



The Four Way Flasher

Meadow Ridge Rotary Club

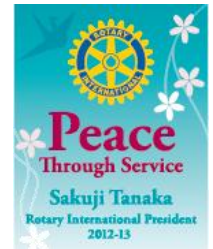
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January is Rotary Awareness Month



TODAY: District of Maple Ridge - Economic Development Office - Sandy Blue
Induction of Betty Johansen

NEXT WEEK: Darren Froese - BC Housing

Happy Birthday

Jan. 20: Urma Mollema

Happy Anniversary

Invocation

Jan. 15: Bob Shantz

Jan. 22: Walter Volpatti

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue

TOP 5 ROTARY STORIES OF 2012

1. India polio free

After going an entire year without a new reported case of polio, India was removed from the list of polio-endemic countries by the World Health Organization (WHO). Ghulam Nabi Azad, India's minister of Health and Family Welfare, made the announcement at the Polio Summit 2012 in New Delhi on 25 February.

The news was a huge boost to the morale of Rotarians, who have been laboring to eradicate the crippling disease since 1985. Only three countries -- Nigeria, Pakistan, and Afghanistan -- remain on the polio-endemic list.

2. New grant model

Rotary districts have begun qualifying for [The Rotary Foundation's new grant model](#), which goes into effect for all districts on 1 July. For the past three years, 100 pilot districts have been testing this Future Vision model, providing feedback to help the Foundation refine it.

The model includes three types of grants: district, global, and packaged. Applications for district grants began in late October, and those for the other two types will begin early in 2013.

3. RI theme

RI President Sakuji Tanaka unveiled the 2012-13 RI theme, *Peace Through Service*, during the International Assembly in January. The then president-elect urged the Rotary leaders in training to explore the many ways they would be able to build peace

through acts of service. He also asked Rotarians to promote three [Rotary Global Peace Forums](#), the first of which was held 30 November to 2 December in Berlin. Remaining forums will be in Honolulu, Hawaii, in January, and Hiroshima, Japan, in May.

4. 2012 RI Convention

More than 35,000 Rotarians from 181 countries and geographical areas converged on Bangkok, Thailand, in May for the 2012 RI Convention. They celebrated successes in the campaign to eradicate polio (see above), and left with renewed energy to continue the fight against the crippling disease.

5. Interact turns 50; peace centers, 10

Interact clubs and their sponsors around the globe [celebrated the program's 50th anniversary](#) during World Interact Week, 5-11 November.

The first Interact club, at Melbourne High School in Melbourne, Florida, USA, received its charter in November 1962 under the guidance and sponsorship of the Rotary Club of Melbourne.

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Our first meeting of 2013 was held on January 8.

We had two guests, namely, Betty Johansen and Mark Vosper.

Happy and Sad:

Our President Lindsay was happy simply because he made it to 2013, and wished everyone a Happy New Year. Lindsay also announced he has accepted a position with the office of Meyers

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$750.00 + 1/2 of today's sales, 22 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

Norris Penny in Fort McMurray which will entail a new promotion, but will also mean that (although he will complete his term as our President) he will be away from Maple Ridge about seven months of the year. Until the end of this Rotary year, he will have to be away from time to time in Fort McMurray and will rely on past-president Terry Becker and President-elect Adrienne Dale to conduct our meetings during those periods of absence.

Marco has been in the hospital, but hopes to be home soon.

Tom Manion was happy that, for him, 2013 had few heartaches and lots of laughter.

Betty Johansen was happy that she has a three-month old grandchild, but sad that the grandchild has decided to move out of the area (taking the parents along on with the move).

Laura Cherrille gave the **Rotary Moment**, with a brief history of the Rotary mottoes "One profits most who serves best", and "Service above self".

Our **Mystery Greeter** was Eric Mollema who only managed to nab two Rotarians for failing to shake his paw, thereby increasing the Club's financial coffers by only two bucks. Our Fine Master, Brian Johnston, did better financially by charging a dollar to all of us who didn't know what was on the cover of the latest Time magazine that had to do with Rotary. The answer was: Polio Plus - "This Close".

