



# The Four Way Flasher

**Meadow Ridge Rotary Club**

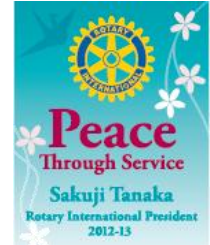
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## January is Rotary Awareness Month



**TODAY:** Fireside hosted by Patrick O'Brien [President](#)  
**NEXT WEEK:** Pat Bell - Minister of Jobs, Tourism & Skills

### Happy Birthday

Jan. 30: Angie Edmonds

### Happy Anniversary

Feb. 2: Eric & Urma Mollema

### Invocation

<b>Jan. 29</b>	Laurie Anderson
<b>Feb. 5</b>	Terry Becker

### CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Jan. 29	6pm – 10pm	Fireside hosted by Patrick O'Brien	10328 276 Street, M.R.

### ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP - RYLA - MAY 2 TO 5

Patty (Patricia) Klassen Jan 11, 2013



**Registration Now Open - Send Your Young Leaders!**

**Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA)** is an exciting and challenging leadership training program for leaders, and 'potential' leaders, between the ages of 18 and 30.

Please note that the program will no longer accept applicants who are 17 or younger at the date of the program. Those students should be applying to attend YAIL or re-apply to participate in RYLA the following year when they are 18 or older.

Candidates have to be sponsored by a Rotary club. Often the participating clubs will contact young adults that they know personally, either at a local school, in the community, at work or at home. Family members of Rotarians can also participate. The cost to the club is \$375 per person until March 15 (increasing to \$395 after that date).

For more information and for registration, visit the Rotary District 5050 RYLA website at [www.ryla5050.org](http://www.ryla5050.org)



The **RYLA** program enables young people to debate issues of professional responsibility and human relations, improve leadership and communication skills, understand Conflict Resolution, learn about businesses and institutions and meet Rotarians while having fun and making friends.

**RYLA** provides young adults the opportunity to refine skills and explore pertinent topics with their peers and elders.

**RYLA** provides Rotarians the chance to help develop leaders, share valuable expertise and bridge the gap between generations.

**50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$798.00 + 1/2 of today's sales, 20 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!**

## LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Our guests were Mark Vosper, Christina Crabtree, Irena Shantz and our guest speaker named below.

It was either Happy or Sad to hear the following confessions which were extracted from our club members (you be the judge):

Our Sgt. at Arms Jim Coulter charged himself with the crime of being late to the meeting, found himself guilty as charged, and imposed a fine upon himself in the sum of one dollar.

Doris Gagel was the victim of none other than the infamous Matt DeBruyn who, while lollygagging (or is that lollygageling?) somewhere in a foreign land, harassed poor Doris by pocket dialling her on his cell phone while allegedly playing golf. Matt pleaded guilty to the offense, and Doris (flattered by the attention) paid his fine.

Lawyer Bob Shantz and his wife Irena are planning their escape to Portugal and Spain where they intend to crash the party otherwise known as the Rotary International Convention, as well as staking out the country while on a couple of undisclosed tours.

Urma Mollema admitted that her daughter Sonia was inducted as a member of the gang known as Rotaract, which gang has shocked the citizens of Kelowna by going around doing good works in that community. When interviewed by the local media about Rotaract's activities, one citizen's view of the Rotaract gang was typical: "One expects this type of activity to happen in a larger city like Surrey, but I never thought they would come to a smaller town like Kelowna". Sonia is the fourth generation of the Mollemas, who are well known to have high ranking connections with the notorious Rotarian Family.

Meanwhile, Eric Mollema continues to harass the senior members of our club who are over the age of 70 by trying to teach us old dogs some new tricks on the club's new website. (Check it out!)

Mary and Gordon Robson (who had been "brought in from the cold" while in Hawaii), have now finished their assignment and are happy to be back in the land of plenty (of gloomy days and rain), while their son Will has been extradited from Victoria so that he can act as a facilitator for RYLA.

Angie Edmonds has snafued a new dog to replace one that, sadly, passed away a couple of years ago. (Who says you can't teach a new dog old tricks?)

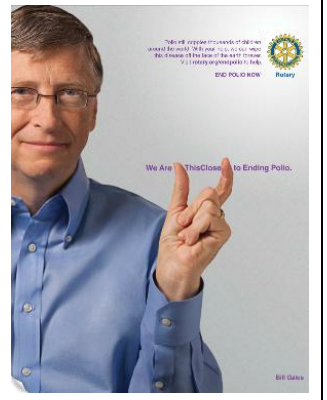
Lynda Lawrence gave our Rotary Moment, and made a timely reminder that friendship is also an important part of RI in promoting peace and understanding.

Fine master was Ineke Boekhorst who encouraged us to promote Rotary in innovative ways, such as that of the Kelowna club (of which her daughter is a member and past president) which arranged for a full page "wanted" poster to be placed on the back of a magazine distributed around the world through the Kelowna International Airport. The poster reads something like:

Wanted: the perpetrators of Polio - we are "this close" to eliminating the culprits.

Editor's note:

Before mentioned quote was the reporter's very free interpretation of the picture on the right.



She then proceeded to extort money from us by trick questions. But she couldn't fool wise old Bob Shantz who knew that the culprits' whereabouts had been narrowed down to only three countries, and that they were hiding out somewhere in Afghanistan, Pakistan and Nigeria (countries which he and Irena plan to avoid on their upcoming trip).

Our guest speaker was Annika Polegato (that is her real name - it is apparently not an alias) who is the Development Manager with the Ridge Meadows Hospital Foundation. Annika is a Certified Fund Raising Executive who has been with the Foundation for almost 7 years. With a very active family, involved in many sports, she has had many occasions to use the services of the Ridge Meadows Hospital. She has lived in Maple Ridge since 1999 with her husband and three (apparently accident prone) children. She is proud to give back to the community by fundraising for the Ridge Meadows Hospital Foundation and the entire campus of care.



Annika spoke to us about the Hospital Foundation and the various things it is doing in our community. Since 1985 when it was formed, the Foundation has raised over \$24 million.

Our own Jim Coulter is a member of the board, and Laura Cherrille is the Foundation's chairman. Annika explained that the Foundation not only raises money to buy much-needed equipment for our local facility, but also supports research and partnerships with community organizations by funding their programs which are beneficial to the community at large.

By buying specialized equipment and by donating funds which make special facilities within the hospital possible (such as the Pediatric Observation Unit which was newly opened the day before our meeting) the Foundation not only makes sure that the doctors and nurses have the right stuff which they need to do their job, but also, by so doing, helps attract new doctors and nurses to the Maple Ridge Hospital.

The Queen of Hearts remains in hiding with the reward for her capture increasing week by week.

**Submitted by Laurie Anderson**