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The Four Way Flasher



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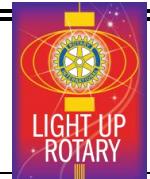
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Today: Teesha Sharma - Homeless youth group home

Next Week: Business Meeting

Happy Birthday	Happy Anniversary	Invocation
May 22: Ineke Boekhorst	May 24: David & Karen Riddell	May 19: Matt DeBruyn May 26: Dave Rempel

CALENDAR OF CLUB EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
June 12		Installation Dinner	Pitt Meadows Golf Club
July 19	11am	Rotary Duck Race – Race at 1pm	Maple Ridge Park – Alouette River

Assist the victims of earthquake-ravaged Nepal

EVANSTON, Ill., USA (April 29, 2015)

Rotary International President Gary C.K. Huang is urging the humanitarian organization's 1.2 million members worldwide to assist the victims of earthquake-ravaged Nepal in any way possible, including contributing to ShelterBox, the international disaster response charity that is Rotary's project partner for disaster relief.

"Rotary members worldwide stand together in expressing a profound sadness at the devastation resulting from this weekend's deadly earthquake in Nepal," said Huang. "As we mourn the thousands of lives lost, Rotary joins other international agencies in providing immediate relief to survivors through our partnership with ShelterBox and mobilizing our expertise to support long-term recovery and rebuilding efforts throughout the country."

A donation of approximately US\$1000 will allow ShelterBox to deliver emergency shelter and other lifesaving equipment to a family that has lost everything following a disaster.

Rotary's 34,000 clubs around the world may also pursue other ways to help including holding local fund-raisers, food and supply drives, and by giving to other established relief agencies. Rotary clubs in the United States, Malaysia, Singapore, India, Bangladesh and others are coordinating their support for immediate needs such as dry foods, tents, blankets, first aid kits and safe drinking water.

Looking ahead, Rotary will focus on intermediate and long-term recovery and rebuilding efforts. The experience and knowledge of Rotary members in Nepal will be essential in ensuring that resources are used for projects and programs that address true community needs.

Rotary in Nepal

The Rotary Club of Kathmandu, chartered in 1959, is Nepal's first Rotary club. Today there are 84 Rotary clubs with a total membership of nearly 2,800 men and women. Rotary clubs in Nepal carry out a wide array of successful humanitarian initiatives – often in partnership with clubs in other countries – including water and sanitation projects, medical and dental missions, adopt-a-school programs and reforestation plantings.

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Guests

We welcomed, with applause and cheers, **Irena Shantz**.



A guest from farther afield was **Suzanne Grouette** who is the President Nominee of the Windsor Ontario Walkerville Rotary Club. (President Nominee means that Suzanne will be the president of her club in the 2016/2017 Rotary year.)

Suzette was asked to tell us a bit about her own club in Ontario, which was chartered just four years ago. She has belonged to the club for about 3 ½ years.

That club's biggest fundraiser is a gala ball, in which \$5,000 in gift certificates from local businesses is awarded as the first prize in a raffle. They hold a Father's Day carwash, and help out with the local Business Improvement Area event, during which they sponsor a dunk tank and operate the beer tent from which they raise funds for their club's activities.

50/50 Draw - Jackpot at \$287.50 + 1/2 of today's sales, 37 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

They already have an exchange student, both inbound and outbound. They help out the local foodbank and on the international scene partner with two other clubs in the Windsor Ontario area to help fund the digging of wells and the building of a school in the country of Ghana.

Rotary Moment

Brian Bekar (whose new Work Wearhouse store will be opening in August if all goes well) applied the Four Way Test in settling the question of who should pay for the cost of an unexpected overrun on his fixed-price contract with the construction company.

Moment of Remembrance

Robert Shantz (who has stamp collecting as one of his many interests) advised that Canada Post has issued a Canadian stamp to honour John McCrae who wrote the famous poem "in Flanders Fields". Bob read that poem to us and noted that the poem was an excellent way to remember and honour our fellow Canadians who have made the ultimate sacrifice in defence of our country and its freedoms.



*In Flanders fields the poppies blow
between the crosses, row on row,
that mark our place; and in the sky
the larks, still bravely singing, fly
scarce heard amid the guns below.*

*We are the Dead. Short days ago
we lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
loved and were loved, and now we lie,
in Flanders fields.*

*Take up our quarrel with the foe:
to you from failing hands we throw
the torch; be yours to hold it high.*

*If ye break faith with us who die,
we shall not sleep, though poppies grow
in Flanders fields.*

Happy and Sad

Jim Michals claimed himself a "rebel" by throwing in \$1.50 (instead of a loony), and said he was back visiting the Club despite his statement last week that he would have to resign because of work commitments. Our Club President pointed out to him that he could have a six-month leave of absence, which Jim readily accepted. (When Jim is involved in something, he wants to be fully involved, and did not feel comfortable only attending periodically when he was a full-time member, so he was happy to have "leave of absence" status.

David Riddell thanked the club for their thoughtfulness in thinking about his wife Karen and his kids Charlotte and Edward, all of whom were recently injured in a motor vehicle accident, cause when the car that Karen was driving was hit from behind by large pickup truck and knocked into the vehicle in front.

Betty Johansen will be taking two weeks off (now that the rush of tax season is over) so we probably won't see her until June.

David Rempel reminded us all to mark August 24 on our calendars, which is the Frisbee Golf fun and social at his place in Ruskin. (Dave also noted that there were quite a number of vacant chairs at today's meeting, and he said we all had to put our thinking caps on to see what we could do about it.)

Ineke Boekhorst said that after attending with **Peter** at the District Conference in Tulalip, Washington, she flew off to a BIA conference in Edmonton taking only her spring clothes with her, then to be greeted by a significant snowstorm (which, by the way, also shut down professional soccer matches).

Fine Master

Peter Boekhorst said that 44% of our club did not read the club's bulletin last week, and fined anyone a buck who was willing to admit that they were one of the 44%.

(Says "the Scarlet Pimpernel" Peter, "I see you here, I see you there, I see into your computers everywhere".)

Rotarian of the Month

Although nominated last week by our club President, the pin was given to **David Riddell** at this meeting, to recognize his hard work as our diligent secretary.



Program

As we had no scheduled guest speaker, our Club President **Eric Mollema** completed the rest of his Who's Who presentation. [For those of you who missed Part One, see the March 31, 2015 edition (NL21-44) of our club bulletin to be brought up to speed]. Eric showed us some more slides, and told us about the many businesses that he owned when in South Africa, where he was more busy as an entrepreneur than as a lawyer.

Eric was involved in sports, and enjoyed scuba diving in various locations [did your reporter hear him correctly saying that he had been diving in the Red Sea?] and hunting in his native South Africa. He has travelled in many parts of South Africa in his van and "caravan" [i.e., travel trailer] and has enjoyed especially his trip to Paris and to Munich, Germany, where he imbibed in the Oktoberfest. He was, of course, quite involved in Rotary Clubs in South Africa where both he and his wife **Urma** were past presidents. December 3, 2013 was his last day resident in South Africa.

Ineke Boekhorst, on behalf of club service, was pleased to have heard from our past exchange student from Mexico, **Analo Castillo**, who wrote to wish a happy Mother's Day.

She also advised that **Robert Shantz** has his upcoming operation scheduled for May 20 and will be out of commission for a while as a result. We all wish Bob the very best and will be thinking about him.

50/50

Although we hear that **Brian Bekar** likes a game of golf, the 9 Clubs that he won in today's 50/50 will not enhance his game.

Submitted by Laurie Anderson