Eric Mollema, our membership chairman, said that not only will Betty Johansen be inducted into the Club as a new member at our next week's meeting, but "lunch will be provided" (at the usual \$20 per person, of course!)

After showing a short video about how Rotary promotes health, peace and economic growth in the world, Terry Becker (our Foundation Chair) introduced our guest speaker Bill Robson.



Bill joined the provisional Rotary Club of Cloverdale in 1993 and went on to be the Charter President. He retired from banking in 2011 and lives in Cloverdale. Bill has served at the District level as Polio Plus Chair 2000-2008, Assistant Governor 2003-2007, International Projects Chair 2007-2008, and Grants Chair 2008-2009. In addition, Bill has worked with the District Visioning Team since its inception and is also a faculty member of the

Rotary Leadership Institute. In October 2011 he was privileged to join a National Immunization Team to Ethiopia which delivered polio immunization in a small village in the northern part of that country. Bill also went to Uganda at that time and helped in Gulu with Rotary projects before heading to southern Uganda as a member of the Rotary Foundation's Cadre of Technical Advisors to assess the results of a large 3H grant.

In April 2013 Bill will lead four young professionals to New Zealand on a Group Study Exchange Team. Bill advised that this will probably be the last GSE team in our District because RI is replacing that program with Vocational Training Teams. A Vocational Training Team will be a focussed group all of the same profession or occupation (such as doctors, dentists, veterinarians, or financial advisors) who will go to other countries

to work there and help teach and train persons in the host country about their specialty, thus "doing good in the world".

In July 2015 Bill will become the District Governor for Rotary District 5050. The main topic of his presentation was a subject close to his heart, namely, the Rotary Foundation. In addition to all his service to Rotary as noted above, he has also been the Foundation Chair for our District 5050 from 2009 to the present date. Bill pointed out that the Rotary Foundation is separate from Rotary International. The founders of Rotary decided in 1917 they needed to do more than simply meet as a group of businessmen, and developed as their goal "doing good in the world", and thus started the Rotary Foundation (with the huge sum of \$24). The Rotary Foundation did not really get moving until 1947, when Paul Harris died. Up to that point, the Foundation had only raised about \$2 million. In memory of Paul Harris, members started donating to the Foundation and since that time have contributed over \$3 billion. At the present time, Rotarians around the world donate around \$110 million per year to our Rotary Foundation.

Bill told us about his trip to Ethiopia where, when putting two drops of polio vaccine in a baby's mouth, it was a moving experience to see the look on the mother's face knowing that her child would not have to suffer the ravages of polio. Although there have been setbacks, the polio battle is being won because there were only 218 cases in the world in 2012, which was a 60% reduction from the 620 cases in 2011.

Bill paid tribute to the six Rotarian workers in Pakistan who were recently killed by the Taliban while administering polio immunization. The Taliban believe that the immunization project is a plot to sterilize their children. To try to overcome this perception, drops now administered to Muslims in such places as Nigeria and Pakistan are now being manufactured in a Muslim country.

While in southern Uganda (where Bill went to review a \$3 million matching grant) he learned of a 23-year-old woman who had no resources to feed her four-year-old child. However, she borrowed \$400 from the Rotary micro-finance program and bought a sow. From there, she sold the piglets and bought more animals and eventually built up her business so that she was not only able to pay back the \$400 loan but was able to open a store, and is now one of the wealthiest persons in her village. "If you teach women, you teach the world".

The meeting ended with Lindsay not only winning the 50-50 ticket but also drawing the red Queen - unfortunately for Lindsay, it was the Queen of Diamonds (he couldn't find the Queen of Hearts because she was working in the restaurant kitchen doing some baking).

In a nostalgic tribute to the elusive Queen, we present the following rhyme which first appeared in 1782:

The Queen of Hearts she made some tarts all on a summer's day;
The Knave of Hearts he stole the tarts and took them clean away.
The King of Hearts called for the tarts and beat the Knave full sore
The Knave of Hearts brought back the tarts and vowed he'd steal no more.

Submitted by Laurie Anderson