



The Four Way Flasher

Meadow Ridge Rotary Club

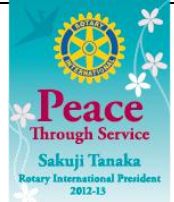
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October is Vocational Service Month



TODAY:

NEXT WEEK:

Happy Birthday

Oct. 22: Jeff Cherrille

Happy Anniversary

Invocation

Oct. 16

Debbie MacRae

Oct. 23

Tom Manion

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Oct. 30	6pm	Fire Side at Marco Terwiel's home	21616 River Rd. M.R.
Nov. 13	noon	District Governor Sean Hogan's official visit.	Bella Vita Restaurant

MESSAGE FROM THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

October is Vocational Service month - when we ask Rotarians to share their business and personal skills to help others. We have been asked this year to place a special emphasis on helping people with disabilities to enter the workforce.

Our new Vocational Service Chair is Kinder Smoots from the Marysville Sunrise Rotary Club, who runs a disability program in Marysville. Her Committee includes Past District Governor, Rob Martin and Everett Port Gardner President, Pete Kinch. If you are interested in helping, please email Kinder at kinder.eaglewings@frontier.com.



In my own vocation of law, we are developing a program to offer minimal cost Wills to anyone who agrees to become a Bequest Society member and donate at least \$10,000 to the Rotary Foundation from their estate. We are seeking additional lawyers and notaries on both sides of the border. If you are interested in donating your legal services, email me at shogan@buckleyhogan.com. Consider how you can contribute your own talents and skills to your volunteer service.

In other news, we have a great Membership Seminar on October 13 with special keynote speaker, Kristi Govertsen. Kristi is a dynamic speaker who presented to an enthusiastic crowd of 800 Rotarians at this year's President Elect Training Seminar (PETS). She has done amazing work on membership in her District.

Find out her tips, tricks and techniques to make your Rotary club bigger, better & bolder!

The Membership Seminar is intended as a kick-off to our membership task force where Membership Chair Linda Murray (linda@evergreensecurity.com) and her team will come to each Area to give you practical, hands on advice to both increase and retain your members. Register at the District website: www.district5050.org.

Also check the District website regularly for information on the **Rotary International Convention** in Portugal (June 23-26), the **iRotary District Conference** in Vancouver (May 30 - June 2), and the **Peace Forum in Honolulu** (January 25-27) and our own joint **District 5040/5050 Peace Forum** on Rotary Day - February 23.

You can also find the link to our new **D5050 Facebook page** from the website.

I encourage you to find the larger world of **Rotary beyond your club**. You will see the greater impact that Rotary has when you visit other clubs, attend the Rotary Leadership Institute, participate in District events, join District Committees and attend District Conferences and International Conventions.

We change lives. We make the world a better place. We do good in the world. We make a difference.

We build **Peace Through Service** with great joy, great friendships and great personal rewards.

Enjoy!

District Governor Sean Hogan

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$552.00 + 1/2 of today's sales, 30 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Peter Boekhorst was late with setting up the flags, and when the meeting started on time with singing of our anthem, he served as flag bearer. (or was that the flag pole?)



We had three presenters today:



Alanna Tynan spoke first for the "The Latitude Project". She and her sister raise money for grass roots level development around the world. They raise the cash through charity events and are currently \$3500 short of their \$10,000 requirement for a school in Nicaragua. They are filming a series of 5 such projects in the reality TV genre with their production company. Hopefully, it will be a successful show

at some point.

The website is www.thelatitudeproject.com.

Geoff Allen of the Ridge Meadows Softball Association spoke on their new project to expand their indoor training facility. Rotary has already partnered with the Association to develop a batting cage. This cage has been a huge success in developing player batting skills.



Matt DeBruyn gave us a refresher on Vocational Service and its multiple services in our communities.

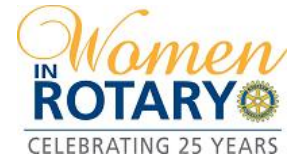
The 4 way test has now reached 1000 children in our community and touched all the Rotarians and teachers who have participated.

Rotarians gather in grade 6 or 7 classes and present appropriate dilemmas to the children. In small groups with the members as facilitators, the children discuss the questions in the context of the 4 way test.

The vocational group is also responsible for the horseback ride each fall and bursaries of \$1500 each to young adults entering a trade school. Through this avenue, Rotarians also provide volunteering opportunities for high school kids most recently at the very successful Sports Banquet. Rotary members participate each year in the inoculation fair to help the health care workers and entertain youngsters coming for vaccinations.

Rotary Moment:

Eric Mollema gave us a history lesson in the foibles of the Rotary club of yester year and subsequent inclusion of Women in the club.



2012 will be the 25th anniversary of the Supreme Court's ruling that culminated in changes to the Rotary International Constitution allowing women to join as of 1 July 1989.

The 1989 Council on Legislation vote to admit women into Rotary clubs worldwide remains a watershed moment in the history of Rotary.

"No. I'm still opposed," says a long-time Rotarian in eastern Canada. "We have a couple of women members, but they don't seem to do anything."

"I don't enjoy my club as much anymore," says a past president in the U.S. Midwest, once among his club's most active members. "It just doesn't seem the same. I can't tell you exactly why ... but it's different. I make up in clubs that don't have any women when I can - but they're getting harder to find."

Dr. Sylvia V. Whitlock, first woman president of a Rotary Club, became DG of District 5300 (California/Nevada) on July 1, 2012.

In June 2011, there are 197,044 female Rotarians worldwide, and 91 women are district governors.

Submitted by Patrick O'Brien

RIDE & BBQ ON OCT. 6

For what I've heard, the Ride & BBQ was a lot of fun. Unfortunately for a second year in a row we (Ineke & Peter) couldn't be there. Hopefully better luck – or better planning – the next time.



Here is the Master himself: Matt DeBruyn.
Thank you Matt for organizing this event.

More pictures can be found on our website at meadowridgerotary.ca