

# **The Four Way Flasher**

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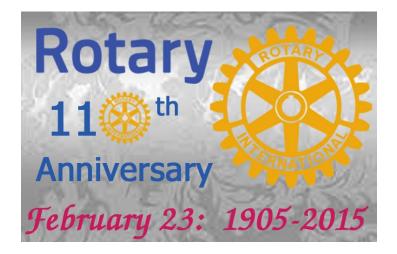
### Today: Ineke Boekhorst – Who's Who

Next Week: John Becker – Mayor of Pitt Meadows

Happy Birthday	Happy Anniversary	Invocation
		Feb. 24: Jim Coulter
		Mar. 3: Adrienne Dale

### **CALENDAR OF CLUB EVENTS:**

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Mar. 27	6pm	Pub Night to support our outbound Exchange Student Amber with her travel expenses.	Royal Canadian Legion, 12101 224 St.





"WHATEVER ROTARY MAY MEAN TO US, TO THE WORLD IT WILL BE KNOWN BY THE RESULTS IT ACHIEVES."

-PAUL P. HARRIS

Our 1.2 million-member organization started with the vision of one man—Paul P. Harris. The Chicago attorney formed one of the world's first service organizations, the Rotary Club of Chicago, on 23 February 1905 as a place where professionals with diverse backgrounds could exchange ideas and form meaningful, lifelong friendships. Rotary's name came from the group's early practice of rotating meetings among the offices of each member.

#### OUR ONGOING COMMITMENT

Rotarians have not only been present for major events in history—we've been a part of them. From the beginning, three key traits have remained strong throughout Rotary:

We're truly international. Only 16 years after being founded, Rotary had clubs on six continents. Today we're working together from around the globe both digitally and in-person to solve some of our world's most challenging problems.

We persevere in tough times. During WWII, Rotary clubs in Germany, Austria, Italy, Spain, and Japan were forced to disband. Despite the risks, many continued to meet informally and following the war's end, Rotary members joined together to rebuild their clubs and their countries.

Our commitment to service is ongoing. We began our fight against polio in 1979 with a project to immunize 6 million children in the Philippines. By 2012, only three countries remain polio-endemic—down from 125 in 1988.

#### LAST WEEK'S MEETING

President Eric opened the meeting, Ken Holland from the Haney Club helped us with the anthem and Laura Cherrille gave the invocation.

**Guests:** Jan Hickman, Ken Holland, Bonnie Telep all from the Haney Club, Wendy Whitter and Irena Shantz.

#### Ineke gave the Rotary Moment:

We should try to make the club meetings different from the regular work day. The emotions should be in play-laughter, tears etc. By making the meetings more than work, we will improve the retention rate and the increase benefits that Rotarians receive from being members.

Eric shed a tear for us and we had some good laughs today.

Three of the YAIL participants came to the fireside and we have three great Thank-You letters from them.

The playground at Glenwood Elementary was officially opened last week and Rotarians received a big beautiful card full of "Thank You"s from the kids. The funds from the Sports Banquet paid for part of the new playground.



Ineke will be organizing a Pub Night to help support our Rotary exchange student as expenses just to get to the host country are proving to be challenging. It will be held in the Maple Ridge Royal Canadian Legion on Friday March 27, starting at 6pm.



President Eric honoured Ineke Boekhorst with the **Rotarian of the Month** pin for her relentless work to distribute the legacy funds from the Sports Banquet.

Mystery Greeter Clint snagged a few.

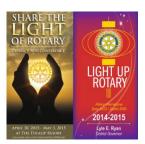


There is a special **Rotary Networking** site for Rotarians where we can sign up to enlarge our business contacts inside Rotary.

Click to connect! Find an ethical Rotarian business.

Don't forget the **District Conference** at the Tulalip Resort & Casino April 30 - May 03.

It is suggested that you sign up for accommodation at the same time as registering.



Speaker: **Bob Shantz on the Rotary Duck Race** – July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015. 100% is still going to youth activities!



This is year 5 of the duck race and the results have been much more than the

fiscal benefits to our local youth groups. The two local clubs are working more closely than ever on the event and the effects are being felt and demonstrated by a pastel of Haney Club members attending today. Neil Smith will be taking over the bulk of the ticket distribution and sales this year. On another note, Bob is awaiting a significant surgery and may need all of us to step up to fill in while he is convalescing.

This year we are attempting to increase the buy in from the community by having an expanded and fun filled family day in conjunction with the race. We will be bringing in a contractor to run the event to make it really effective as it is far too much for us to take on. To pay for this, Bonnie Telep has brought Manulife Financial in as the premier sponsor of the family BBQ. Great Work!

The car this year is a Dodge Dart valued at \$22,000 and courtesy of Ian Speckman of Maple Ridge Chrysler. There are numerous other prizes from our own Brian Bekar, Haney Sewing and Sound, Fuller Watson, Chances, and Meadow Gardens Golf Club.



KidSport gets 25% of the money raised. The Rotary clubs are responsible for 15% and 10% comes from the general ticket sales.

Ineke and Peter are looking after venue set up and take down, but will certainly need some weekends off so be prepared to help out.

Yours truly "won" the 50/50 draw. Drawing four cards did not reveal any colour and the queen of hearts escaped again. (Editor's note: only the first card drawn counted!)

Submitted by Patrick O'Brien