



The Four Way Flasher

Meadow Ridge Rotary Club

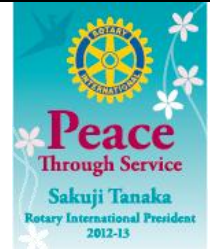
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January is Rotary Awareness Month



TODAY: Rotary Foundation Meeting - Bill Robson
NEXT WEEK: District of Maple Ridge - Economic Development Office - Sandy Blue
 Induction of Betty Johansen

Happy Birthday

Jan. 11: Marco Terwiel
 Jan. 13: Matt DeBruyn

Happy Anniversary

Invocation

Jan. 8 Mary Robson
Jan. 15 Bob Shantz

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue

MESSAGE FROM THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

I had an article in mind for this month's Peace Arch Journal about January being the time to think about both the past and the future. And then I heard that Joan Martin passed away on December 30, 2012.

Those of us who met Joan had the pleasure (and yes, that's the word) of knowing an extraordinary and inspirational person. Or perhaps I should say people, because Joan came as part of a packaged set with her husband of 40 years, Past District Governor, Rob Martin.

Rob is usually the easier one to spot in the crowd because of his height, and Joan would generally be right beside him or close by in her wheelchair. While Rob would greet people with a smile and humorous comment, there was always a crowd around Joan, kneeling down or bending over to give her a hug and to chat with her.

Joan's smile and her enthusiasm for life were contagious. She brightened up any room she was in. She loved being a wife, mother and grandmother. You knew when speaking to her that she genuinely cared about other people and was determined to make sure help was provided where help was needed. Joan and Rob were always aware of and thankful for the blessings in their life.

I am thankful to have been able to know and become friends with Joan and Rob. I think of the many outstanding and extraordinary people that I have met through Rotary. People I have met only because we joined Rotary so that we could make a difference in this world.



Joan passed during December, which we mark as Family of Rotary month. What a great reminder to appreciate those we love and those who share our journey in life.

January is Rotary Awareness month. Let us make a resolution together. Follow the example set by Joan and Rob - make life better for other people and make this world a better place. Become a better Rotarian and a better person and help build Peace Through Service.

Governor Sean

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$724.50 + 1/2 of today's sales, 23 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

RI PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear fellow Rotarians,

I am a Japanese businessman, and I wear a suit almost every day. The Rotary pin is always on my lapel. It is there because I am proud to be a Rotarian. Anywhere I go, people will see the pin and know who I am. Other Rotarians will see it and know that I am a friend, and people who are not Rotarians will see it as well. I want to be sure that all of them also understand the meaning of this pin.

This is why I am asking all of you to wear your Rotary pin and to raise awareness of what the pin means. I believe having that pin on your lapel changes you. It makes you think more before you speak and before you act. It makes you remember, all the time, that you are a Rotarian – and that as Rotarians, we are here to help.

All of us should be ready to talk about Rotary. When someone asks you about that pin, you should be ready to answer them. What is Rotary? What does Rotary do? These are questions that each of us should always be prepared to answer.

We cannot go to prospective members and ask them to join Rotary only because we want more members. We have to show them that Rotary is a wonderful organization, and that they will be happier because they belong to a Rotary club.

When we ask people to join Rotary, we are doing this to help them as well. I think all of us are grateful to the person who asked us to join. I know that my life is much happier, and has been much more productive, because of Rotary. It is clear to me that the day I joined the Rotary Club of Yashio was a day when I took my first step down a different path in life – a path of greater connection, greater satisfaction, and a deeper sense of fulfillment and peace.

This is a feeling that I want to share with others. And I know that one way to do that is through bringing in new members. But we must also do it by raising awareness of Rotary and Rotary's work, by focusing on our public image and wearing our Rotary pins every day.

Sakuji Tanaka
President, Rotary International

NEW END POLIO NOW WEBSITE LAUNCHES

Rotary has created a virtual home – endpolionow.org – where people can rally together to finish the fight against polio. The website is available in English, with other languages to follow.

“To achieve a polio-free world, Rotary and its partners in the [Global Polio Eradication Initiative](#) need your support to spread the word,” says Robert S. Scott, chair of Rotary's International PolioPlus Committee. “Together, we must educate and activate individuals, organizations, and most importantly, governments, to keep up the fight to end polio now. Robust and coordinated digital outreach is necessary to reach our goal.”

You are encouraged to visit endpolionow.org, interact with its features, and share it with others through your own websites, blogs, and social media channels.

“We are ‘[this close](#)’ to making history by eradicating the crippling disease polio once and for all,” says Scott. “Case counts have never been lower, the number of countries affected has never been fewer – the time to beat polio is now.”

DEC. 18TH MEETING

There was no guest speaker or business, but rather a special Christmas luncheon, so these notes are rather short and (I admit) a bit incomplete.

Guests included Irena Shantz and Mark Vosper, the new Executive Director of Hospice.

Happy and sad dollars:

Laura Cherrille is leaving Hospice to become the new director of the Ridge Meadows Hospital Foundation.

Mary and Gordon Robson have to spend a week or two in Maui just after Christmas.

Laurie gave a dollar for the beautiful hand-crafted cards which Ineke made and gave to each of us who attended the meeting.

Announcements:



Ineke pointed out that the Christmas Train was coming to Maple Ridge that evening, where members could collect money for the Food Bank; and also that there were still some of those beautiful plants for sale to support Polio Plus.

Terry Becker suggested we should all take a gander at the Home Page of the District Website. For every \$1 that we give to Polio, our Canadian Government and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation will donate \$1 each - a return of three to one on our investment.

Terry also announced that there is coming to Vancouver a Rotary International Peace Forum (Ken Paterson is attending one in Hawaii).

50-50

Can anyone guess who won the 50-50 ticket? Hint : it starts with a B-O-B and ends with a S-H-A-N-T-Z - but he missed the Queen, so the big \$ pot is still available to be won at our next meeting.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL !!!!!

Submitted by Laurie Anderson