



The Four Way Flasher

Meadow Ridge Rotary Club

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Meetings: Tuesday 12pm, Bella Vita Restaurant

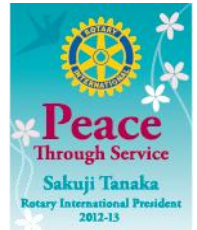
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September is New Generations Month

TODAY: There will be no regular meeting today, but instead we will have on Wednesday a **Rotary Joint Meeting for the Duck Race** at The ACT:

Dinner and cheque presentations to youth groups.
Don't forget to invite your spouse to come along!

NEXT WEEK: Again no regular meeting, due to Sports Banquet on Monday, Oct. 1.



Happy Birthday

Happy Anniversary

Invocation

Sep. 25: Warren & Adrienne Dale
Oct. 03: Marco & Lila Jane Terwiel

Oct. 9 Lynda Lawrence
Oct. 16 Debbie MacRae

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

| Date | Time | Event | Venue |
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| Sep. 25 | | Meeting cancelled due to joined meeting Sep. 26 | |
| Sep. 26 | 6 pm | 2012 Duck Race Celebration / Fund Distribution | The ACT |
| Oct. 01 | 6 pm | Sports Banquet | Meadow Gardens Golf Club |
| Oct. 02 | | Meeting cancelled due to Sports Banquet Oct. 1 | |
| Oct. 06 | 3 pm | "Ride & BBQ", Mustang Riding Stables | 14729 Sylvester Rd, Mission |
| Nov. 13 | noon | District Governor Sean Hogan's official visit. | Bella Vita Restaurant |

MEADOWRIDGE ROTARY CLUB 22ND ANNUAL SPORTS BANQUET MONDAY OCTOBER 1ST, 2012

Meadow Gardens Golf & Country Club
19675 Meadow Gardens Way, Pitt Meadows
6:00 pm No Host Bar 7:00 pm Buffet Dinner

Emcee John McKeachie
HomeTown Heroes Inductee
Live & Silent Auctions

TICKETS \$150 Per Person, available thru the following Rotarians:
Mark Forster (604) 604-463-9945 Lynda Lawrence (604) 467-3333

MeadowRidge Rotary has raised well over \$500,000 for sports facility projects that benefit the many youth sports organizations within our community.

Baseball, hockey, football, soccer, lacrosse, kayaking, track & field are just a few of the sports we've supported over the years.

Join us for an entertaining evening and meet this year's Home Town Hero inductee.

"RIDE & BBQ" SATURDAY OCTOBER 6TH, 2012

Please contact Matt if you want to join us for the ride and for the BBQ that follows at mattdebruyn@shaw.ca or 604-462-1570

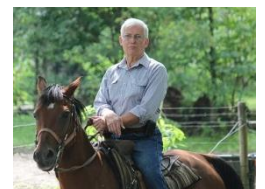
Note: Attending the ride is not a requirement for attending the BBQ. The BBQ/Social will take place at Laura & Jeff Cherrille's place in East Maple Ridge. They have graciously offered their garden for this event!!

Location Ride: The BEAUTIFUL Mustang Stables in Mission – 14729 Sylvester Road - www.mustangstables.com

Riders must arrive at 2:30 PM (ride will start at 3:30 PM)

Cost: unchanged from previous years - \$50 per rider, payable in advance.

BBQ: Bring your own Service, BYOB and BYOF (food); Salad will be provided - other details and possible minor charge to be determined.



50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$525.50 + 1/2 of today's sales, 31 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!



DISTRICT 5050 ROTARY CLUBS

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YOUTH EXPERIENCING SERVICE
2013 LOCAL & INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM

Keesha "Pres" Rosario with **Ken "Dutch" Holland** (of the Haney Rotary Club) gave us a presentation regarding "YES", which stands for Youth Experiencing Service, a program instigated by the Haney Club with the help of the Burlington, Washington Club, to introduce students to Service Above Self, and the personal fulfilment and satisfaction which service to the local and international community can bring to their lives.

