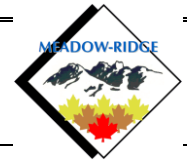




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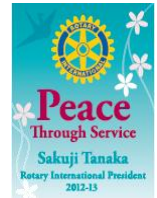
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TODAY: Mark Vosper – Who’s Who
NEXT WEEK: No regular meeting. Installation on June 9th.
JUNE 11: Elizabeth Rosenau



Happy Birthday

Happy Anniversary

Invocation

June 2: Mark & Pauline Forster
 June 4: Brian & Sharon Bekar

May 28 Sharon Kyle
June 11 Lynda Lawrence

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		Rotary International Convention - Lisbon	
		Rotary Duck Race	Maple Ridge Park

LAST WEEK’S MEETING

Adrienne Dale conducted the meeting, and offered the invocation about the importance of not losing one’s temper. The invocation likened what can happen when the head of a hammer comes off its handle in mid swing to the consequences of what can happen when we, too, “fly of the handle”.

Angie made two **Cheques Presentations** at the opening of the meeting:

- \$500 to Dave Speers on behalf of the **Canada Day Committee**.

Dave stated that this year’s Canada Day celebrations were going to include various interactive events including crafts, games, dancing, etc.



- \$500 to Lorraine Bates on behalf of the **Maple Ridge Pitt Meadows Agricultural Association**.

Lorraine pointed out that the Association is now 112 years old. Given its history, the donation will



help continue to make the agricultural fair free of charge to the public and will keep “a heritage gathering place alive”.

Adrienne also circulated a thank you letter from the **Ridge Meadows Hospital Foundation**, and more particularly from the Maple Ridge audiology team, for the purchase of a “Verifit” which was enabled by our donation to the piece of equipment allowing the hospital to test for children’s hearing loss.

Happy and Sad

Doris Gagel gave a sad dollar because this meeting was Doris’s last one until July, as she is going on a cruise which will include Russia. (That is really sad, Doris.)

Urma Mollema gave a happy dollar as the Oktoberfest preparations are well underway. It will be held on October 4 and will cost only \$25 per person.

Mark Forster gave a happy or sad dollar depending on your point of view. Mark was in an All-Terrain Vehicle accident, and one point of view experienced by Mark was the ATV rolling down on top of him. The other was that he got off with only some cuts and bruises and aches and pains, but otherwise unscathed. (Mark learned that you are never too young to try to kill yourself.)

Ineke Boekhorst has been riding around in the Duck Mobile, the great little car being offered as the first prize in the Duck Race. She noted, however, that she had to be on her best behaviour at all times while riding around in it because while everyone was looking at the car, they were also watching her (and “nose” what she is doing).



Ineke also gave the **Rotary Moment**, on the topic of International Rotary Conventions and “why go to one”. She said that they give a real feeling for Rotary at the international level and the motivation to support Rotary International and the good which it is doing in the world. Ineke and Peter have been to nine conventions and will be going to their 10th one this year which will be held in Lisbon, Portugal June 23-26, and the 104th International Rotary Convention .

Conventions which they have attended in the past are as follows:

- 2012 - Bangkok (Thailand)
- 2011 - New Orleans
- 2010 – Montreal (CAN)
- 2009 - Birmingham (UK)
- 2008 - Los Angeles
- 2007 - Salt Lake City
- 2006 - Copenhagen, Denmark
- 2005 - Chicago
- 2003 - Brisbane, Australia
- 2002 - Barcelona, Spain



All of the conventions held in North America which they have attended have been with a group of “crazy Rotarians” who belong to the Recreational Vehicle Fellowship of Rotarians. They may be crazy, but they have a lot of fun and fellowship with other Rotarians, such as when they camped on a parking lot of Soldier Field in Chicago with about 120 other recreational vehicle owners.



Most conventions have about 20,000 attendees, although the three largest (being held in Osaka, Tokyo, and Chicago) had 43,381, 39,834, and 39,460 participants respectively.

Listening to great speakers, attending workshops, and talking to fellow Rotarians from all over the world is an experience that all Rotarians should strive for at least once in their lifetime.

Eric Mollema handed out **Membership Proposal Forms** in the fond hope that they might be filled in and turned in. (Is anyone listening? - it would be sad to see such a big man cry).

Our Feature Presentation

Our speaker was **Vicki Kipps**, the Executive Director of **Maple Ridge - Pitt Meadows Community Services Association (CSA)**

who gave us a talk on the Brown Bag Lunch Program, which is a partnership initiative of the **Salvation Army Caring Place** and the CSA, with the support of the **Friends In Need Food Bank** and **School District 42**.



This program provides lunches to 150 hungry students each day, which works out to about 29,000 lunches per school year.

The assembly of these lunches is thanks to 10 volunteers who put together the bags at the Caring Place each day. Lunches include sandwiches, fruit, a drink, and a healthy treat like a granola bars, all of which are very much appreciated by the children who receive them.



The program has several goals:

- to keep the children nourished and thriving
- to build on established programs and groups to support future needs
- to coordinate funding proposals and presentations
- to strengthen relationships with local businesses, such as Save-on-Foods which is a great supporter

In order to fund the Community Services Association, like many organizations 10% of donations go to overhead expenses. All students in the District are involved (not just certain select schools), and the distribution of the lunches is handled in a very discreet way so that no one is embarrassed by accepting the free lunch bags. As one youngster commented, “it’s good to get something to eat like everyone else”.

50-50

What is 108 twice? No, the answer is not 216. It is #108108 which was the winning ticket number of **Brian Bekar** who won the jackpot for a second time, thereby disproving the old saying “Nice guys finish last”, but angering the **Queen of Hearts** who was furious at being flushed out of her hiding place (as is obvious from the photograph below - snapped by our quick thinking editor).



*The Queen of Hearts was hiding,
Hiding with all her might;
Her guards were trying very hard
To keep her out of sight.
But Brian guessed correctly
And cut the deck just a right.
He’s twelve hundred dollars richer
Than he was on Monday night.*



Submitted by Laurie Anderson