



The Four Way Flasher

Meadow Ridge Rotary Club

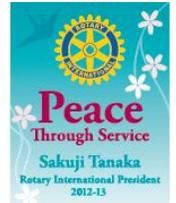
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November is Rotary Foundation Month



TODAY: The Minister of Forest Lands & Natural Resources - Steven Thompson (Tent.)
NEXT WEEK: The Minister of Families & Children - Stephanie Cadieux (Tent.)

Happy Birthday

Nov. 22: Laurie Anderson
 Nov. 23: Lynda Lawrence

Happy Anniversary

Nov. 26: Matt & Lynda DeBruyn

Invocation

Nov. 20 Patrick O'Brien
Nov. 27 Ken Paterson

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
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

Official visit of District Governor Sean Hogan.



Angie Edmonds, chair of the Community Services Committee, presented a cheque of \$400 in support of the Caring Place Breakfast to be held on November 28. Accepting the cheque was Amelia Norrie, the public relations coordinator for the Salvation Army in our community. Amelia thanked the club, and pointed out that the Caring Place is not simply a shelter for the homeless. It is a place that serves 600 different

persons per month with a meal. As there are only 120 homeless people in this area, that leaves 480 other persons, including many low income people, who rely on the Caring Place for meals. The local Salvation Army also sponsors 60 kids to Camp Sunrise in Gibsons - kids who could not otherwise afford to go. They supply 150 backpacks for "at-risk" school kids. Every day, five days per week, working with Friends-In-Need Food Bank, and the Maple Ridge Pitt Meadows Community Services Council, they prepare 100 lunches for kids who would otherwise go hungry at lunchtime while at school. In addition, they provide transitional

housing (for up to a year) for persons who are coming off the streets seeking treatment and rehabilitation.

Pres. Lindsay Hendy (again wielding his executive privilege like Santa Claus's himself), cancelled the Fine Master and Mystery Greeter – ostensibly to save us all from the embarrassment of otherwise having no money to save up for Christmas!

Guests for the day included Dave Drew and his lovely wife Aline, district governor Sean Hogan and his charming wife Carol, Irena Shantz (accompanying her *@<#1 husband Bob), Haney Club president Keesha Rosario, and the above noted Amelia Norrie.



Our own Dr. Patrick "Pumpkin man" O'Brien gave a very happy dollar that he and his wife were able to get away on a trip to Hawaii for the first time since his two youngest kids were born, but he gave a sad dollar (with hats off to Keesha) for the fact that the Haney Cub raised more money through "Pumpkins for Polio" than did our own club.

Only scalper tickets are now available for the Rotary leadership event on November 17 as the event has "sold out" - but take heart - there will be a repeat performance in January.

Adrienne Dale reminded us that nominations are needed for next year's executive.

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$620.50 + 1/2 of today's sales, 27 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

Past President Terry Becker, acting Assistant Governor, did a great job introducing District Governor Sean Hogan with a lively slide presentation, which included a picture of Sean as a blushing Groom on his wedding day (you could tell he was blushing even though it was a black and white photo!).



District Governor Sean gave us an oft humorous and inspiring talk (demonstrating right off the bat the first rule that he learned in 2 1/2 years of training for the job, namely, “always pose for the camera”).

Sean’s talk had several themes:

Firstly, the iRotary Generation. Young people nowadays are the first generation raised on the Internet. We need to reach out to them through the social media.

Secondly, the power of one person to make a difference in the world. Sean very much believes in R&D - “ Rob and Duplicate”. Think of people who individually have made a difference in the world and emulate them.

Thirdly, what makes a Rotarian? Sean became a “Rotarian” on an individual level when he became passionate about helping others in his club and in the community. Sean says there is a difference between being a member of the Rotary Club and being a Rotarian. On an individual level, we become a Rotarian when we catch the moment of passion to help others. Sean was 27 years old when he joined Rotary (apparently not long after he was fired by our own Bob Shantz? - no doubt a vicious lie!) and soon caught the passion of service above self. One of Sean’s first inspirational moments was meeting a lady by the name of Mrs. Dickens, who spent three weeks in an iron lung, but moved on to become the first woman in a wheelchair to get a teacher certificate at UBC and ultimately to teach in Sean’s school.

Sean again became a Rotarian on the district level when he got involved in RYLA.

And last but not least, Sean became a Rotarian on the international level when he and his wife Carol had the opportunity to go to Kenya and aid an orphanage with 10 cast off computers and a few hundred used books, making a small village (located about 25 miles from Nairobi) into a hub of learning for the area.

Sean noted that it was very accommodating of our Rotary International President to choose as his theme “Peace Through Service” so that it would go so well with Sean’s own theme as District Governor. Through Rotary’s international efforts, peace is created in the world when we raise people’s standard of living and education.

Inspired by the above noted Mrs. Dickens, Sean gave us all some homework:

Firstly, to work on obtaining and retaining club members by engaging with new members and making our club a better and more enjoyable place to attend and become involved in.

Secondly, to get behind New Generations.

Thirdly, to support the Rotary Foundation and Polio Plus. We should continue to support and be proud of our 5050 district which, on a per capita basis, was number one in North America and seventh in the world in meeting the challenge of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation - not only meeting but tripling the goal set for our district in raising money for polio.

Fourthly, to improve our public relations and the image of Rotary, for the purpose of enabling us to do more good in the world. (“The Rotary wheel is one of the 10 most recognized symbols in the world. But some still think that Rotary is just a bunch of old men. We must erase this image. We’ve got old women, too”)

Sean concluded his talk by telling us about his plans for a major public relations event to be held in the city of Vancouver between May 30 and May 31 which will include the making of a video of a lot of people gyrating outside the Vancouver Art Gallery which is expected to go viral, with the goal of reaching 1 million hits on Facebook/Utube - if anybody can do it, Sean can - as a senior, but enthusiastic, member of the “iGeneration”. “Bigger, Better, Bolder”.

Lastly, Sean gave Pres. Lindsay two gold service pins, with the difficult assignment of Lindsay choosing two members of our club for special recognition for their service to our club and the community. The first pin was presented by Lindsay to Matt Debruyin in absentia for bringing the four-way test to elementary schools, and the second was presented to Angie Edmonds who, as a new club member, has stepped up to the plate as the new chair of our Community Services Committee, as well as her enthusiastic participation in many other club activities and functions.



Lindsay presented Carol Hogan with a bottle of wine (with the implication that she will need it to put up with Sean, or, rather, his busy schedule throughout this year) and Sean, with a bottle of nuts (for which we can all draw our own conclusions).

The pot continues to grow as (much to your note-taker’s chagrin) the elusive Queen of Hearts again hid in what is left of the shrinking deck of cards.

Submitted by Laurie Anderson