



The Four Way Flasher

Meadow Ridge Rotary Club

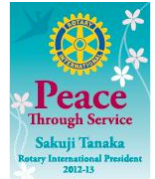
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November is Rotary Foundation Month



TODAY:

NEXT WEEK: District Governor Sean Hogan's official visit.

Happy Birthday

Nov. 9: Lila Jane Terwiel

Happy Anniversary

Nov. 9: Bob & Irena Shantz

Invocation

Nov. 6

Eric Mollema

Nov. 13

Urma Mollema

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Nov. 13	noon	District Governor Sean Hogan's official visit.	Bella Vita Restaurant
Dec. 5		Joint Christmas party with the Haney Club	Pitt Meadows Golf Club
Dec. 11	noon	Club AGM and election of Executive 2013/14	Bella Vita Restaurant
Dec.18	noon	Christmas Lunch	Bella Vita Restaurant

LAST WEEK'S MEETING



This was the Fireside at Marco and Lila Jane Terwiel's home.

Guests: Warren Dale, Jeff Erlandson, Irena Shantz, Lorna Anderson, Zdenka Cukor & her friend Gorana from Croatia. Dinner was prepared by Big Feast and it was excellent as usual.

President's Report – Lindsay Hendy

- Our club provided a \$1500 sponsorship to the Encore Performance for Polio Plus and received a "thank you letter" stating that our club helped in raising \$46,949.47 for the event!
- Robert Prince interviewed Lindsay and Keesha from the Haney club for an article about services clubs for our local paper. Keep an eye out for this story and accompanying pictures! Lindsay promised he did us proud!

Community Services Report - Angie Edmonds

Year to date Community Services has had 18 requests for funding:

- 10 have been approved for a total of \$4,710 of which \$4,500 has come from gaming funds and the remainder from non-gaming. 5 we were not able to support due to their nature or short time frame to approve. 3 have just been received and need to be presented to the Community Services group.
- It has been noted that the majority of the requests presented have been for funding that would be considered "Wine Fest funding", however due to the surplus in gaming funds, we have been accepting and paying qualifying requests

Upcoming Changes:

- The committee will be working on a general funding request application similar to what is used for Wine Fest. This will streamline the application process and requirements.
- The committee will be meeting to discuss setting some parameters for policy and procedure around the distribution of funds and club recognition as a result of sponsorship.
- As Director of Community Services, Angie will recommend that the new Chair of Wine Fest work with Community Services to decide the allocation of funding for 2013 Wine Fest funding applications as there seems to be considerable overlap between the two groups. Guideline for both committees needs to be clearly defined.

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$575.50 + 1/2 of today's sales, 28 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

Club Services – Urma Mollema

- District Governor Sean Hogan will be visiting our club November 13th
- Club AGM will be held December 11th
- Joint Christmas party with the Haney Club December 5th at Pitt Meadows Golf Club. Details to follow to firm time etc.
- Meadow Ridge Club Christmas Lunch at Bella Vita Dec. 18th. Urma has promised there will be no turkey for lunch; this received great praise by the group!

International Service - Brian Johnston (not in attendance, no report submitted)

- Lindsay noted that Brian was going to be having a short meeting with David Rempel on Friday Nov 2nd.
- Eric mentioned that he was on the International Committee for the District and has some very interesting projects he can share with the committee. He has requested that he will join one of their meetings to discuss once back from South Africa.

Foundation - Terry Becker

- As of July 1st, 2013 the Future Visions Model is being put into action and will be used going forward for grant applications.
- Two types of grants: District Grants - are block grants that allow clubs and districts to address immediate needs of their communities and abroad. Global Grants- offer opportunities to participate in strategically focused high impact activities with support from the Foundation ranging from UD \$15,000 - \$200,000. These grants are for large humanitarian projects, vocational training teams and scholarships that have sustainable, measurable outcomes in one or more of the areas of focus.
- There are 6 areas of focus for which the grants can be applied for: Peace and conflict prevention/resolution, Disease prevention and treatment, Water and sanitation, Maternal and child health, Basic education and literacy and Economic and community development.
- Terry and Adrienne are going on the initial training November 3rd and there will be more training in the New Year. The hope is that other individuals will attend the training in the New Year so more club members are trained.

Vocational Service - Matt DeBruyn

- Matt will be leaving to head south, but has managed to arrange the next set of 4 Way Tests at Laityview Elementary
- There will be 5 sessions of the 4-way test this fall with the assistance of teacher "Sarah" at Laityview. 2 Sessions have taken place so far with great success. The sessions have focused on bullying.
- Matt has encouraged each of us to participate in the upcoming sessions
- There have been 4 bursary requests this year, with 2 paid so far.

- Matt has been in contact with School District 42 career counsellors to have Rotarians come and speak to the grade 10, 11 and 12 students at their career sessions.
- Samuel Robertson Tech (SRT) would like to have a mentorship program for their students. Rotarians with specific careers/trades would partner with interested students and learn about their careers
- In addition, SD 42 would like our club to attend their Job Fair. Matt has indicated that this is an interesting endeavour that requires a lot of time and work and will look to set something up for fall of 2013.

New Generations- Doris Gagel (not in attendance, no notes submitted)

- Lindsay will speak with Doris in regard to YAIL and New Citizens programs

Public Relations - Marco Terwiel (our gracious host for the evening!)

