



# The Four Way Flasher

**Meadow Ridge Rotary Club**

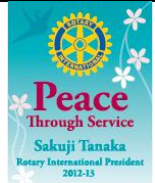
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## September is New Generations Month



**TODAY:**

**NEXT WEEK:**

### Happy Birthday

Sep. 4: Doris Gagel  
Sep. 8: Gayle Paterson

### Happy Anniversary

### Invocation

<b>Sep. 4</b>	Ken Knuttila
<b>Sep. 11</b>	Melissa Kramer

### CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Sep. 25		Meeting cancelled due to joined meeting Sep. 26	
Sep. 26	6 pm	2012 Duck Race Celebration / Fund Distribution	The ACT
Oct. 01		Sports Banquet	Meadow Gardens Golf Club
Oct. 06	3 pm	"Ride & BBQ", Mustang Riding Stables	14729 Sylvester Rd, Mission
Oct. 20		Meet RI President Sakuji Tanaka (Lunch)	Vancouver Westin Bayshore Hotel
Nov. 13	noon	District Governor Sean Hogan's official visit.	Bella Vita Restaurant

### RI PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear fellow Rotarians,

Many of you know that we now have five Avenues of Service in Rotary. The fifth, and newest, is New Generations Service. There are many ways to serve through this avenue, and you will read about some of them in this month's issue.

All of the work we do to educate children, to improve maternal health, to help families live healthier lives – all of this is service to New Generations. We also serve New Generations by working to eradicate polio, helping to ensure that future generations of children will be born into a polio-free world.

Our youth and young adult programs, such as Rotaract, Interact, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, and Rotary Youth Exchange, are a very important part of this Avenue of Service. We must remember that the youth of today are the leaders of tomorrow. By helping to develop young leaders and bringing younger members into our clubs, we strengthen communities – and Rotary's future.

For most of my life, I have been a salesman. I learned long ago that being a good salesman is not enough. You must also have a good product. If you are a good salesman, you will make the first

sale. But if you do not have a good product, you will make only the first sale. You will not make the second.

It is not enough to bring new members into Rotary. We want them to stay. We want the new, young members to become longtime members. We want them to be Rotary leaders in 10, 20, or 30 years.

How do we do this? We have to look at our product. We have to look at Rotary not with our own eyes, but with new eyes. When we invite a new member to join and that person's answer is no, we should ask why. This is not to pressure someone into joining. It is to find out more information. What are the obstacles to membership? Is it an inconvenient meeting time? Is it too much of a time commitment? Is it something else that we have not thought of?

We need to ask questions, and we need to open ourselves to the answers. We cannot say, "No, we will not do this," just because we have never done it before. Why not have childcare at a meeting? Why not involve families in projects? Why not make attendance requirements less strict, or meet less often?

Our new Avenue of New Generations Service is an important step in ensuring many future generations of Rotary, and of Service Above Self.

**50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$446.00 + 1/2 of today's sales, 34 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!**

## LAST WEEKS MEETING

Our club meeting on August 28 was dubbed by Lynda Lawrence (who conducted our meeting like a maestro) "Lindsay's Magical Mystery Meeting". It was "magical" because Lynda (not having an agenda to do the trick) still managed pulled the meeting out of a hat. It was a "mystery" either because it was a mystery where all our members were (we only had 22 persons in attendance including the speaker) or, because with no agenda, we (including Lynda) were all kept on our toes as to what was coming next.

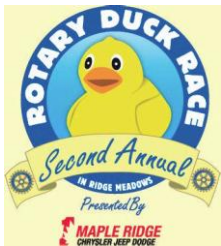
After a rousing singing of O Canada and the invocation (from the mountain peaks to the valleys below) both led by Brian Johnston, we all sat down for a meal and a long summers chat.

(Although not announced at the meeting, Lynda did say to us sitting at her table that she just saw the biggest black bear that she had ever seen on a side road in Maple Ridge that morning – larger than any she had ever seen in all her years at Glacier Park Lodge. She wisely backed her car up before the bear mistook her car for a sardine can.)

