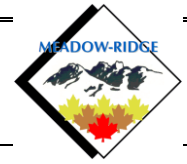




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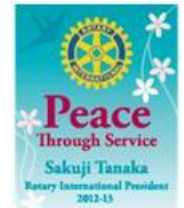
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April is Magazine Month



TODAY: Business Meeting – No Speaker
NEXT WEEK: Shirley De Koie – Benefits of Reflexology

Happy Birthday

April 11: Brian Johnston

Happy Anniversary

April 14: Dave & Sharon Rempel

Invocation

Apr. 9 Doris Gagel
Apr. 16 Deb Hyslop

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	

ROTARY DUCK RACE TICKETS ON SALE NOW!



Last Saturday, April 6, Meadow Ridge and Haney Club members set up an information and registration booth at the ACT.

About a dozen or so local youth groups registered, picked up their tickets and committed to time slots at assorted selling venues from now until the Duck Race event early August.

As a matter of fact almost half of the 10,000 tickets are already committed, which was a great start for the 2013 event!

The goal is to attract about 40 local youth organizations and sell all 10,000 tickets this year, racing 10,000 ducks on August 4th and realizing a \$100,000.00 distribution possibility. Last year we raised \$88,100.00, which was very close, but this year we really want to sell them all!

The "official kickoff" to sell tickets is at the Home Show, which takes place May 3, 4 and 5 at Planet Ice, but groups registered now, of course can start selling their tickets right away.

We expect every local Rotary member to sell at least one book of tickets; if you don't want to sell them, just take a book of 10 and donate \$100!

Remember every dollar raised, will be donated to a local youth organisation, supporting kids, who otherwise cannot afford to participate.

PLEASE get your book of tickets today from Bob Shantz; you may even win one of the following fabulous prizes:

- 1st prize: 2013 Fiat 500, donated by MR Chrysler
- 2nd prize: \$3500 appliance package, donated by Fuller Watson
- 3rd prize: \$3200 Cruise package, donated by Patrick O'Brien-RBC Dominion Securities
- 4rd prize; \$1000 Marks' Work Wearhouse MR in-store shopping spree
- 5th prize: two golf packages for 4, value \$870, donated by Meadow Gardens
- 6th prize: \$500 Haney Sewing & Sound in-store shopping spree

Submitted by Ineke Boekhorst

All the pictures can be seen at: www.MeadowridgeRotary.ca



50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$1,033.00 + 1/2 of today's sales, 12 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

President Lindsay Hendy, back from Fort McMurray, conducted the meeting.

Rotary Service Pin

Lindsay presented a Rotary Service Pin to Matt DeBruyn, in recognition of Matt's good work in introducing the *Four Way Test* into the schools. [This pin was one of two or three given to President Lindsay by District Governor Sean Hogan for the purpose of the Club President presenting them to Club members who had shown outstanding service to the Club.]



Happy and Sad

- Marco Terwiel was very happy [as we all were] to be well enough to attend our meeting.
- Dave Rempel had two sad dollars because of the passing of two persons who had been active in the Adoption Society of which David is the President.
- Peter Boekhorst gave a happy dollar [vicariously] on behalf of Robert Campbell, who said [in Robert's email published in last week's bulletin] that he will be looking forward to visiting us in June when he and Cailin will be here putting on some house concerts and gigs [and repaying Peter for the \$1.00 loan !].
- Visitor [and former Rotarian] Leslie Michael gave two happy bucks, saying that he was happy to be at our meeting as he misses Rotary meetings and can't be away from Rotary too long at a time. [Leslie, a former member of the Surrey Delta and Coquitlam Clubs, was actively involved in International Service projects as a Rotarian. He has taken time out of Rotary to write a book which he has recently published, entitled *The Angel With the Broken Heart*. He currently lives in Maple Ridge where he operates a printing business called West Coast Impressions.].
- Ineke Boekhorst was happy that she and Peter had enjoyed a great Easter dinner with 6 of their 7 grandchildren present, all under one roof.

Rotary Moment

Matt gave our Rotary Moment. He said the Four Way Test program in our schools must be having an impact on the kids because during a visit to a school by some government officials they were talking about ethics in government, and a 15 year old student stood up and suggested that they adopt the Four Way Test of Rotary in Government.

Guest Speaker - Robert Prince

[After 20-plus years in the field of journalism, Robert is now working primarily in the communications field for small to medium-sized businesses.

His company, Right Said Communications, helps businesses with social media, web content, the development of marketing materials and more. Robert has been working as a full-time journalist and freelance journalist and writer since 1988. During that time he worked for several newspapers around the Lower Mainland. Robert is the current President of the Maple Ridge

Community Foundation, having sat on the board of directors for the past four years (from January 2008 to the present) where he is involved in policy creation, fundraising, special events, marketing and so on].

Program:

Robert gave us a talk on Free Masonry. Robert is the worshipful master of the Landmark Freemason's Lodge in Maple Ridge, which has approximately 45 members. He gave us the following information.



Free Masonry is hundreds of years old. Free Masons believe in and have spread the principles of fraternity, liberty and equality, faith, hope and charity, truth, honour, justice and mercy, and temperance. Free Masons believe in applying these principles in their own lives and in the lives of their families. Many of those persons who started the French Revolution got their ideas from Freemasonry, ideas that went on to become ideals of democracy. Freemasonry was influential in making South America more free and democratic.

The Shriners are perhaps the best-known Free Masons. The Shriners are a branch of Free Masons, who raise money to run private hospitals mainly in the United States. However, the usual Mason Lodges do not normally get their money from fundraising; rather, their funds come from member donations. Fundraising is not the primary purpose of the Grand Lodges. The Free Masons are a fraternity, not a service organization. They do not have an international office or headquarters. Despite these differences from Rotary, Robert says that Free Masons and Rotarians have certain things in common. They believe in similar principles, like those expressed in the *Four Way Test*. The more time we spend applying these principles in our lives, the better society is for it.

One good humoured member asked: "why the funny outfits?" Robert answered that at their Lodge meetings they do, for example, wear a blue and white apron, as a reminder of friendship. Symbols of Freemasonry have the purpose of teaching a lesson. Free Masons wear a ring on their finger, which identifies them as a member. To be a Free Mason, one has to have a belief in a supreme being (not any particular one - it is not a religion), be over 21, and be an upright citizen and good person.

50-50: Too Bad, So Sad!

The Queen of Hearts is hiding still,
Hiding with all her might.
She does her very best to stay
Completely out of sight.

Too bad, with 13 cards to go
She missed the grasp of Eric,
Who picked the Jack of Hearts. So sad !
(At least he's congeneric).



Submitted by Laurie Anderson