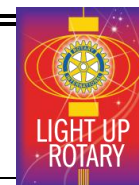


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March is Literacy Month

Today: Annika Polegato - How Alouette Addictions supports our community

Next Week: Barbara Morgan - Emergency Preparedness

Happy Birthday	Happy Anniversary	Invocation
Mar. 30: David Riddell		Mar. 24: Mark Forster Mar. 31: Doris Gagel

CALENDAR OF CLUB EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Mar. 27	6:30pm	Pub Night to support our outbound Exchange Student Amber with her travel expenses.	Royal Canadian Legion, 12101 224 St.
June 12		Installation Dinner	Pitt Meadows Golf Club

Last chance to support our Exchange Student!

Meadow Ridge Rotary Student Exchange Pub Night Fundraiser

raising funds to assist our outbound student AMBER



Event: Pub Night
Location: Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #88, Maple Ridge
Date: Friday March 27
Time: Doors open 6:30, dinner 7:30
Cost: \$20, includes Chicken or Steak dinner + one drink
Tickets: Ineke: iboekhorst@telus.net - 604-467-2420

Thanks for your support!

Contact [Ineke](#) for tickets.

ROTARY MEMBERSHIP ENGAGEMENT SURVEY

Many of you are aware that Rotary in North America has struggled with declining membership over the last few years. In an effort to understand our members' levels of engagement and satisfaction, District 5050 is launching a survey so that members can provide feedback to their own Clubs. Such surveys have been shown to increase the retention of members through improved dialog and re-commitment to Rotary and individual Clubs.

The district is providing the resources, but the results are going straight to the individual clubs. All survey information is confidential. All data is collected without names.

As most of you are aware, this is the second year of the Survey. Last year we had about 50% of the Rotarians respond district wide. This year we are hoping to increase that number to 90%. The first year's survey gave people a chance to see how the survey process works and the value in everyone participating. A second consecutive year of surveying provides data to compare to the benchmark of the first year and gives an opportunity for those who did not participate in 2014 to get involved for the benefit of their Club.

We would like to encourage *all Members* to take a few minutes to fill out the survey for your club. Just click on the link below:

I would like to thank those members who have already taken the survey.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me anytime.

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LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Rotary Moment

President Elect **Mark Forster**, back from PETS, says that the new Rotary International President for 2015-2016 is **K.R. "Ravi" Ravindran**. His theme for his Rotary year will be "**Be a Gift to the World**". He will emphasize three goals: Branding Rotary (that is, make Rotary more recognizable in the minds of the public), Membership, and Expanding and building on the works of the Rotary International Foundation.

"We have one year to build monuments: build them in the hearts and minds of people" - "Be a Gift to the World".

Guests

Apart from our speaker, our only guest was **Angela Andersen**, a past president of the Port Coquitlam Rotary Club. She advised that her club will be having a "Rotary Day" or open house at their regular club meeting on March 19 (which is held between 4 pm and 6 pm) to get the word out in their community about Rotary.

Happy and Sad

Mark Vosper, Executive Director of the Ridge Meadows Hospice Society, was happy to advise that the last fundraiser of Hospice, St. Paddy's PUB NIGHT on March 14 was a success.

Bob Shantz advised that the tickets for the Duck Race will be available by the end of the month.



Mark Forster confirmed that he will be tallying up our votes on the best fundraiser ideas that were discussed at the fireside and voted on at last week's and this week's meeting, and he will be sending out to us all (probably by email) the top three or four choices that we have made for further consideration. Mark hopes those of us who are interested in a particular project will volunteer on that committee to get the ideas put into a reality.

Guest Speaker



Our guest speaker was **Carol Todd, the mother of Amanda Todd**.

Carol is a teacher in the Coquitlam school district, and has for the past 31 years taught special needs students.

As we no doubt all know, Amanda took her own life approximately 2½ years ago, following her being the victim of cyber bullying. Amanda's legacy is that, before her death, we weren't hearing much about bullying. Now there is an increased number of people, old and young, speaking up against it and educating about its adverse effects. Carol has returned recently from a seven day "junket" in Ontario, speaking to law enforcement, police and social workers. Amanda's legacy is "the dream of helping kids".

Following Amanda's passing, Carol adopted the snowflake as a symbol of her daughter and others in her predicament. She picked this symbol because each snowflake is unique – no two are alike – and all are very fragile. Like a snowflake, each person is unique – each of us is our own person - and those who are fragile need our support. If we put a lot of snowflakes together, we can make a snowball which will be so strong that it can be thrown through a window. So it is with people working together - they become strong.



Amanda's mother said that "my girl is making a difference around the world ...Any time people talk about bullying Amanda's name and image pops up". (Amanda's eight minute video which she made before she died, can be viewed at amandatoddslegacy.org, said her mother). "Amanda was a kid who was always very helpful. I lost a kid that would have done good things in the world that she lived.... Amanda has taught us that we need to be a voice for those who can't speak for themselves".



Carol Todd is living the motto of next year's Rotary International President - "Be a Gift to the World". Carol doesn't want other children to suffer as her daughter did - stalked and harassed by bullies in cyberspace and in the schoolyard, by people many miles away and by kids that she knew. Carol is travelling all over the world spreading the message, and "being a voice for those who can't speak for themselves".

For example, in addition to her recent trip to Ontario (as noted above), she was asked to travel to Florida to give a talk to school children in that part of the world who knew all about Amanda, to bring home to them in a personal way about the effect that bullying has on the vulnerable. She has been asked to travel to Dublin, Ireland where she will speak at a forum which is being attended by various representatives of Google and the social media - "it's all about giving back".

See more information at amandatoddslegacy.org

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Betty Johansen once again pulled the ticket, and came "oh so close" with the Jack of Hearts. You all remember that thief Jack? He really wasn't such a bad guy. Who can resist good pastry!

The Queen of Hearts she made some tarts all on a summer's day;

The Knave of Hearts he stole the tarts and took them clean away.

The King of Hearts called for the tarts and beat the Knave full sore

The Knave of Hearts brought back the tarts and vowed he'd steal no more.

Submitted by Laurie Anderson