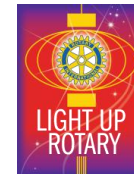


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## September is New Generations Month

**TODAY:** Linda Whitehead - Canadian Wheelchair Foundation

**NEXT WEEK:** Ajay Caleb & Gail Finnon - Ridge Meadows Association for Community Living - Rotary At Work

### Happy Birthday

Sep. 17: Adrienne Dale  
Sep. 21: Karen Duffield

### Happy Anniversary

### Invocation

Sep. 16 Sharon Kyle  
Sep. 23 Betty Levens

### CALENDAR OF CLUB EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Sep. 21	3:30pm	Frisbee Golf	Dave Rempel's home: 10607 277 St. M.R.
Oct. 11	6pm	Oktoberfest	Pitt Meadows Heritage Hall, 12460 Harris Rd. P.M.

### MESSAGE FROM DISTRICT GOVERNOR LYLE RYAN



### September brings a number of opportunities to all of us.

Such as:

- The kids return to school!
- The lovely season of Fall and all the colors that nature has to share!
- The football season is upon us (at least in the U.S.A.).

For P.J. and I it means we are on the road doing our club visitations. We officially started in the month of August. To date we have completed fifteen visits. The majority of these visits thus far have been up north in British Columbia. The opportunity to meet with all of you has been the best part of the District Governor adventure. I wish that all Rotarians had this opportunity! It is hard to put into words but Rotarians are special people! We are all very pride full of the organization and the value we bring to our communities and this global village that we are all a part of.

So, a big thank you to all of you that have taken your time to make P.J. and I feel welcome in your meetings and sharing with us all the projects that you have given to your respective communities.

These special gatherings just reinforce that Rotary is the best of the best when it comes to "Service Above Self"!

Please wear your Rotary pins with pride; there is no other organization like ours.

Yours in Rotary,  
Lyle & P.J. Ryan

### ROTARY PUBNIGHT, SEPTEMBER 13, 2014

Thanks so much for everyone who participated in the Pubnight last Saturday!

We had a wonderful night and even made some money!

Approx. 45 tickets were sold and those in attendance enjoyed a nice chicken or steak meal and a free drink; what a deal for \$20!



We truly thank all those members (and non members) who donated towards the Silent Auction, we had some really awesome items and the bids were pretty close to value; with about 15 items, we made approx \$700 on the Silent Auction alone! The Lucky winner of the 50/50 took \$190 home and the Toonie Toss made approx. \$60

After all was paid and money reconciled, Meadow Ridge Rotary Club cleared about \$1300, which is absolutely amazing!



Thanks again to all our Silent Auction donors, we couldn't have done this without you: Vernon & Thompson, Lorna & Laurie Anderson, City of Maple Ridge, The Co-operators (Karen Duffield), MR/PM NEWS (Jim Coulter), Betty Johansen, Mark's

Work Wearhouse (Brian Bekar), Dave & Sharon Rempel, The Pearce Team (Debi Pearce), Matt De Bruyn, Bella Vita Restaurant, Downtown Maple Ridge BIA, Ineke Boekhorst.

Submitted by Ineke Boekhorst

## LAST WEEK'S MEETING

### Guests:

Today we welcomed special guests **District Governor and wife, Lyle and P.J. Ryan.**

In addition, we were pleased to have visiting with us Rotarian **Elizabeth Essoka** from the Rotary Club of Yaounde, Cameroon, West Africa. Attending with her was her friend **Janet Mellisen** of Pitt Meadows. Janet met Elizabeth while visiting Cameroon, and they became friends.



Elizabeth had a very nice display of arts and craft from Cameroon for us to purchase.



In addition she had a variety of snacks from her cookbook "*Cameroon Cooking – The Best Off Back Unusual*" for us to sample.

Other guests were **Jim Michals, Pauline Forster** and **Liddy Nelson.**

### Announcements:

Dave Rempel reminded us of the Frisbee Golf Tournament on Sunday Sep. 21 at 3:30pm.



Guest Elizabeth Essoka presented an Art work to DG Lyle.

For our club she had a doll, dressed with Rotary Club Material of 2009.



**Octoberfest:** Urma still has tickets (\$45) for October 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Pub Night:** This Saturday at the Legion.

*(Editor's note: Well, that's old news! See report on page 1)*

**DUCK RACE** Bob Shantz addressed comments in a local paper; the Duck Race involves many people and really is a team effort!

**Duck Race Certificates and Awards Presentation** at Meadow Gardens on October 15.

Today's special Guest Speaker was **DG Lyle Ryan.**

Governor Lyle joined Rotary 18 years ago.

Membership is the most important aspect of Rotary today. Membership has 3 very important facets: engagement, growth and retention.

We need to grow 3% in our District which means an increase of 85 members. Under our past Governor Denis Boyd membership grew by 45 members.

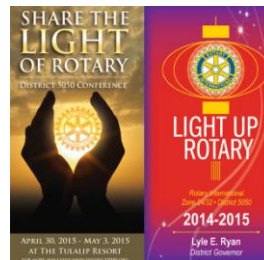
Deb Hyslop is the Chair of Membership for our Rotary Club. All Rotarians should be recruiters of new members. In Meadow Ridge we have only 2 members under age 40. Highest is 8 for age under 40; the average is 3.

The public is often unsure of what we do. If we don't change the way Rotary does business the membership will continue to decline. Business is done differently from 20 years ago. We need to sell Rotary as networking club, and mentorship.

DG Lyle presented awards for dedicated Rotarian to Walter Volpatti and Matt De Bruyn



### Share the Light of Rotary!



#### The District Conference

will be on April 30 to May 3, 2015 at the Tulalip Resort and Casino.

Thursday Optional Events are:

- **Golf Tournament**  
Kayak Golf Course - Stanwood, WA  
<http://www.golfkayak.com>  
\$60 for golf, cart and lunch.
- **Shopping at the Outlet Mall and/or Cabela's**  
Complimentary shuttle leaves on the hour and the outlet mall is the first stop.  
This tour is free, but a gratuity is encouraged.
- **Hibulb Cultural Center**  
Shuttle provided to Hibulb Cultural Center  
<http://www.hibulbculturalcenter.org>  
\$10 for transportation and guided tour.
- **Boeing/Future of Flight**  
Shuttle provided to Future of Flight Aviation Center and Boeing Tour.  
<http://www.futureofflight.org>  
\$35 for transportation and guided tour.

### 50/50:

Mark had the right ticket, but not the right card! (8 of Hearts)

Submitted by Janis Elkerton