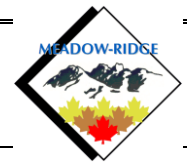




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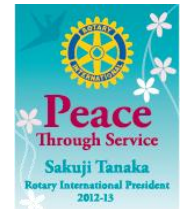
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## March is Literacy Month



**TODAY:** Cheryl Ashley – Literacy  
**NEXT WEEK:** Business Meeting

<b>Happy Birthday</b>	<b>Happy Anniversary</b>	<b>Invocation</b>
Mar. 11: Patrick O'Brien		<b>Mar. 05</b> Adrienne Dale <b>Mar. 12</b> Mike Davies

### CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
May 30-Jun 02	11:00 AM	iRotary District Conference	Four Seasons Hotel, Vancouver
Jun 23 - Jun 26		<a href="#">Rotary International Convention - Lisbon</a>	



Marc Dalton's Rotary Club Statement

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Marc Dalton, MLA for Maple Ridge-Mission talks about the projects that Rotary Clubs in Maple Ridge and Mission take on for their respective communities.

You can watch the video by clicking on the picture or at the following link:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MCI9vUc0GLY>

### Maple Ridge Mayor Ernie Daykin



Feb. 14, 2013

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Meadow Ridge Rotary and Haney Rotary clubs presented some of the work that Rotary International does around the world to Maple Ridge council on Tuesday. Rotary BC was founded in 1913 and therefore is 100 years old. Ken Holland, president-elect of the Haney Rotary Club and Eric Mollema from the Meadow Ridge Rotary Club asked council to consider declaring Feb. 23 Rotary Day in honour of their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Some local initiatives that the Rotarians highlighted were the Sports Banquet that has raised about \$550,000, and the Rotary Duck Race that will run for the third year this year.

Internationally they run the End Polio Now campaign.

"You do great work in our community – sometimes quietly behind the scenes," said Maple Ridge Mayor Ernie Daykin after the presentation.

## LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Terry Becker conducted the meeting in the absence of our President Lindsay Hendy who was working out of town.

There were no visitors.

Today's Happy and Sad dollars: (also known as "Quotable Quotes" for the day):

Angie Edmonds said (with a smile) that "after 4 years, 5 months and 1 day, he popped the question" [but who's counting? She is finally making an honest man out of him. Now that is worth a buck.]

David Rempel recently had a friend visit him who has cancer, which reminded David to give a dollar in thanks for his own good health. "Good health is the basis of happiness", observed Dave.

Tom Manion gave a dollar or two. "At last I have a grandchild with a handle on it", he quipped.

Terry Becker said that she had attended the District 5050 - 5040 Rotary Peace Conference in Richmond this past weekend, along with about 150 other people, and heard some great speakers.

There was no guest speaker as this was the Club's business meeting.

The first order of business was a motion to pass the new By-laws of the Club. After some "spirited" discussion (and a defeated motion to table the vote until a future meeting), the motion to accept the new By-laws (as posted on the Club's web-site) was declared passed.

Then followed the report of the Treasurer and a couple of other Directors.

Terry Becker said that only 4 more members of the Club need to make a donation to the Rotary Foundation for our Club will qualify for the much sought after Every Member Every Year designation, and help our Rotary Foundation to continue its good works in the world.

Eric Mollema advised that Mariella Ignatieff had tendered her resignation as a Club member.

Mary had a little lamb,  
whose fleece was Shamrock green  
But the Shamrock didn't bring her luck  
to find the missing Queen

Sorry, Mary, better luck next time.

**Submitted by Laurie Anderson**

## RI PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

When I was a young man, I wanted to travel the world. But in those years, I could only dream about travel. The world outside Japan seemed far away. But like all Japanese students, I studied English in school. I still remember my first English book. The first page said, "This is a pen." That was almost 50 years ago, and the world has changed a lot since then. As president of Rotary, I now travel more than I ever dreamed.



In every new place, I find a new language. I find new people and new customs. I do my best to learn from everyone. I believe that every person I meet has something to teach. Perhaps because of this, I feel that I understand Rotary Youth Exchange better. And I understand even better what a great gift Rotary is giving through Youth Exchange. Youth Exchange opens minds. It builds confidence and communication. It brings together people from different countries and backgrounds.

Every young person who goes on a Rotary Youth Exchange will learn a great deal. Youth Exchange students learn how people who seem so different are really the same. They begin to appreciate what unites people everywhere. They have a broader understanding of the world. They come back as different people.

They no longer know only one language, only one culture. They have connections with their host country, and with their fellow participants from other countries. At the end of their exchange, they are part of their host families. They are also part of the Rotary family – the largest and most international family in the world.

Rotary's Youth Exchange program has continued for more than 40 successful years and is now part of the Fifth Avenue of Service: New Generations Service. This avenue also includes service through Interact, Rotaract, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, and many club and district activities that involve people up to age 30.

When we focus on young people, we are focusing on building the future of Rotary and a more peaceful world. When we serve youth, we help to bring Rotary to a new generation. We spread understanding among nations and cultures. We teach the importance of service to others, and pass on our core values. By doing this, we help to build peace.

Youth Exchange plays an essential part in Rotary's global mission of building peace by helping to build, one exchange at a time, good relationships between nations.

Sakuji Tanaka  
President, Rotary International