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November is Rotary Foundation Month

Today: RCMP Constable Paul Jeffrey - Community Programs - Internet and Youth

Next Week:

Happy Birthday	Happy Anniversary	Invocation	
Nov. 22: Laurie Anderson		Nov. 18	David Riddell
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CALENDAR OF CLUB EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Nov. 18	7pm	Rotary Duck Race 2015 Meeting	Bella Vita Restaurant
Dec. 02	Noon	AGM and elections for the incoming Directors and Officers	Bella Vita Restaurant

RI PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Four months into this year of working to Light Up Rotary, I am more excited about Rotary than ever before. I've been to 22 countries, visited dozens of cities, and met thousands of Rotarians. I've seen amazing projects and been inspired over and over again by the terrific work Rotarians do all over the world. And I've been privileged to be part of all kinds of Rotary

events, from club meetings to Rotary institutes, from Rotary Days to Foundation dinners.

Every event is memorable. I feel especially honored when I am invited to share in club celebrations. To me, taking part in a Rotary club celebration as Rotary International president is like being invited to a family event as an honored guest. Indeed, Rotary is the biggest family in the world.

You could say that Rotary is built of service: Each project is another brick in the big building that is Rotary. If our service forms the bricks, then there is no question that friendship is the mortar that holds those bricks together. I see this every day, but nowhere more clearly than at some of the most special Rotary club events: their centennial celebrations.

Being president of Rotary International in its 110th year, I've been lucky to take part in a number of these. It is natural, when visiting long-serving clubs, to want to know what their secret is – because I have always noticed that the longest-serving clubs are also some of the most productive. They are large, they are active,

and they do great work. Not only that, but they have a great time doing it.

Of course, that is their secret: In Rotary, strong friendships and great service go hand in hand. When we enjoy our work, we want to do it. We want to work harder, and we want to work better. We look forward to Rotary meetings. Even when our lives are busy, we make Rotary a priority – because we want to see our friends, and we want to serve.

That is why Rotary is still here, after more than 109 years. In Chinese, we say:

如果人生没有朋友,就等于没有太阳. A life without a friend is a life without sun.

Our Rotary friendships give light to our lives, and it is Rotary friendship – as well as service – that lets us Light Up Rotary.

Gary C.K. Huang President 2014-15

DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE



As I write to you this month P.J. and I are on our way to visit the Rotary Club of Hope, British Columbia. This will be our 56th club visit! As I have shared with all of you during our time together - this by far is the best part of the job as your District Governor!

The holidays are just around the corner. Of course our Canadian sisters and brothers have already celebrated their Thanksgiving, and our special day of thanks is yet to come in the U.S. Still it is a good time to reflect on how truly fortunate we all are. We all live in countries that allow us unrestricted freedom. It truly is one of the best gifts to be thankful for! I am thankful for all of you - the Rotarians of District 5050. As my club visits come to an end I am so impressed by all the work that the clubs provide to their communities and our global village that we all call home. I am thankful to be a small part of such a great organization.

Our best to you and your families during the holiday season.

Lyle & P.J. Ryan

CHRISTMAS PLANTS; BRINGING A VOCATIONAL SCHOOL TO THE KIDS!



The Meadow Ridge Rotary Club is presenting a Festive Christmas Fundraising Event. **ALL PROCEEDS** to our Vocational School project in Nicaragua, which includes a "teaching community garden"!

We are selling beautiful greenhouse grown 6" Cyclamen.

These awesome plants, are locally grown (Amsterdam Greenhouses), include a handmade Christmas card for easy gift givingjust sign your name on the card!

This is the perfect gift for staff, associates, clients, friends, neighbours, hairdresser, teacher......you name it!

Plants will be available at every Rotary Christmas Luncheon, in December.
(Or we'll deliver in MR/PM if required)



Price: \$15 each or 3 for \$40 (tax included).

We can provide a receipt for your records if required.

ALL proceeds to the Nicaragua School Project!

Local Rotarians are working in Nicaragua Jan. 2015 to complete the work started last year!

THANKS SO MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Attached is an order form for these plants.



ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM FOR GRADE TEN AND ELEVEN STUDENTS

Youth Exchange meeting:

Tuesday November 25th, 7pm, Thomas Haney Secondary School. We invite any interested Rotarians to attend.

This is an "informative meeting" only, for parents and students to find out what Rotary and the Exchange Program is all about.

Interested in participating in a Rotary International Youth Exchange Program, attending school in another country for one school year starting in September of 2015?

One student will be selected from the Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows area to participate and will be hosted by a Rotary Club in another country, to be chosen by Rotary International. Over the years students from this area have attended school in France, Spain, Belgium, Germany, Argentina, Japan and other locations around world.

The cost to participate in the program is minimal including return air fare, travel and medical insurance and any incidental travel expenses while the student is in the host country. The host Rotary club will arrange for the selected student to stay with one or more host families through the year and will provide a monthly allowance and generally adopt their student for the year.

In order to participate, your parents will need to agree to be one of three host families who will host an incoming exchange student from another country for three months during the school year

If you are interested you and your parents are invited to attend an information evening sponsored by the Meadow Ridge and Haney Rotary Clubs at 7 pm on Tuesday, November 25th at the Thomas Haney Centre, 23000 116th Ave, Maple Ridge. Preliminary application packages will be available at that time.

For more information please feel free to contact Mike Murray (Haney Rotary Club) at 604-467-3552 or by email at mwmurray@shaw.ca or Ineke Boekhorst at 604-467-2420 or by email at iboekhorst@telus.net