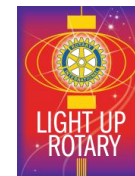


Meetings: Tuesday 12 Noon, Bella Vita Restaurant

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November is Rotary Foundation Month

Today: Business Meeting
Next Week: AGM and elections for the incoming Directors and Officers

Happy Birthday	Happy Anniversary	Invocation
	Nov. 26: Matt & Lynda DeBruyn	Nov. 25 Dec. 02
		Kim Roberts Graeme Ross

CALENDAR OF CLUB EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Nov. 25	7pm	Youth Exchange Meeting (More information at www.MeadowRidgeRotary.ca)	Thomas Haney Centre
Dec. 02	Noon	AGM and elections for the incoming Directors and Officers	Bella Vita Restaurant

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Guests: apart from our speaker, our guests were **Libby Nelson, Graeme Ross, and Assistant Governor Clive Evans.**

[The attendance of Libby Nelson and Graeme Ross as visitors to the meeting, however, was cut short when they were inducted into our club, and forced to attend the rest of the meeting as our newest Rotary members and not as guests.]

As noted above, **Graeme Ross and Libby Nelson** were inducted into our club by **Bob Shantz.**

Graham was introduced by his sponsor **Mark Vosper:** Graham works for the Maple Ridge Times newspaper. He was previously in banking at BMO. He has been an active community volunteer, and has always showed an interest in the community, and now has a keen interest in Rotary.



Libby was introduced by her sponsor **Eric Mollema:** Libby's husband Richard (who passed away in 1992) was a member of the Rotary Club of Beaver Valley in District 5080, and was District Governor in 1989/90. Libby joined Rotary in 1993 and has held most club executive positions, with a special interest in the Rotary Foundation. She is a community volunteer, and spent 10 years as a school trustee and

15 years as the Mayor of Fruitvale. She also operated a small business.

Happy and Sad

Brian Bekar was happy to advise he has now received the building permit for his new Mark's Work Warehouse building, and he hopes to break ground in December.

Laurie Anderson with wife **Lorna**, together with **Bob and Irena Shantz**, attended the Rotary District 5050 Foundation Dinner on Saturday, November 15, 2014, at which event our club was presented with a certificate of appreciation for its financial support of End Polio Now: Make History Today Campaign.

Laurie noted that three of the clubs in our District were presented with banners for being distinguished as 3 of only 1,200 clubs worldwide to attain status as a 100% Rotary Foundation Sustaining Member Club. To achieve this honour, a club must achieve 100% of all active members personally contributing \$100 US or more to the Annual Fund, during the Rotary year. In fact, all three of these clubs donated an average of more than \$500 per club member in the 2013-2014 year.

[As an aside note, in the 2013- 2014 year only 2,515 clubs worldwide became an **Every Rotarian, Every Year Club**. All that our Meadow Ridge Club has to do to win the award this year (and thereby demonstrate our commitment to the Rotary Foundation) is to achieve a \$100 US per capita with every active member making a personal contribution of some amount to the Annual Fund.]

Angie Edmonds said that her son Aidan has been collecting from other students in his school, and has now in his possession, the most Rotary Four-Way Test Bracelets of any kid, and wears them proudly.

Ineke Boekhorst congratulated all candidates elected to City Council or as School Trustees, and noted the number of Rotarians willing to put their name forward for civic duties.



AG Clive Evans was also happy to have attended the Rotary Foundation Dinner on November 15, 2014 where he noted that certain dedicated Rotarians were honoured for having donated in excess of \$250,000 to the foundation. Clive also showed us an illustrated dictionary (printed in England) which sells for only \$8 and would be a good addition to a literacy project.

Announcements

Bob Shantz encouraged us to attend that the Duck Race organizational meeting to be held this evening. He again stressed the importance of the Duck Race which has helped 31 youth groups, in addition to KidSport, receiving \$83,500 from our August 2014 Duck Race, with a total of \$333,000 being given back to youth groups in our community in the first four years of this community event.

Ineke Boekhorst had three announcements:

1. There will be an Exchange Students meeting at Thomas Haney Secondary on Nov. 25 at 7 pm. If we know any students in grades 11 or 12 who might wish to go to a foreign country for a year on an exchange program, they should attend the meeting with one of their parents to learn about this life-changing experience.
2. We can now donate small amounts to purchase individual items for a Shelter Box instead of purchasing a whole Shelter Box.
3. Remember that cyclamens are on sale to support the Nicaragua International Project. If we cannot give them to employees or friends, we can always buy a few and donate them to the Hospice, and bring a little cheer to the Hospice patients around Christmas.

Peter Boekhorst was presented with a pin by President Eric Mollema, recognizing him as **Rotarian of the Month**, for all the work that he does as Editor of our bulletin [and all the other things which are too numerous to mention!]



Guest Speaker

RCMP Constable Paul Jeffery was our guest speaker and his topic was "Internet and Youth".

Constable Jeffrey is working within Community Programs and has been with the RCMP for almost 25 years in one roll or another. He spent 18 years as a 911 operator, and last, as a supervisor. He also has military experience, and has worked for Homeland

Security, Secret Service and Canadian Security and Intelligence Section.

Constable Jeffrey gave us an enlightening insight into the modern world of the Internet and the risks that it can pose to all of us, especially to children. Parents must be vigilant and make sure that their children are educated about these things. However, he said that parents can do some active things to ward off Internet problems, such as simply turning off your Wi-Fi when you go to bed at night so that your kids can't text and play games on their cell phone under the covers in the middle of the night, only to be so tired in the morning that they can't function properly at school. He noted that Webcams can now be turned on remotely and therefore invade the privacy of your home (and bedroom, if you are so silly as having a camera there).



Many people do not realize, he said, that once you post something on Facebook, the picture is owned by Facebook and you can't do anything about it being publicly advertised and distributed.

We should make sure that we back up everything that we have on our computer, and not leave valuable information there, where it can be hacked into. These and many other tips and insights into the modern computer / Internet age gave us all food for thought, and more importantly (and hopefully) food for action.

Submitted by Laurie Anderson

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 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

The order form is on-line at www.MeadowRidgeRotary.ca