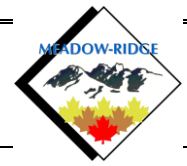




# The Four Way Flasher



**Meadow Ridge Rotary Club**

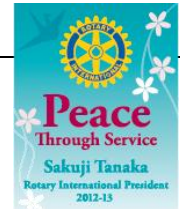
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**TODAY:** No Speaker – Business Meeting

**NEXT WEEK:** Vicki Kipps - Brown Bag Lunch Program

### Happy Birthday

May 09: Walter Volpatti

### Happy Anniversary

May 1: John & Terry Becker  
 May 2: Ken & Gayle Paterson  
 May 8: Ted & Doris Gagel  
 May 8: Randy & Melissa Kramer  
 May 20: Don & Iola Boyce

### Invocation

**May 14** Ken Knuttila  
**May 21** Melissa Kramer

### 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
June 09	6:00 PM	Installation of 2013/14 Executive	Pitt Meadows Golf Course
Jun 23 - Jun 26		<a href="#">Rotary International Convention - Lisbon</a>	

### 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](http://www.MeadowridgeRotary.ca)



**50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$1,259.00 + 1/2 of today's sales, 9 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!**

## APRIL 16<sup>TH</sup> MEETING

The sound of the gathered Rotarians was cheerful and boisterous. Past President Lynda called the meeting to order with a number of dingalings to the Rotary Bell. Our President Lindsay is recovering from surgery.

Marco led the national anthem though he issued a disclaimer before the first note. It went well just the same.

Invocation was a prayer by Deborah Hyslop



Angie Edmonds presented a cheque to the Ridge Meadows Hospital Foundation valued at \$4200.

Annika Polegato and our own Laura Cherille (executive director of RMHF) explained that the money would purchase a piece of diagnostic hearing equipment for children. By improving hearing, these youngsters will get the spin off benefits of improved speech and learning. There are about 800 children who will be using this tool.

Guests: Annika Polegato from RMHF

### Happy Sad:



– Bob Shantz and other Rotarians attended the chamber of commerce's annual dinner to receive the nomination for the community service award (duck race). Bob accepted the prize excellence for the clubs.

Bob went on to say that 82% of tickets are now out in the community and he hopes that this will be the year that we sell the entire 10,000 tickets. It is confirmed that the car is a pearl white Fiat 500 automatic and air conditioned, but no

bottle of Baby Duck.

– Deborah Hyslop mentioned that the explosions in Boston occurred outside her former office and while no one she knows was hurt, she echoes our concern for all those who were for an act that leaves us bewildered.

– Dave Rempel was pleased that he has a batch of new incubator ducklings.

### Fine master:

The crowd hushed as Bob Shantz strode forward to seize the cup from the stone. Being successful in yanking it from its silicate prison, he took his vorpel cup in hand, long time the manxome foe he sought, till he came upon poor Matt De Bruyn and sliced from him a dollar and since he had only a two, Bob took that instead. Turning quickly on his heel, he spied Brian and petulantly demanded a 5 dollar fine for holidaying more than working. He saved one last piece of vitriol for Tom Manion for making smart remarks about hair loss earlier in the session.

Mark Vesper was the **mystery greeter**. No one missed him-pity.

Guest Speaker was Shirley Vander Kooi, introduced by Tom Manion

Shirley has a local service business offering massage and reflexology. She grew up in Pitt Meadows on a dairy and also worked in banking and reforestation. Reflexology dates back to 2330 BC in Egypt, but in the modern era Europeans have been most interested.



The basic idea is that you look like a foot with your head being the toes. Looking in the mirror I can kind of see it. Shirley gave us some fun foot facts to amaze such as 26 bones and 33 joints in your foot and sweat glands too numerous to count. The biggest shoes are apparently size 37.

I'm not sure I followed the mechanism of action, but reflexology can be used to treat pain, diseases of many descriptions and improve absorption of medicines.

Brian, undeterred by his \$5 fine earlier, brazenly announced in the question period that he had size 17 shoes on offer at Mark's. He was quickly shouted down for his unabashed promotion of his store specializing in shoes built for the Jolly Green Giant.

A book will be donated to the Nunavut book program in Ms. Vander Kooi's name.

Suspiciously, Bob Shantz won the 50/50 again. Despite the fact that the queen of Hearts was clearly in the deck before he made his contested selection, she did not show her face again. We are down to 10 cards now or possibly nine.

**Submitted by Patrick O'Brien**