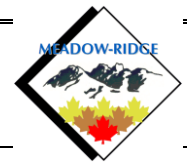




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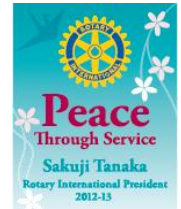
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March is Literacy Month

TODAY: Sarah Hamid-Balm & Harjeet Sandu
 "Blue Wave Organization" – Youth Depression

NEXT WEEK: Robert Prince – Free Masons



Happy Birthday

Mar. 30: David Riddell

Happy Anniversary

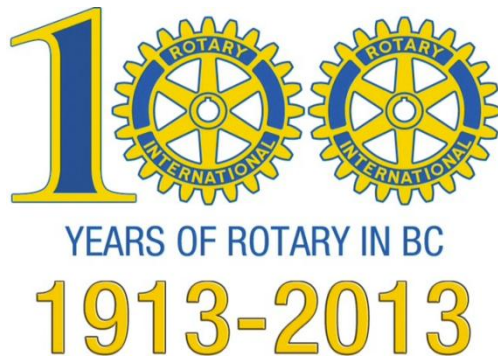
Invocation

Mar. 26 Janis Elkerton

Apr. 2 Mark Forster

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		Rotary International Convention - Lisbon	



Chartered in 1913, the Rotary Club of Vancouver was the first Rotary club in the Province, starting growth that today sees more than 145 clubs and 6,000 Rotarians active in service in British Columbia.

Millions of dollars are raised and contributed every year to major projects such as the Rotary Hearing Centre at St. Paul's Hospital, Rotary World Help which ships containers of used medical and education equipment to needy countries, and the global eradication of Polio as well as numerous projects in local communities.



LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Terry Becker conducted the meeting.
We had one guest, namely Peter Davies.

Happy and Sad:

Mark Vosper, the executive director of the Hospice Society, advised that hospice was having a raffle to raise money for the Society. See Mark about where to buy tickets.

A tanned Ken Paterson said he was happy (five dollars happy) to be back home from three months in Hawaii (with all the rain that we've been having, were not sure that we believe him), and thanked our Club for sponsoring him to go to the Rotary Peace Forum in Honolulu. While in Honolulu, he attended the Rotary club meetings there, and said that 40% of those in attendance at those meetings were usually visitors. At the Ala Moana Oahu Club, they don't sing the national anthem at the opening of the meetings (they must be bad singers) but rather say the Pledge of Allegiance.

Jim Coulter said he would have to miss the next meeting of our Club as he was going to the birthday party of his uncle who was turning 90 years old, and therefore someone would have to take over his duty as Sgt at Arms for that day.

Announcements:

Bob Shantz advised there was going to be a meeting on Saturday, April 6, between 11:00 AM and 12:30 PM to sign up youth groups who wish to participate in this year's Duck Race. The Duck Race committee is hoping to get 40 youth groups signed up this year. If any club members know of any youth groups who may wish to take advantage of this fund raising event, they should contact Bob Shantz.

Urma Mollema announced that this year, in lieu of the Wine Fest, our Club will hold an "Octoberfest" which will be held on October 5th at the old Pitt Meadows recreation hall on Harris Road. Further news about this fun(d) raising event will be announced at future meetings.

Ineke Boekhorst advised that she and Peter had the privilege of attending a Rotary meeting in Kelowna (her daughter is a member and past president of that Club) where she met the speaker who was Ramesh Ferris (a polio survivor and the subject of the video film which was presented at our last Club meeting). Ineke said he was a very inspiring speaker. She had a book by Ramesh autographed by him which she auctioned off at our meeting for \$25 to raise money for the Rotary Polio fund. For more information about Ramesh Ferris and the inspiring things he is doing for the cause of Polio elimination, see last months club bulletin.

Guest Speaker

Betty Johansen, one of our newest members, gave her "Who's Who", so we all got to know Betty a little better as she gave us a brief accounting of her life. Betty is a Certified General Accountant and a partner at the Maple Ridge firm of EPR (Evancic Perrault Robertson) where she works with Patrick Smith and Kathi Halpin.

Right off the bat, Betty showed her ingenuity and ability to multitask. She brought two rather large accounting books with her to the meeting which she placed on the floor and stood on

while giving her talk (thereby not only raising herself at least 4 inches off the ground so everyone could see her better, but also demonstrating that although she is a very busy accountant, she was certainly on top of her work).

Betty was born in North Vancouver, and moved to Victoria when she was eight years old. She showed an early inclination to public service by becoming involved with the Kiwanis Club in that city.

As a teenager, she had various jobs including working at Robson Park where she served a few months of hard labour, including digging some ditches.

At the age of 20 she got married, and attended the University of Victoria. During the summer, she worked for the Provincial Government in testing water conditions relating to fish habitat below the waterfalls at the foot of various dams. Betty advised that apparently the water at the foot of these waterfalls gets so much air in it as a result of the turbulence that it can be damaging to the fish, causing them to suffer a condition similar to the bends suffered by scuba divers who come up to the surface to quickly. (Now that gives a new meaning to "a bend in the river" !).

Betty and her first husband moved to Maple Ridge where their son was born. When he (her son) was a year and a half old, she started a CGA program by correspondence which enabled her to embark upon her career while staying at home to look after her child. When her son was eight years old, he became seriously ill as a result of contracting an unusual virus which caused his kidneys to shut down. During the same period, both of her parents died and she and her first husband separated, but somehow she managed to get through this very difficult time in her life.

Betty remarried (and no doubt, with her teenage job as a ditch digger emblazoned on her brain, decided this was one way of quickly gaining two more (step) children while avoiding 18 months of hard labour). She and her second husband now even sport some grandchildren.

Betty's first accounting job was at a Jewish synagogue. (There must be joke here. "Two accountants walked into a synagogue"?). She joined EPR in 1990, became a partner in that firm in 2001, and, as they say, the rest is history.

50-50 : Our Condolences to Mark Forster

*There once was a gambler named Mark
Who thought to himself, "For a lark
I'll buy me a ticket,
Maybe this time they'll pick it,
And then on a spree I'll embark".
So Mark bought a few ticket stubs;
But his dream of the jackpot got snubbed,
Cause he pulled the wrong card
and got let down, hard,
When up popped the black Queen of Clubs.*

Submitted by Laurie Anderson

