

The Four Way Flasher



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Today: Dale Albertson of the African Canadian Continuing Education Society - "poverty, worldview and culture"

Next Week: Bruce Beck - The Starfish Pack Program

Happy Birthday	Happy Anniversary
July 19: Don Boyce (Honorary Member)	

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Aug. 5	6 pm	Re-numbering of the Race-Ducks	Bonnie Telep,
Aug. 6	9 am – 2 pm	Community Garage Sale	Memorial Peace Park, Maple Ridge
Aug. 7	Noon – 2 pm	Rotary Duck Race	Maple Ridge Park
Sep. 13	Noon	DG Scott Dudley's official visit	Bella Vita Restaurant

COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE - AUGUST 6, 9 AM – 2 PM (SET UP STARTS AT 7:30 AM)

- · We need donations of garage sale items.
- Everything needs to be clean and "working".
- Call Peter or Ineke for drop off/pick up.
- We need volunteers for 2 hr shifts on Aug 6.
- Assistance required for: set up, pricing, sales, break down.
- ALL proceeds to Rotary Foundation \$26.50 in name of every member, who provided any donation.



MUSIC ON THE WHARF

- We had a fabulous social last week Monday night!
- Awesome Food and Drinks at the Billy Miner
- · Great entertainment at "Music on the Wharf"!
- Where Ineke presented a \$500 donation towards the program.







LAST WEEK'S MEETING

President Ineke opened the meeting. Sharon Kyle led the anthem and Eric Mollema gave the invocation.

Happy & Sad:

- Betty had a marvelous time in Nashville listening to barbershop quartets.
- Libby has a roll of film to develop. Photo Express is still developing down on 203rd.
- Ineke's inspiringly fit relatives from Holland are biking around BC for the next few months. Welcome to BC!
- Bonnie Telep has a duck branding party at her place on August 5th. These ducks have been training hard, well actually, not training at all. Nevertheless, when they have their numbers on they will be a feisty crew at the starting line of the Rotary Duck Race.
- Lynda Lawrence was pleased with the Friends in Need Foodbank volounteers BBQ. They had a very good time.

The Mystery Greeter was Mark Forster, who remained a mistery by arriving late.

Our guests, who were legion this week, were introduced by Brian Bekar:



Everyone noticed that there was more than a few Haney Club members in attendance. They "say" they were here to support the brown bag lunch program speakers, but no one believes that. Rather, it is well documented that they really wanted to hear us sing the Canadian Anthem.

They were: Jan Hickman, Bryan Hutton, Richard Isherwood, Darrell Pilgrim, Jesse Sidhu, Neil Smith and Bonnie Telep.

Today's Speakers were Colette Madsen, Director of Program & Services at Community Services, and Darrell Pilgrim, Executive Director of the Salvation Army, for the Brown Bag Lunch Program.

In 2011, some children in our school system were hungry at lunchtime. A pilot project with support from Rotary, the Sally



Ann and community services partnered to feed these children via a brown bag lunch program. Children are identified by teachers et al and a lunch is now provided at 15 different schools to circa 160 kids 5 days per week.

The chef at the Sally Ann and a group of volounteers make the lunches the night before (some schools are taking the raw materials and making the sandwiches on site). Volunteer drivers deliver the sandwiches to the school. Last year, 31,000 lunches were made at a cost of about \$45,000. Support from the Haney Club, Meadow ridge, Kiwanis, Community Services, Province of BC and private donors have all helped.

Here's the rub. The program has grown too large for it to be done ad hoc. There is no operational funding year by year, despite the program becoming an expected support in our community. The Food Bank also has a program to help kids and their families in 22 schools, but it operates a bit differently in a different niche.

There is an opportunity for this program to be named for Rotary if we will commit (both clubs) to \$5,000 each for 3 years.

President Ineke voiced her concern about both the dollar amount and the commitment that extends into the terms of the next two presidents. Some thoughtful discussion on this proposal will be required.

50/50 draw.

Sharon Kyle reduced the pack by 1 card with the 10 of clubs

Submitted by Patrick O'Brien

SOME "THANK YOU" LETTERS

The first letter from



Dear Friends

On behalf of the Board of Directors,

our volunteers, staff and the clients we serve, I would like to personally thank you for your donation of \$1,500.00 to the Friends in Need Food Bank.

This donation was used for the art work on our new truck that includes the Rotary Wheel. Our new truck is a blessing to the food bank.

Without organizations such as yours, the Friends in Need Food Bank would not have the power to serve the people we do. Again, thank you for your thoughtfulness and caring.

Sincerely

Nancy Nagy, Volunteer Coordinator

The second one was from

Dear Meadow Ridge Rotarians,

Thank you so much for your generous donation towards our work in Uganda.

We really enjoyed meeting you in March and sharing our work with you.

We wish you a fabulous summer.

Webale nyo – Thank you very much, Erika van Oyen



