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MEADOW RIDGE ROTARY CLUB ANNUAL CELEBRATION AND INSTALLATION - JUNE 23, 2016



This year, for a change, our annual Installation Dinner was held in the backyard of the home of Adrienne and Warren Dale, with a beautiful view to the west of the Fraser River and our Cities. Thanks to the hard work of Adrienne, Warren, Peter, and Ineke, party tents were set up to shelter us all from the bit of rain that fell intermittently. Those setting up the tents earlier in the day, however, were not so lucky as they got a bit drenched as they soaked up the rain with apparent good spirits.

Matt DeBruyn set the tone for the evening by serenading us on the violin, while Mark Vosper acted as Master of Ceremonies and introduced our guests who included District Governor Elect Scott Dudley and his wife Christine, honorary member Irena Shantz, Lila Terwiel, and several spouses of our members.



District Governor Scott Dudley and his wife Christine

Outgoing President Mark Forster welcomed everybody with the following words:

I would like to welcome everyone here today to our Awards and Installation Dinner.

It is a pleasure to have so many guests here today. We welcome you always to join us.

This is a celebration of our immediate past year and the successes we had. New Year's Eve Gala, Wine Festival, Food Bank support, Duck Race and all the other activities and events we held. Reminisce with your colleagues and their spouses as these were all great successes.

This is also a celebration of our incoming executive and what they have in store for the year ahead. Let's show our support for the incoming team.

I would like to thank Adrienne and Warren for inviting all of us into their home this evening, and Peter and Ineke also for assisting in the setup of the venue for this evening.

Have fun, eat, enjoy each other, don't take anything home that is not offered to you, and drink lots of Adrienne and Warren's Wine.

Everyone enjoyed a delicious dinner (prepared by Louise of Five Star Catering) as we enjoyed socializing with our fellow members and guests.

The following certificates and awards were announced and presented by President Mark Forster with the help of District Governor Elect Scott Dudley and our secretary David Riddell:

Recognized for 100% Attendance, were the following persons:
Angie Blanco, Ineke Boekhorst, Peter Boekhorst, Adrienne Dale, Mark Forster, Betty Levens, Eric Mollema, Libby Nelson, Dave Rempel, David Riddell and Walter Volpatti.

District Governor Scott Dudley presented an Avenue of Service Citation to Ineke Boekhorst.

CITATION ELIGIBILITY

- The nominee must have consistently demonstrated support of the Object of Rotary through participation in service activities in each of the five Avenues of Service: Club, Vocational, Community, International, and Youth.
- An individual may only receive this award once.
- The nominee must be an active Rotarian in good standing.
- Only one nominee is eligible per club per Rotary year.

The Rotarian of the Year was awarded posthumously to Robert D. (Bob) Shantz who was an outstanding Rotarian and citizen in our community. Adrienne Dale gave a brief overview of the Marco Terwiel Plaque. The Plaque was presented by Lila Terwiel and accepted by Irena Shantz on behalf of Bob.

Additional Awards and certificates were presented by President Mark in recognition of the contribution of various members to the success of his 2015/2016 Rotarian year.



Mark then gave his outgoing President's speech:

What a year! It feels like we just got started and now it is time to turn over the reign to our President-elect, who can't wait to take over. So this is a short speech.

We had some ups and downs this year. We lost a dear friend and a wonderful Rotarian and citizen of our community, Robert D. (Bob) Shantz. Irena, we hope that our support this year helped you just a little through this most difficult time. We will never forget and we are so pleased you accepted our offer to join us as an honorary member this year.

We had some members retire and move away: Jim Coulter and Betty Johanson. We wish them all the best in their retirement and new communities and hope they look to Rotary in their new communities.

The theme for K.R. "Ravi" Ravindran, our President of Rotary International for the 2015-2016 year is "Be a Gift to the World". My theme for the club this year was to Make Your Mark in Rotary.

Thru your actions in Rotary, around the community, and internationally, I believe each one of us made an attempt to do something special this year. Whether you helped the club with fundraising to support our five avenues of service so that they could make a difference, or if you sold lottery tickets, participated with a committee, took a seat with the executive or stepped up to help within our community, you did make a difference! I would like to say that I believe you all stepped up and made your mark in Rotary and you are a gift to the world.

Thank you all for the support you gave me this year and the support and warm welcome you gave to my wife, my mother and my children throughout the year.

I look forward to another successful year and will continue to do my best to be the best Rotarian I can be. Ineke, I wish you much success in your year and I will be here to support you.

