



# The Four Way Flasher



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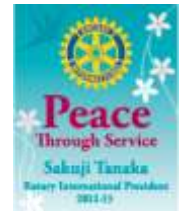
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## June is Rotary Fellowship Month



**TODAY:** No speaker  
**NEXT WEEK:** Eric, Peter & Terry - Club website, Facebook & Twitter

### Happy Birthday

June 24: Janis Elkerton

### Happy Anniversary

July 1: Lindsay & Janet Hendy

### Invocation

<b>June 25</b>	Tom Manion
<b>July 2</b>	Eric Mollema

### CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Jun 23 - Jun 26		<a href="#">Rotary International Convention - Lisbon</a>	
Aug. 4	10:00 AM – 3:00 PM	<a href="#">Rotary Duck Race</a> (Race starts at 1pm)	Maple Ridge Park
Aug. 10		Annual Rotary Ride & BBQ	
Oct. 4		October Fest	Pitt Meadows Heritage Hall

### THE ROTARY WORLD COMES TO LISBON FOR THE OPENING OF THE 2013 CONVENTION

By Arnold R. Grahl,  
Rotary News -- 23 June 2013

Several centuries ago, Portuguese explorers set sail from Lisbon to explore the world over the seas.

On Sunday, the world, or at least representative parts of it, came to Lisbon, as Rotarians from more than 225 countries and geographic areas gathered for the opening plenary session of the 2013 Rotary International Convention, Lisbon: A Harbor for Peace.

Peace took center stage all day. During his opening remarks, RI President Sakuji Tanaka, who selected *Peace Through Service* as this year's RI theme, shared how he came to make a connection between peace and service. He recalled that he was still very



RI President Sakuji Tanaka addresses the opening plenary of the convention.  
*Alyce Henson / Rotary Int.*

young when he heard the radio broadcast by Japanese Emperor Hirohito announcing the end of World War II.

"Until that day, the country had been working together to win the war. Now, we would work together to rebuild. And we would work together to build a new identity for Japan: one that was committed to peace," he said.

Tanaka said when he joined the Rotary Club of Yashio, Japan, years later, he learned about the idea of Service Above Self.

"Through Rotary, I realized that I was working to make other people's lives better. I wanted to serve my customers, not only for my own profit, but so that they would be happier from my work, and my employees would also have better lives," he said. "Now, I see my business in a very different way. And I see Rotary service as an idea that is not limited to my Rotary club. Everything we do for other people helps to make the world a better place."

Tanaka said that by meeting basic human needs and engaging in international service projects, Rotary builds peace daily. He said he has seen the many different ways that Rotarians build peace through service during his year as president.

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“Here in Lisbon, at this Rotary convention, we have the chance to experience the world as it could be: with people from every continent united to make their world a better place,” he said. “Here, we see how little our differences matter. Here, we focus on what is truly important: what we can do to help others live better and happier lives.”

Portugal’s Minister of Solidarity and Social Security, Pedro Mota Soares, praised Rotarians for their peacemaking efforts and for tackling large causes like the eradication of polio.

“What is important to Rotary is important to Portugal, it is important to any country, and it is important to the world,” he said. “You put your interest aside for the benefit of the world. It is something we as politicians should do more often.”

The quartet Il Divo, composed of Swiss tenor Urs Buhler, Spanish baritone Carlos Marin, French pop artist Sebastien Izambard, and American tenor David Miller, performed at the conclusion of the plenary. Buhler noted that the members of the group, being from four different countries, share Rotary’s understanding of the importance of setting aside personal differences to work for the common good.

After the plenary, Bill Thompson, a member of the Rotary Club of Port Orange South Daytona, Florida, said he felt the emphasis on peace is very appropriate.

“Especially given the conflict that is going on in the world, to have an organization like Rotary making such an influence is very gratifying,” he said.

Assam Musonza, a member of the Rotary Club of Gweru, Zimbabwe, referred to the conflict in his own country.

“Peace is quite an important theme,” he said. “Peace is not just about villages not fighting each other. It’s about peace within us. Because when we have peace within ourselves, we do not want to fight with each other.”

## LAST WEEK’S MEETING

### Laurie’s Day Off...

Laurie had a day off today and leisurely listened to the discourse as I wrote furiously. It might be a good idea for each of us to offer from time to time to take the notes.

Brian Johnson led a rousing “Oh Canada” reminding me again how lucky we are to have a cadre of great singers in our club. He told us a story about small and big goldfish in small and large bodies of water. It made us all think about dealing with adversity by stretching out as opposed to shrinking back.

Laurie is planning to cut Zdenka’s lawn for her and rapidly received offers of help from club members.

**David Riddell gave us the Rotary Moment.** He uses Google and “rotary news” in the search line to find out what has been happening. In Ontario, they are raffling off a spanking fine Corvette worth about \$82,000 while in Uganda a club is treating rural folks in a field hospital. All over the world, things are happening in Rotary. Tickets for the Corv are \$100 and David would graciously receive one should anyone want to give him one. His daughter Charlotte prefers a pony.

**Mystery Greeter Laura Cherrille** positively cackled as she collected.

David Riddell received awards for being a director last year and as **The Rotarian of the Year** received a Paul Harris. Well done David!



Adrienne without consultation donned a pin that says, “I’m the Boss.” She says that as soon as her president’s pin arrives she will take it off. We’ll just see.

### Committee chairs gave us the following updates:

**Laura Cherrille - Club Service** announced a Fireside at the Chateau Shantz for July 30<sup>th</sup>. Tom Manion will be helping with the speaker program and Mark Vosper will be helping with Firesides. August 10<sup>th</sup> will be the **Ride and BBQ**. Matt DeBruyn will be our next “who’s who in the zoo.” There will be a focus on longer term members for a bit to get new members up to speed.

### Matt DeBruyn - Vocational Service

Our bursary program is again under review as only 3 applications have been received. We will be part of the booster fair again as in past years and the Four Way test will begin in the fall. Matt’s 4<sup>th</sup> grandchild could come at any second.

There is talk of using the Four Way test as a substitute for the DARE program which has been terminated.

**Angie Edmonds of Community Service** will be hosting our incoming student Michael from Holland. She would like to see larger and fewer grant applications to enhance visibility of Rotary in the community.

**Urma of the Foundation** is planning a multi club dinner and dance for February 2014. The Oktoberfest tickets are out and can be purchased from the Hospice office or from Mark Vesper. There are only 250 for sale.

**Walter of Finance** is still trying to allocate about \$40,000 to ensure the continuation of gaming money coming into the club. We may help fund an outreach worker for youth at risk in our community. Funding for this service provided by Allouette Addictions has been cut. We have a letter of credit out for the duck race and the Canoe and kayak club money (\$75,000) held at the Maple Ridge Foundation is being followed.

**Bob Shantz – Rotary Duck Race** feels that the ticket sales are going very well with a number of clubs having sold all their tickets and few books are coming back. We will need to figure out how we will keep this great event running in the future with the current crew needing a rest after this year.

**Submitted by Patrick O’Brien**