(Keesha did such a great job talking, Ken just had to stand there looking intelligent).

Approximately 100 students were recruited as volunteers from M. R. Secondary School to participate in the program, which will result in a project of making stoves for needy persons in Guatemala. Keesha reported that the participants were inspired by their involvement, and that it was gratifying to see the change in the students' lives by participation in this program.



Our Club was invited to participate financially in supporting this program, which has aspects of Community Service, International Service and New Generations, three "Avenues of Service" in Rotary International. (It was noted that **Doris "Old Generation" Gagel** and **Debra "New Generation" Hyslop** are the New Generation leaders in our own club).

Mark "New Sport" Forster announced that "Johnny Bagpipes" will again be the speaker/entertainment at the Sports Banquet on October 1 - always an entertaining guy (I mean, Johnny, not Mark). Single tickets now on sale.

Matt "Four Way" DeBruyn gave the Rotary Moment, with an update on the 4-way test which our club introduces to grade 6 and 7 students in School District #42. Over 1,100 students have been given, through this program, the tools to make better decisions when faced with a dilemma or problem in their young lives. Rotary volunteers are still needed for this important and successful program.

Ineke "Capt. Marvel" Boekhorst announced that our club will again have a youth exchange student this year, with a meeting to be held on Sept. 27 at Thomas Haney School for parents and students to learn about the program. Members are invited to attend.

Patrick "Doc Pumpkin" O'Brien will be selling his potential jack-o-lanterns again this year to support Polio eradication (which is now endemic in only 3 countries in the world). One pumpkin costs only \$10, but that will purchase 16 doses of polio vaccine. Patrick has 100 of these normal size home-grown beauties to sell - plus one large one for auction.

(Rumour has it that Patrick has been giving that last-mentioned pumpkin horse steroids that he has pilfered from Stephanie's veterinarian supplies).

Laurie "Hopalong" Anderson, who with **Lorna** just returned from their annual week-long horse riding stay at the Flying 'U' Ranch at Green Lake near 70 Mile House, regretted to advise (with five sad dollars in penance) that they have to spend the first two weeks of October in Paris and Venice. C'est la vie et l'amore.

Guests included the hereinbefore, aforesaid and above-named **Keesha Rosario and Ken Holland**, as well as **Peter Davies** (please come back), **Irena Shantz and Betty Johansson**.

Mary "Has Some Little Lambs" Robson said her mother, who has cancer, just celebrated her 87th birthday. (As my cancer-surviving wife, Lorna, says, "Every day above ground is a good one!").

The Guest Speaker was **Heather "Fire-Fighter" Steele**, who is employed by the Canadian Mental Health Association as an "out-reach worker" (Gordon, can you say "out-reach worker"?) to help the homeless people in our community.



Heather has worked in Maple Ridge for the past six years. She says, despite the common perception that the number of homeless people in our town has increased, the numbers have not gone up that much over that period.

Heather is a passionate and articulate speaker who left us with at least three messages:

- Firstly, that the homeless people on the streets (many of whom suffer from mental illness) do not want to be the way they are.
- Secondly, that due to all the red tape and delays in the system, and lack of facilities and lack of co-operation from those who run our "health care system", it is a frustrating, often-times losing battle to get help even for those who want to get rehabilitated and be off the streets.
- Thirdly, that the cost to society (in hard cash to the taxpayer, in the millions of \$) due to the way we deal with the problems of the homeless - or rather, our lack of dealing with the problems of the homeless - far exceeds the cost of doing something about it.

Heather was asked how she deals with the stress of constantly putting out fires in our apparently broken system. Her reply: "When I am home, I am home" and "I run a lot". Somehow she manages to come home, put down the fire hoses, take a deep breath, and get ready to fight like the blazes (pun intended) when the sun comes up (or the rain come down) on a new day.

For the third week in a row, **Gordon "Lama Herder" Robson** won the 50-50 draw.

For the third week in a row, **Gordon "Lama Herder" Robson** did not pick the Queen of Hearts.

Submitted by **Laurie Anderson**