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Meadow Ridge Rotary Club

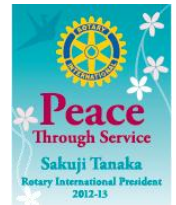
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August is Membership and Extension Month



TODAY:

NEXT WEEK:

Happy Birthday

August 21: Stefanie O'Brien

Invocation

August 21	Mariella Ignatieff
August 28	Brian Johnston

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Aug. 24	1 pm	District 5050 Golfun	Homestead Golf and Country Club in Lynden, Wa
Oct. 01		Sports Banquet	Meadow Gardens Golf Club
Oct. 06	3 pm	"Ride & BBQ", Mustang Riding Stables	14729 Sylvester Rd, Mission
Nov. 13	noon	District Governor Sean Hogan's official visit.	

ROTARIAN ACTION GROUP EXPANDS MATERNAL HEALTH PROJECT IN NIGERIA

By Vanessa N. Glavinskas Rotary International News -- 6 July 2012



Former fistula patients in Nigeria. Photo courtesy of the Rotarian Action Group for Population Growth and Sustainable Development

In Nigeria, one out of every 18 women dies as a result of childbirth. The country has the second-highest maternal mortality rate in the world.

That's why the Rotarian Action Group for Population Growth and Sustainable Development targeted the northern Nigerian states of Kaduna and Kano with a pilot program aimed at reducing maternal mortality by preventing and treating obstetric fistula, a serious birth injury.

From 2005 until 2010, the project, partly supported by a grant from The Rotary Foundation, reduced maternal death by 60 percent in participating hospitals, reached 1 million women of childbearing age, and repaired obstetric fistulas for 1,500 Nigerian women.

"We have to empower women, and women cannot be empowered if they can't make their own choices in antenatal care and child spacing," says Dr. Robert Zinser, CEO of the Rotarian Action Group for Population Growth and Sustainable Development and member of the Rotary Club of Ludwigshafen-Rheinschanze, Germany.

Zinser has been to Nigeria nearly 20 times to work on maternal and child health projects, including the northern Nigeria pilot focused on the prevention and treatment of fistulas. An obstetric fistula is a birth injury that can cause stillbirth and, in the mother, chronic incontinence, infection, nerve damage, or death. The primary cause is labor that goes on for too long, often for days. Because 70 percent of Nigerian women deliver at home, often without access to proper medical care, long labors that would be prevented in the developed world are more common.

LAST WEEKS MEETING

Editor's note: I didn't receive a last week's report from Brian Bekar. That is worth another fine for him, on top of the one he collected last week for having one of his employees taking the notes.

So this newsletter has to do it with pictures telling the story.

First of all we welcomed as guest of honour one member of the Ladies Soccer Team, who won bronze at the Olympics in London: our very own and "Hometown Hero" goalkeeper Karina LeBlanc.



Katrina poses with her mother Winsome

Angie Edmonds presented a cheque of \$500 to Kristina Murray, who is the Fundraising / Special Events Coordinator for the Ridge Meadows Hospice Society.



The Society was founded in 1980 when Edna Trethewey, a former public health nurse, realized the need for help for dying patients and their families in Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows.

She knew that constant, long term care of a palliative patient is extremely emotional and physically exhausting for the home caregiver and that help was needed to give caregivers respite. It was also obvious that families needed a support system during the grieving period.

Next we handed over some certificates to members, who were unable to be present at the Installation Diner.



Last but not least was the guest speaker MLA Randy Hawes.

