth, but going above and beyond. I cannot thank you enough for that.

It has been my pleasure to serve as your District Governor. The year went way too fast and there are still things to accomplish.

Like you I will always remember this year and the many Rotarians I met and new friends I made. Rotary is a very special organization and one which I am proud to be a member of.

As we move though this last month together let's make it one of fellowship in celebration of all you have done. Gather your Rotary Family together and let them know how much you appreciate all they did to make this a great year.

To my fabulous AGs, you are the BEST. You have helped me throughout the year and stepped up to serve above and beyond in many cases. You made my DG visits flawless and a pleasure. It was wonderful getting to know each of you and working with you.

To the District Committee Chairs and committees, my hat is off to each of you. You did your jobs well and much was accomplished. It is wonderful to choose leaders and know that they will get the job done, and each of you did that.

My thanks to all Rotarians in District 5050 for allowing me to serve as your District Governor.

Yours in Rotary, District Governor Jane Helten

**50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$125.00 + 1/2 of today's sales, 46 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!**

## LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Today's guests: Cathy Emmerson and Irene Shantz.

Happy & Sad: Ken Paterson announced that Gail and he had sold their house in Maple Ridge and bought a condominium in Victoria, in which city their grandson lives.

Cathy Emmerson was today's speaker.

I invite you to go to the website [www.preferpreschool.org.uk](http://www.preferpreschool.org.uk) as I can not possibly fully explain what Cathy has achieved.

She is a glowing example of what Rotary's motto "service above self" can mean. Her achievements are also an example of what ONE PERSON can accomplish (as Marco pointed out during the meeting).

The name of her organization (a registered charity) is **PREFER**, which stands for Poverty Reduction, Education and Family Empowerment in Rwanda.

Some of the projects and results:

- **Preschool Cyuve**

150 children attending.  
Each student is fed bread and sorghum every morning.  
Each student receives medical insurance and treatment.

Each student receives new outfits of clothing throughout the year.  
4 teachers and 3 assistants on teaching staff.  
2 bread makers, 3 caretakers on staff.



- **Sewing lessons**

One sewing teacher has 3 students for 9 months; upon graduation the 3 students receive a sewing machine so they may begin a business



Note: Cathy mentioned that she believes in "hand up" rather than "hand out".

- **Traditional dance classes**

Three afternoons per week we have 25 girls attending traditional dance classes.



- **Adult education**

Two afternoons per week we have 30 adults attending English lessons, covering a variety of topics.

- **Secondary students**

We sponsor 24 secondary students attending various schools throughout the country. We sponsor 3 university



students and 1 primary student at Wisdom School. Sponsorship includes tuition/all necessary supplies i.e. mattress/bedding/clothing/soap/school supplies/transport to and from school and various outings including.

- **Building of new homes for vulnerable families**

15 homes and 1 toilet built to date as well as supplying roofing, doors and windows for families that could not complete their homes. Since the beginning of 2010 we have built six 3 bedrooms plus salon brick and cement homes.



– one three bedroom brick & cement house costs \$1,500

- **Goat project**

- a) Distributing goats to vulnerable families .....over 1800 distributed since beginning of project
- b) Distributing household supplies .....over 200 families have received



- **The first 2 acres** of the required 4 have been purchased across the street from the present building/property with the plan to build a primary school and boarding facilities.

- **Mama's and baby class**

One afternoon per week new mothers bring their babies. They are taught nutrition and hygiene. Household/ hygiene supplies are also distributed during the graduation ceremony



Cathy's presentation has inspired some of our members to investigate how our club may provide assistance.



Submitted by Matt DeBruyn