



The Four Way Flasher

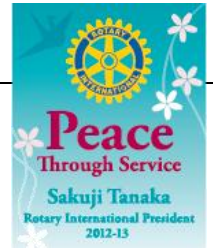
Meadow Ridge Rotary Club

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December is Family Month

TODAY: Christmas Lunch
NEXT MEETING JAN. 8: Rotary Foundation Meeting - Bill Robson

Happy Birthday

Happy Anniversary

Invocation

Jan. 4: Ronald & Sharon Kyle

Dec. 18

Gord Robson

Jan. 8

Mary Robson

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Dec. 18	7pm	CP Holiday Train – Donations to FIN Food Bank	Haney Station

“CHRISTMAS PLANTS FOR POLIO PLUS”

As you undoubtedly by now will know, our club is having this year a Festive Christmas Fund Raising Event for polio eradication - “Christmas Plants for Polio Plus”.



Beautiful greenhouse-grown 6" “Kalsettias” are on sale for \$20 each or 5 plants for \$90. These fabulous plants are a combination of white Kalanchoe with a red Poinsettia in the centre. They are locally grown by Amsterdam Greenhouses (who gives them to the club at a discounted price) and come with a handmade Christmas card for easy gift giving.

To purchase plants call (604-467-2420) or fax (604-467-2421) or email Ineke at inekeb@downtownmapleridge.ca

We have 33 plants left over: please help us to sell all of them!

As this is our last meeting of the year, we can arrange something for you to pick up the plants, or we could deliver them.

An order form is attached to the end of this Flasher.

MESSAGE FROM THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR”

On the Rotary calendar, December is Family Month. I had the privilege and the pleasure of seeing the Rotary family in action when I visited 60 clubs in 3 months.

I saw Rotarians coming together to help our own members. When members were ill, or facing difficulty, we were there - to lend a hand, to share a laugh, and to offer encouragement.

I saw Rotarians cheering for birthdays and anniversaries, making hospital visits and comforting families, coming together for special events and celebrations. I saw Rotarians at community events. I toured many community projects and saw how Rotary changes the lives of thousands of people in our home communities.

I heard about incredible projects in far away countries and communities. I heard Rotarians talking about friends - not strangers in foreign lands. Friends who were known by their first names. Friends and their families around the world that we cared about and wanted to help.

The family of Rotary is integral to who we are and what we do. Although the calendar says that we celebrate December as Family Month, we celebrate families every month and every day.

This month remember and reflect on your personal family, on your extended club family and on the larger families that we serve in our community and internationally.

Be grateful for what we have and for what we can give back.

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$698.00 + 1/2 of today’s sales, 24 cards left, Jackpot on “Queen of Hearts” only!

Be amazed at how Rotarians have made this world a better place through our compassion, our service, our smiles and our helping hands.

Enjoy the holidays and say hi to the family for me!

Governor Sean

LAST WEEK'S MEETING - AGM

O'Canada was led by Sharon Kyle on the vocal chords, with Adrienne Dale giving the invocation accompanied by the music of Brian Bekar's cell phone.

Our guest and "soon to be member" was Betty Johansen of EPR Accountants.

Lynda Lawrence gave a couple of happy bucks, firstly, that Marco was doing a little better (Best wishes from all of us go out to Marco and Lila), and secondly, for the support of Adrienne, Patrick and Ineke (and let us not forget Lynda herself) for attending on Saturday at Marks Work Warehouse to sell hotdogs, where they raised \$675 for the food bank. A special thanks goes to Brian Bekar for supplying all the food and equipment for this event.

David Rempel gave a happy dollar as he was honoured to have been presented last week with the Queens commemorative medal for his work with the adoption Society (which has, I believe, been responsible for the adoption of approximately 200 kids from Russia, including Dave's own daughter, into homes here in Canada).

Bob Shantz advised that Irena's father passed away, and has gone to "a better place".

Sharon Kyle recently saw former club member Dot Ralston, and passed on her best wishes.

On sad note, Sharon also advised that Ed Liva's son recently passed away. (Ed Liva was the person who founded and built out of a bog the original Meadow Gardens Golf Course).

Terry Becker was very sad to learn about the school teacher couple who tragically died when their vehicle went off an icy road into a river up country. Terry knew the parents of one (or both?) of the victims. Terry attended the official opening of the new Baseball Association's batting facility (which our club helped finance through the Sports Banquet fund raiser).

Ineke reminded the Club that we have purchased 100 Christmas plants and have only sold 40 so far. They are very beautiful plants and cost only \$20 each or 5 for \$90. If we sell them all, we will make \$1,000 for Polio. (Let's each of us get behind this fund raiser and purchase one – or a few. They make great gifts and decorate the office or home!)

The business for the day was the AGM of our Club.

The first order of business was a discussion of the proposed new bylaws and constitution of the Club. Thanks go out to that Committee (made up of Bob Shantz, Eric Mollema, Lynda Lawrence and Ineke Boekhorst) for the work they have put into this. One proposal was whether we should allow corporate membership. Terry Becker advised that another Club in our

District is giving this a trial run, and we may be able to learn from their experience. It was decided to refer the matter back to the Bylaw Committee for further study and recommendations before the Club votes on adopting the new bylaws. Eric urged the Club members not to put off reading the proposed Bylaws, so we can have a proper discussion and then get on with the job of implementing them.

Eric Mollema reported that we have 27 Active members, 1 Leave of Absence, 7 active "old f- -ts" i.e., R-85's, and 1 Honorary. He urged us all to bring a potential member to the Club meetings so we can increase our membership.

After a few brief reports from the Chairpersons of some of our Avenues of Service, the election of officers of the Club for the coming 2013-2014 year was held.

The following persons were elected by acclamation:

President:	Adrienne Dale
President Elect:	Eric Mollema
President Nominee:	Mark Forester
Treasurer:	Walter Volpatti
Secretary:	David Riddell
Sergeant At Arms:	Jim Coulter
Director: (Club Service)	Ineke Boekhorst ** tentative
Director: (International)	Laura Cherrille ** tentative
Director: (Community)	Angie Edmonds
Director: (Vocational)	Matt DeBruyn
Director: (New Generation)	Doris Gagel
Director: (Foundation)	Urma Mollema
Director: (PR/Communications)	Terry Becker/Marco Terwiel (health permitting)

The AGM of the Meadow Ridge Foundation was then held. The financial statement of the Foundation was circulated and approved. The Constitution and Bylaws of this (our own Club's) Foundation automatically appoints the same slate of officers as for the Club. That meeting was therefore a very short one.

Our guest Betty Johansen won the 50-50, but (not being a member yet) did not have to hunt down the elusive Queen of Hearts.

Submitted by Laurie Anderson