- Marco has suggested that we do another Rotary page in the news paper soon
- Lindsay stole Marco's thunder earlier by announcing he and Keesha would be in the paper in an article by Mr. Prince
- Terry spoke about our clubs Facebook page. She would like all our members to log in and "like" our page
- Terry also mention (because she can't say no when asked....) that she is the Chairperson for our District's Social Media and Tweets for District 5050! I think Terry will have to give most of us lessons on tweeting!

Membership - Eric Mollema

- Our club website is up and running, so please send Eric any information that is relevant and we would like posted on the site.
- Membership target is 10 for the year, there are 6 interested, 3 want to come and attend, and 3 are not so sure
- Would like to see more members bringing in new Rotarian prospects
- Will continue sending out letters to specific individuals to join us for our lunch meeting and learn about Rotary

Treasurers Report - Walter Volpatti

- Duck race raised more funds this year at \$88,00 vs. 2011 at \$71,000
- Sports banquet was down a bit from 2011 at \$21,800 vs. \$28,600. This was due in part to not having a live auction and having to pay for the comedian.
- The application for gaming funds has been submitted for April 2013. There is a concern that we might not get any funds as we continue to have a surplus of gaming funds on hand.
- There is still \$7,500 in funds earmarked for bursaries, there are 3 from last year and 2 from this year still outstanding. There us a 2 year deadline to claim the bursary funds.

Fundraising -

• Duck Race

- Bob has confirmed that Iain at Maple Ridge Chrysler will sport our club in 2013 with a donation of either a Jeep or a Fiat.
- Bob wants each Rotarian to start thinking about what they can do to support the 2013 Duck Race. This event is an 11 month project and requires each of us to take part.
- Bob noted that there are several missing pieces on the Duck Race committee as several of the members no longer are active with the Duck Race.
- Peter Davies has agreed to continue working the river section along with the Scouts.
- A p-mail will be sent to each member of the club requesting they complete the form outlining what they can help with
- The goal for raising funds in 2013 is \$100k, we need more tickets sold by our clubs. Meadow Ridge sold 1700 and Haney sold 200 tickets in 2012, need to improve.
- The Duck Race has raised the profile of Rotary in our community more than any other event held
- Bob would also like to know if anyone else in the club wants to take on the ticket sales and thanks his staff for all the assistance

• Sports Banquet

- Mary spoke to the group about the Ridge Meadows Minor Softball Association's request for funding. (the same presentation that was presented at our lunch meeting a few weeks back.)
- So far, they are the only group that has put a request on the table.
- Their proposal is to develop and outfit the expansion of their existing indoor training facility in Albion. They are looking to expand from 2 to 5 batting stations, provide advanced video swing analysis and a parent viewing area.
- This is a \$15,000 request. The Sports Banquets Committee is looking at possibly supporting up to \$12,000 from their \$21,800 raised this year. The remaining funds will be kept in reserve for other projects
- There was some concern from the group that we have supported this organization in the past and maybe we should support something else. Mary noted that any group can apply for the grant, however, this has been their only application so far.

Miscellaneous-

Bob asked the group if anyone was interested in having a "tasteful" 4 way test plaque for their desks as they are available to purchase. The plaques cost \$30-\$40 each depending on the amount ordered and are a quality crystal plaque about 4"x 8" or 5"x9".

A P-mail will be sent to the group to see who is interested in purchasing one.

Mary Robson – Spoke about supporting the Friends in Need Food Bank. Wrap it Up Downtown Maple Ridge put on by the Business Improvement Association, is selling tickets for their shopping event. We have been allotted some tickets to sell and all the tickets sold through Rotary, the food bank will receive the full \$5 from each ticket sold.

A great way to support our local businesses and raise funds for our food bank!

New Business -

- Club willingness to have a Wine Fest for 2013.
 - In 2011, Wine Fest raised just over \$10,000
 - Will need a chairperson. (No one in attendance at the Fireside volunteered for the position or answered Lindsay's P-mail from weeks ago)
 - There was discussion about moving the event and changing the flow to give it a new look and freshen it up. Haney Place mall was suggested as a possible venue if available as Lougheed Mall does something similar after hours. Osprey Village was also thrown into the ring.
 - Suggestions of adding music and art to the program were heard as the funds generated from Wine Fest are earmarked for the "Arts".
 - It was decided that the executive will strike a committee for Wine Fest as there was definite interest in continuing this event.
- Update Rotary Club of Meadow Ridge Bylaws and Accept the Constitution of Rotary International.
- Previously Dues were \$150 plus \$100 for Rotary International
 - New dues will be \$250 of which includes the \$100 for Rotary Foundation
 - This was passed in July 2011 by the executive and addressed at the 2011 AGM
 - It was also noted that if there was financial hardship, the person could approach the executive to waive the \$100 donation to Rotary International. However.... Watch out if you are walking around with a Starbucks mug and you claim hardship!!!
- Bob and Eric will be working together to clarify the wording in the bylaws.
- Would like to enforce mentorship program within the club for new members and enforce the "red dot" program
- Each member of the Meadow Ridge club is requested to review the bylaws and forward any changes or questions to Bob or Eric before Nov 10th.
- Lindsay will work on a summary of changes to the new bylaw and will forward to the club for review.

Submitted by Angie Edmonds