



The Four Way Flasher

Meadow Ridge Rotary Club

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June is Rotary Fellowship Month

TODAY: Final Business Meeting

NEXT WEEK: Regular meeting on June 26th cancelled, but there is Installation Night coming Friday, June 22nd !



Happy Anniversary

June 21: Brian & Judith Johnston
July 1: Lindsay & Janet Hendy

Happy Birthday

June 21: Mary Robson

June 19

July 3

Invocation	Mike Davies	Peter Davies
Note Taker	David Riddell	Mary Robson

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Fri. June 22	6 pm	Installation of new Executive	Pitt Meadow Golf Course
Tue. July 3	noon	Lindsay's first official presidency	

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Invocation was given by Marco Terwiel.

Two really good videos about Rotary were shown by Eric to the club and prospective members.

Angie spoke about her Rotary experience. She was happy to be a part of the significant local altruistic outflow of our club.

Marco, who has been a Rotarian since the 1970s expanded on Angie's message that Rotary goes far beyond our locale. He encouraged all to be part of district and international conferences to see the full wingspan of the organization.

Eric curtailed the expressions of the speakers after just two minutes by approaching the podium.

Patrick O'Brien was the fine master. The group was asked about the progress of polio eradication that has been considerable this year. The level of knowledge was high and fines were largely averted. The last recorded case was in January of 2011, making India the most recent country to lose its endemic status for polio.

Submitted by Patrick O'Brien

RI 2012 PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS



First place. Shot outside Kisumu, Kenya. Says Benson, "This photograph, of a little child trying to get fresh water for the family, is unpretentious and poignant and tells an important story. You know exactly the situation and are moved by the look of expectation in her eyes, as if she's asking for help. It is an image you stop and look at, and that is the main criterion for good photography."

Darryl Brown, Rotary Club of Boulder, Colo., USA

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$179.50 + 1/2 of today's sales, 44 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

Rotary clubs around the globe have many things in common, including a commitment to service. All year long, clubs are taking action to make a difference in their communities. Here's a roundup of recent club activities worldwide:

Austria

In August, Districts 1910 and 1920 (parts of Austria; Bosnia-Herzegovina) hosted 24 students and two Rotarians from Japan who were affected by the March 2011 earthquake and tsunami. Many of the students had lost their homes or had to evacuate, or lost parents or other relatives. Japanese and Austrian Rotarians covered the cost of the flights (Lufthansa provided discounted tickets), accommodations, and other expenses, and the governments of both countries offered additional financial support.

Canada

Members of the Rotary Club of Ladner, B.C., have been instrumental in a campaign to rid the province's coast of *spartina anglica*, or common cordgrass, a noxious weed that was planted to control erosion but whose spread now poses a danger to wetland areas. This fall, club members put in 58 hours of work, hand-pulling 250 bags, or 5 tons, of the weed. They finished that stretch of shoreline in October.

Curaçao

The January 2010 earthquake in Haiti left thousands of people with injuries that required amputations. This October, members of the Rotary Club of Willemstad brought 10 amputees to Curaçao, where each patient was fitted with a prosthetic leg and underwent six weeks of physical therapy. The club worked with the Royal Netherlands Navy, which provided accommodations in its barracks, and with local companies Insel Air and ABC Bus Company, which covered travel expenses.

Indonesia

Through a mobile clinic, medics from a hospital in Yogyakarta have provided care to 3,636 homeless children who lost their families in the 2006 eruption of Mount Merapi. After a Group Study Exchange trip to District 3400, team leader Hugo Pike, of the Rotary Club of Chelwood Bridge, England, worked with his district to develop the idea. The US\$20,000 Rotary Foundation Matching Grant project got underway in September 2010, but another eruption of Mount Merapi that October halted progress for several months. After the effort resumed, it expanded to 22 locations.



Pakistan

Rotarians in Karachi used a van emblazoned with messages in English and Urdu to share information about polio during Subnational Immunization Days in December. Club members also visited a school in the nearby town of Korangi, where they gave drops of vaccine to 238 children and worked with administrator Naushaba Burney to distribute fliers about the disease to students and teachers.

Philippines

Rotarians in District 3830 carried out two dozen projects after an environmental conference in November 2010. They far exceeded their goal of planting 5,000 trees, or two for every Rotarian in the district. By the end of 2010-11, they had planted 23,000 trees and expected to add another 25,000 in 2011-12.

USA

The Rotary Club of Honeoye Falls-Mendon, N.Y., created a self-guided audio tour of 12 local sites, including the Lower Mill, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places; the 1837 Mendon town hall; and a one-room schoolhouse that's now a museum. Visitors can use their cell phones to listen to information about the stops on the tour. Instructions are posted at each location and are available in brochures and at www.hfmrotary.org/tour.html.

Zambia

The village of Mwandia is home to hundreds of AIDS orphans whose caregivers are elderly relatives. Working with the United Church of Zambia Mission Partners, the nearby Rotary Club of Livingstone is helping these families by replacing 31 deteriorating huts with more stable, traditional African mud houses, and aims to build 25 more. Rotarians from District 6000 (Iowa, USA) have participated in the project, which has benefited 64 families and 200 orphans as of November.



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