



The Four Way Flasher

Meadow Ridge Rotary Club

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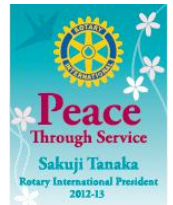
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TODAY: ?

NEXT WEEK: ?



Happy Birthday

July 10: Eric Mollema

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July 17

Invocation	Matt deBruyn	Angie Edmonds
Note Taker	Bob Shantz	Rocky Simpson

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Sun. Aug. 5	10 am - 3 pm	Rotary Duck Race	Lower Maple Ridge Park, 232 nd St.

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

This being the first meeting chaired by our new president Lindsay

Hendy, started at 12:10 with the usual commencement ceremonies followed by the introduction of Val Patenaude and Allison Whiter, who accepted a cheque on behalf of the Music on the Wharf.

Followed by the introduction of five additional guests by our Sergeant at Arms Jim Coulter, who then went on to ask if there was anyone wishing to make a Happy Sad statement.

David Rempel was the first to speak, congratulating the club's new leadership for volunteering.

Peter Davies spoke about placing duck balloons at Maple Ridge Chrysler and the problems it presented to their security system.



Allison Whiter - Music on the Wharf

Lynda Lawrence congratulated our new president on his appointment and questioned the size of the new presidential banner being considerably smaller this year than in previous years. The President explained that the printing company had misunderstood their instructions and had printed the same size banner for all the clubs and we would just have to live with it.

Ineke Boekhorst describe the events on Canada Day as being successful with thousands of people coming out, in addition, she observed a large number of Duck Race tickets being sold.

Matt DeBruyn expressed a concern that the Four-Way Test Banner was not being displayed and he felt that it should be out at each meeting. He then went on to explain the frustration in arranging a horseback ride and barbecue event saying that the last time he had done this 18 people showed up only 2 were Rotary members. He then asked for a show of hands of those who might be interested in coming to the event if he were to arrange it. This year 2 members responded and in addition he had e-mails from several other outside persons expressing an interest, so Matt has agreed that upon his return from vacation at the end of September he will arrange a social ride and barbecue through Mustang Stables for the first week of October and will then send out an e-mail to all members confirming the date.

Peter Davies then rose to explain that he had found the four-way banner in the back room the previous week and that he was in the process of raising funds to purchase flagpoles that would allow us to display the four-way test and another supporting banner by the next meeting. Our new president Lindsay Hendy then went on to explain to our guests exactly what the four-way test was and how each were Rotarian was expected to apply these principles to both their personal and professional lives. (He did however have a difficult time remembering rule number 4 causing some laughter in the room)

The President then asked for the Rotary Moment by Matt Debruyne. He began by saying that he was actually going to make it 2 Rotary moments. He then went on to explain that he and his group with the support of Dave Rempel had taken the four-way test into School District # 42 and have presented it to an excess of 1100 students with the hope that it will help them make their decisions in life. The committee voted again in favour of continuing the program.

He went on to explain that he would be looking for volunteers who would be going to the schools to do the presentations. Matt's second topic was on the issue of bursaries offered by our club to graduating students for continuing education. He expressed some frustration with the number of students willing to apply for these bursaries in spite of the fact that Marco Terwiel had written an article in a local newspaper describing the benefits of the bursaries. Matt went on to say how difficult it was to get the students to even fill out the application; however, those that do apply are usually very worthwhile candidates. He read a letter he had received from the family of one student, describing the serious need for these funds they would otherwise have had difficulty in acquiring. The application was approved and shortly after the presentation of the \$1500 the student wrote a thank you letter describing how much she appreciated receiving these funds and how it would allow her to continue her education and in becoming a carpenter.

The President then asked for the Mystery Greeter and took a moment to explain to our guests what the role of the Mystery Greeter is. It turned out that the wolf in sheep's clothing was none other than Eric Mollema who then went on to extract a dollar from each of the members who'd failed to shake his hand. This was followed by the Fine Master and that turned out to be none other than... Walter Volpatti. He divided the room into sections and proceeded to ask a mind bending skill testing question of each of the individual groups who for the most part failed miserably resulting in additional fines.

This was followed by a request for Matt Debruyne to come to the front for the Wine Festival cheque presentations, he then asked Urma Mollema to come to the front and assist with the presentation. Prior to handing out the cheques he gave a description of each of the groups that would be provided funds and they in turn, accepted and gave a thank you speech describing how these monies would benefit their organizations.

Walter advises that for the month of June the club has donated a total of \$10,482 of Wine Fest funds.

The list of names of each person excepting funds on behalf of their groups and amounts of funds provided are as follows:



Rayne Beveridge - Bergthorson Academy of Musical Arts \$500



Josine Eikelenboom - Maple Ridge Music Society \$1,000



Agneta Eikelenboom - PAC Harry Hooge Elementary \$1,200



Charlene & Geoffrey Westby - PAC Whonnock Elementary \$4,000



Lindy Sisson - Arts Council \$2,000



Hilda Walker - Senior Center \$250



Ineke Boekhorst - MR Caribbean Festival \$400

This was followed by Bob Shantz giving a report on the status of the duck race and duck race tickets, announced that he had turned over in excess of \$20,000 to Walter so far and that he had some additional books on hand and would anyone like to take some. Doris Gagel agreed to take one. In addition he and Laurie Anderson had been speaking with the district governor about Wills for Rotary; they will follow up on this topic at a later date.

The final presenter was Peter Davies who gave Service above Self pins to Bob Shantz and Lynda Lawrence for their marathon activities in the Pitt Meadows parade by handing out 600 promotional ducks.

The 50/50 was not won at this meeting, and with a toast to the Queen the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Peter Davies