Eric Mollema gave the Rotary moment – referring to a 1927-28 meeting of Rotary where the ideals of Rotary were expounded – which are still valid and practical today.

Fine Master Laura Cherrille (Fine Mistress Laura?) fined those of us who were not planning either to attend the Hospice fund raising event on Sept. 15 or provide an auction item for it.

Adding to the mystery of the meeting, Adrienne Dale fined only 3 people who failed to greet her by a shake of her paw.



Bob Shantz announced the joined meeting with the Haney Club, to be held at the ACT on Wednesday Sept. 26 where the club will hand out about \$80,000 as well as certificates to participants and supporters of the Duck Race. 80 to 100 people are expected to be in attendance. Plan to be one of them!

Mary Robson announce that Karina LeBlanc, our own Home Town Hero and Olympic Champion goal keeper of Canada's women's soccer team, will be coming back at no cost to the club to attend the Sport Banquet. Karina said that the reception she received when she attended our club meeting was a most heart warming experience for her. Anyone with any spare air miles to help with her fare from Los Angeles to Vancouver would, however, be helpful to our Olympic Bronze Medal winner.

Gord Robson announced that his daughter Kira will be happy to move from Alexandria, Egypt, to Kindersley, Saskatchewan, where her husband has secured a job, even though they will be going from 40 degrees above to 40 degrees below. (I wonder if she told her husband!). Mary and Gord are looking forward to visiting them there in the winter (NOT!)

Eric announced that our Rotary signs are going up on the highway now that the permits have been granted.

Ineke Boekhorst gave a happy dollar for the fun time they had camping with their grandchildren at beautiful Bridal Falls. (Sure, if you can call staying in a 28 foot motorhome camping !!)



Mary introduced Val Patenaude from the Maple Ridge Museum as our guest speaker, who gave us an update on the Museums activities. She has been the Curator of the Museum since 1993 and was the first permanent Curator. She promised that during her talk she would have no whining (although Gordon had to remind her once about that promise). She said that a recent newspaper article confabulated (that was her word, not the note-takers) the erroneous story that our club had donated \$3,500 to pay for storage space (in addition to the actual money we gave them previously). Thanks to the Museum, our Rotary records have been con-tabulated (the note takers word, not hers) all our old Club files; and our historical records are now in fine shape.

The museum was cut off from Gaming funds because (OMG, surprise, surprise) the Museum staff were actually carrying some historical research. Val concluded her talk by saying that the only way we will get a properly funded Museum in Maple Ridge is if the people of our community let the Municipal Government know that it is a priority for them.



Submitted by Laurie Anderson

## MEET RI PRESIDENT SAKUJI TANAKA ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20



Rotarians are invited to joint Rotary International President, Sakuji Tanaka, for lunch at the Rotary Zone Institute to be held at the Vancouver Westin Bayshore Hotel on Saturday, October 20, 2012.

There are only a limited number of 200 tickets available, at a price of \$50.00 until October 1.

Registrants will also be able to attend the afternoon Plenary session and to meet and mingle with over 400 Rotary leaders from Russia, Canada, the United States, Bermuda and elsewhere.

For more information on the Zone Institute, go to [www.rotaryevents.ca](http://www.rotaryevents.ca)

To purchase tickets for the lunch with Pres. Tanaka, [CLICK HERE](#).



*Sakuji Tanaka is a member of the Rotary Club of Yashio, Saitama, Japan, and serves as RI President for 2012-2013.*

*A past trustee of The Rotary Foundation, Tanaka chaired the 2009 Birmingham Convention Committee. His other service to Rotary includes RI director, regional Rotary Foundation coordinator, district governor, and member of the Polio Eradication Advocacy Task Force, the Permanent Fund Committee for Japan, and the Future Vision Committee.*

*Tanaka established an endowed Rotary Peace Fellowship, and he and his wife, Kyoko, are Paul Harris Fellows, Benefactors of the Permanent Fund, and Major Donors.*

*He is a recipient of RI's Service Above Self Award and The Rotary Foundation's Distinguished Service Award.*