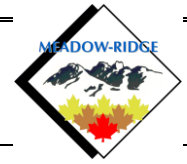




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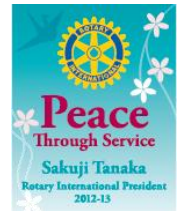
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June is Rotary Fellowship Month



TODAY: Elizabeth Rosenau
NEXT WEEK:

Happy Birthday

June 14: Bob Shantz

Happy Anniversary

Invocation

June 11	Lynda Lawrence
June 18	Debbie MacRae

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Jun 23 - Jun 26		Rotary International Convention - Lisbon	
Aug. 4	10:00 AM – 3:00 PM	Rotary Duck Race (Race starts at 1pm)	Maple Ridge Park

INSTALLATION OF EXECUTIVE FOR 2013/2014



Sunday night June 9, 2013, at the Pitt Meadows Golf Course, outgoing District Governor Sean Hogan installed our new executive, following which Adrienne Dale gave her President's speech, DG Sean said a few words, and master of ceremonies Patrick O'Brien entertained us and our South African president and guests by reciting that iconic bit of Canadiana – the *Cremation of Sam McGee* by Robert Service. What follows are few excerpts from Adrienne's speech, Sean's message and (with posthumous apologies to Mr. Service) Patrick's recitation:

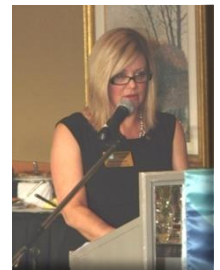
**Now Adrienne Dale from South Africa hails
where the sun in the sky always glows.
Why she left her home in the South to roam
in the rain, in BC, God knows.**

**She was president once - she was president twice-
and she said to poor Warren, "My dear,
never again, no twice was enough !
Of that you have nothing to fear".**

**Now the Meadow Ridge Club has seen queer sights,
but the queerest they ever did in see
was saying "hail ! hail !" - not to President Dale,
but to Warren - "vice president three".**

Adrienne:

"You know what they say, third time lucky, but when it comes to taking on the job as club president for the third time, they say third time stupid! ... It is like a woman having a baby, after labour, they say "never again" but then two years later they're back, breathing, in for 2 out for 2 "Never again",.... in for 2 out for 2 "never again, never againhow did you get me to do thisAHHHHH ah it's over" ...



"Talking of poor long-suffering Warren, alias Prince Phillip, walking behind Madam President for the third time, shaking hands, holding babies, nodding politely. But it goes further than that, he actually has to work, programs, agendas, selling hot dogs, emergency MC of the Winefest, packing up the decorations for the Winefest. Now he has to squeeze into some lederhosen for the Oktoberfest and Yodel some Munchifest song..... but I say third time lucky...

"... What is my plan for the year? I don't intend to re-create the clubs Rotary wheel, just add some serious elbow grease to get it

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$0.00 + 1/2 of today's sales, 52 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

turning smoothly. We have great fundraisers like the Duck Race and now the Oktoberfest. The Duck Race not only raises a substantial amount for the community... But what is even more unique is that the club has got the community to buy into the project, take ownership for its success, so that they take up the challenge to sell tickets to get the benefit back. We have won awards in the District and community for this fundraiser.... However, to administer the project is a huge job for Bob and his team and we need to work on a slick approach to do this even better."

"My big buzzword is fellowship, fellowship, fellowship, fun mixed with a lot of effort. This, I believe, is the key to a successful club. Fun while we work, and yes, since you know me well, we may have a good few glasses of wine, while we do it, but hey that's all the spirit of Rotary. We are all volunteers and we should not have to suffer to serve.... Fellowship not only comes with planned events like barbecues, potlucks and firesides, it is actively participating in fundraising events and projects."

"There is no better way to draw members into Rotary than by showing them what we do and how we make a difference, rather than just lunch once a week.... We need hands-on projects, digging, painting, getting our hands dirty. Ineke is very excited about a joint project with the Coquitlam Sunrise Club in Nicaragua ...

"So to sum up, I will focus on fellowship, expanding the Rotary Family and finding hands-on projects for all members to be actively involved. Consolidating and building on what we do well to make us even better.... Thank you for electing me as your president. I will humbly take up the challenge and give it my 100%, to make it a happy and fun year, which proves to be fruitful to our community and the Rotary organization.

**There are great things done in the Rotary sun
on that we would all agree
the Rotary trails have their well-known tales
like making the world polio free**

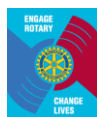
Sean:



"MeadowRidge is one of my favourite Clubs. As an articled student I worked for Bob Shantz and Jim Norquist, who had one of their law offices here - until Bob fired me.

The slogan for the new Rotary year is **Engage Rotary - Change Lives....**

We can do that by building up friendships in the club and through hands-on projects.... The past Rotary year has been a great year, and your club has been a good active club....



Our incoming RI President wants to save lives, and one way to do that is to provide good water and sanitation to people in need..... ask yourself how much worse off with the world be without Rotary?.

We have not been good at advertising Rotary... We should make it our goal of inviting someone to become a Rotarian ...Most members have never invited anyone to join the club.... There are many people in our community who are Rotarians but don't know it.... Invite them.

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Submitted by Laurie Anderson

You can see all the pictures on our [website](#)

KEN PATERSON CALLING ...

Greetings to all from Victoria.

We have been in residence here for 4 weeks now, and here are some of my observations.

I went to the Rotary Club of Victoria, which meets at the Union Club next door to the Empress and within walking distance from our apt. They are an extremely friendly club. When I was introduced as a visiting Rotarian from Meadowridge, I mentioned that I was thinking of transferring my membership to their club. I barely sat down when I heard this commotion behind me. It was their membership chair virtually tripping over himself to get to me. It was nice to be wanted.

The club itself is like the flip side of a coin when compared to Meadow Ridge Rotary. It is very old.. So, how old is it? Well, it was chartered in 1913 and was the 90th club chartered in the world. I won't say that some of the charter members are still there, but there are some that are very close. Today is the anniversary of D-Day [1944] and they were able to produce a RCAF Lieutenant who was there to tell us what it was like.

The club still carries some of the features of an old style Rotary club. For example, they have a Rotary Anne club; they sing and not just O Canada but always open with a song to get warmed up for O Canada and then close the meeting with God Save the Queen; they have a head table and 80% of the club is male. Lucky enough they have a very hard working ladies contingent. They will be having a big celebration on their 100th this year and you may hear about it. Club was at one time 200 members but with new clubs springing up they are down to 82 with a goal of getting back to 100 by the end of the next Rotary year.

Their main fundraiser is a car raffle, not unlike the Duck race. Their net after paying for the car was around \$50,000 last year. I didn't dare say how we get our car for the Duck race.

Meantime, our family has grown with the arrival of Elijah Kenneth Paterson, 8 lbs 8 oz on May 21.

Gayle has joined the newcomers club. Apparently, there must be a lot of newcomers here, as they get over 90 people for their monthly lunch.



Cheers to all
Ken Paterson
June 6, 2013