*Yours in Rotary
Mark Forster*

The new 2016/17 Executive was piped in by Mr. Pat Roussy



and installed by District Governor-Elect Scott Dudley.



Our Board of Directors for the Meadow Ridge Rotary Club for 2016/17 is as follows: ☞



President:	Ineke Boekhorst
President-Elect:	Angie Edmonds
Vice President:	Libby Nelson
Past-President:	Mark Forster
Secretary:	David Riddell
Treasurer:	Walter Volpatti
Comm. Serv.:	Mike Davies
New Gen.:	Sharon Kyle
Int'l Serv.:	David Rempel
Club Serv.:	Adrienne Dale
Vocational Serv.:	Matt DeBruyn

Ineke welcomed her new Rotary year with the following "fantastic" Incoming President's Speech:



First, let me express that I am humbly honoured that the Meadow Ridge Rotary Club members have chosen me to assume the 2016-2017 Presidential role for our Rotary Club.

I feel like I'm experiencing a little bit of déjà vu though, as I was standing before you 15 years ago as your President Elect.....and now, here I am again!

Those who have been to PETS or any other Rotary training seminar.....you have heard fellow presidents joke, that when "asked" to be president, we either missed a meeting, had left the room to use the washroom and somehow were mysteriously voted in, or were coerced in some way to take on this position.

*As a **repeat** president, we'll joke that we didn't get it right the first time, so here we are again! And YES, I've said that once or twice myself.*

But the reality is, that I am here because I choose to be. No one made me do this. I am here because I believe whole heartedly that as a group, as a team, our club will continue to do extraordinary things.....and who wouldn't want to be in the front of that parade!?!?!? I believe I now have certainly even more experience, passion and focus.

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Over the past 11 and a half months, Mark has led our club and guided us through many successes. I have to tell you....with different personalities, thoughts and ideas to contend with, this is no easy task! We **must** always remember that this is a volunteer organization and we all lead busy lives whether that be through work, family, personal, or other volunteer commitments.

So on behalf of the club, Mark we thank you for your dedicated service to the membership and the club!

ROTARY THEME

I was trying to think about some awe-inspiring words to introduce this year's theme. After much thought and deliberation, I thought, "Why reinvent the **Rotary Wheel**?"

Rotary Intl incoming President says it best:

Rotary has been many things, to many people in the last 111 years. Through Rotary, our members have found friends, community and a sense of purpose; we've forged connections, advanced our careers and had incredible experiences we couldn't have had anywhere else. Every week, in more than 34,000 clubs around the world, Rotarians come together to talk, laugh, and share ideas.

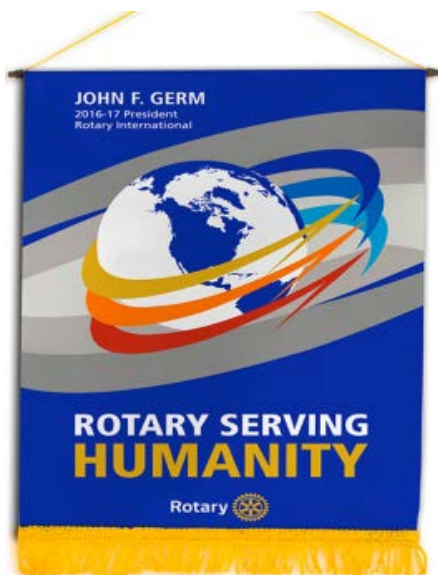
Bottomline is: we come together for one overriding goal: **SERVICE**

- I promise, that I, Ineke Boekhorst, will serve the Rotary Club of Meadow Ridge for the 2016/2017 Rotary Year.
- I vow not to be the boss, but a leader. In other words, I will say "Let's go!" instead of just "Go"
- I promise to not only hear the voices of our members, but listen to them.
- I promise to do my best to run the meetings on time and with a smile on my face.

Thank You for your trust in me.

[Editor's note: This is only half of Ineke's speech!]

Our incoming president Ineke Boekhorst displayed this year's new Rotary Banner, showing RI President-elect John F. Germ's theme for 2016/17: **ROTARY SERVING HUMANITY**.



Who's who?

Everyone had fun participating Ineke's Mystery Baby Contest, where we had to match the name to baby pictures of various club members.

Laurie Anderson was the happy winner of a nice bottle of wine for getting the most names correct (even though his missed the name of Matt as the "crying baby"!).



The installation was a great, intimate and enjoyable evening. As they say, "a good time was had by all"!

Submitted by Laurie Anderson