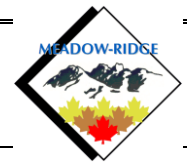




The Four Way Flasher



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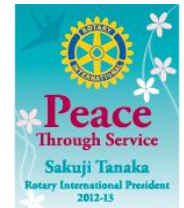
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April is Magazine Month



TODAY: Shirley De Koie – Benefits of Reflexology
NEXT WEEK: Fireside – Fellowship Meeting **No regular meeting!**

Happy Birthday	Happy Anniversary	Invocation
April 18: Ken Knuttila April 28: Peter Boekhorst April 29: Lindsay Hendy	April 28: Wayne & Janis Elkerton	Apr. 16 Deb Hyslop Apr. 30 Betty Johansen

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	

As your reporter Laurie is away for 2 weeks and we (Peter & Ineke) will be away for 3 weeks, there will be no The Four Way Flasher for the next 3 weeks. The next one will be for May 14.

BUSINESS EXCELLENCE AWARDS 2012

Last Friday – April 12 - a handful of businesses were recognized at the Chamber of Commerce Business Excellence Awards at Meadows Gardens Golf Course in Pitt Meadows.

In the category ‘Community Service’ the winner was the **Rotary Duck Race**, which beat out fellow nominee finalists Tourism Maple Ridge & Pitt Meadows, Westminster Savings Credit Union and The ACT Arts Centre & Theatre.

Congratulations to the Haney and Meadow Ridge Rotary clubs.

ROTARY DUCK RACE TICKETS ON SALE NOW!



On 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

Submitted by Ineke Boekhorst

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



The pot is almost the same as last week's 6/49 but with a chance of 1:11 !

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$1,095.00 + 1/2 of today's sales, 11 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Lindsay Hendy conducted the meeting. Lindsay announced that he will be leaving for Fort McMurray again (where he has accepted a posting with MNP) and will not be back until July or August. Therefore, this is the last Rotary meeting that he will conduct as President, and he will be unable to attend the installation dinner for the new executive which will take place in June. Notwithstanding, he will finish out his year as president ending on June 30, 2013 [it's not over till it's over!].

Guests included **Irena Shantz** and **Peter Davies**.

We had a wide variety of 'Happy and Sad's:

- **Sharon Kyle** was happy to have the renovations of her bathroom completed, but very sad to have had to lay to rest her cat.
- **Tom Manion** was happy to have spent time with six grandchildren crowded into a two-bedroom suite [he actually loved it].
- **Brian Johnston** disclosed his acting talents [he is in a play which is being staged across the river].
- **Bob Shantz** was happy that the Duck Race tickets are being distributed to participants and Rotary members alike.
- **Matt DeBruyn** gave five bucks [some sad and some happy?] - He's happy to be back - happy with his new vinyl deck, but sad that the wood underneath was rotted - the Four Way Test is being introduced again to grade four students - and [last but not least] he's going to be a grandpappy again.

Announcements:

On April 23 there will be a fellowship fireside - no business - just fellowship. Watch your emails for Time and location.

Pres. Lindsay read us a letter from our exchange student from Spain of three years ago, Ines. Remember her? ☞

Keesha Rosario (president of the Haney Club) announced that a Rotaract Club is being established on this side of the river.

Our **program** consisted of a business meeting. Reports from our directors included the following:

- **Angie Edmonds**, director of Community Services, advised that applications for funding from our club are now online, which will make it easier for applicants as well as the committee itself to deal with funding. The committee has decided to review funding applications on a quarterly basis, with the specific dates being clearly indicated on the website. Angie also confirmed that our board has approved a \$4200 donation to the Ridge Meadows Hospital Foundation to help the Foundation buy equipment for the testing of children's hearing. The committee is still looking into supporting the Brown Bag lunch program in our elementary schools.
- **Walter Volpatti** gave the treasurer's report.
- Club secretary **David Riddell** gave us the best line of the day (a quote from a British TV comedy show) "Politicians must panic - it is a substitute for achievement". He then gave our club attendance statistics, saying that our club did have 90%



attendance but it is now in the low 70s [Panic!]. He further advised that notwithstanding the number of club members which fluctuates, there is a steady number of approximately 24 members attending each of our weekly meetings. He will send us again online a reminder as to how we may make make-ups, if we can't attend our regular meetings.

- A report from our Club Service Committee (**Urma Mollema** is the Chair) reminded us of the Fireside on April 23, and that the Oktoberfest will be held on October 5 (in lieu of the Wine Fest).
- **Matt DeBruyn**, our Vocational Service Chairman, said the club has again been asked to help with mock job interviews on May 8 between 8:30 AM and 2:30 PM at the Garibaldi high school, and that anyone who can help should contact Matt.

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Lucky ol' Bob Shantz picked the winning ticket but not the Queen of Hearts, so he lost the pot which continues to grow - as the number of cards left continues to diminish with only 11 cards left.

Submitted by Laurie Anderson

From: "Ines Gimeno le Paih" <inesglepaih@hotmail.com>

Sent: April-09-13 2:04AM

Hello :)

I haven't heard from you in a while, how is everything going over there?

I'm looking forward to going back to Maple Ridge as soon as I can. I'm planning on going next summer.

This summer I'm going to be pretty busy. Last year in highschool, getting ready for college, probably moving to Barcelona in September. I'm doing a few trips with my friends in June and July, turning 18 in less than 2 months, time flies. I still feel like a 15 year old kid. I'm going to Hospitalet for the weekend, our summer house; we have a family meeting on Saturday. Looking forward to it.

Can't believe it's almost been 3 years, I still remember the first day that I arrived to Canada, it feels like it was yesterday. I'm so glad I made the decision to spend one year there. The best experience I've ever had. I remember how shy I used to be, this experience has helped me to get through a lot back home. Now that I'm going to be leaving to Barcelona, I'm not scared at all; I know what it is to be away from my family. I'm actually really excited, the beginning of a new life.

Remember how I wanted to be a vet? Well, this year I suddenly changed my mind completely, I will do a degree in college in hotel management and tourism. Why? Well, I realized that there's nothing I like more than travelling and learning new languages and cultures. Besides, I already speak Spanish, English and French. I'm gonna start learning Chinese after summer, as they are the major touristic society and China is growing so fast. The first thing they told me when I asked about this career, is that I have to be willing to leave my country in the future, but well that doesn't bother me at all.

I'm looking forward to seeing you again. I hope you're doing great!

Miss you. A big big hug, love

Ines