

The Four Way Flasher



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Today (July 4): Michiel (Mic) Verhalle - Our 2013/14 Exchange Student from Belgium

Next Week (July 11): Gordon Heinrich - Doctor/Patient communication

Happy Birthday	Happy Anniversary

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Aug. 13		Rotary Duck Race	Maple Ridge Park – Alouette River

RI PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



There are as many reasons to come to Rotary as there are Rotarians – maybe even a few more. But each of us has stayed in Rotary because it adds something to our own lives. Through Rotary, we are *Making a Difference* in the world; and the more involved we become, the more of a difference Rotary makes to each of us. Rotary challenges us to become better people: to become ambitious in the ways

that matter, to strive for higher goals, and to incorporate Service Above Self into our daily lives.

What kind of difference Rotary clubs and individual Rotarians make through their service will always be their own decision. As an organization, we are guided by the three strategic priorities our Board has set in our strategic plan: to support and strengthen our clubs, to focus and increase our humanitarian service, and to enhance Rotary's public image and awareness.

In the year ahead, our clubs will have the support of a greatly augmented array of online tools, including a refreshed Rotary.org, a simplified Rotary Foundation grant application process, an improved My Rotary experience, and a rebuilt Rotary Club Central. As we look to strengthen our clubs, two specific challenges stand out in our membership: our gender balance and our average age. To keep our clubs strong, we need to build a membership that reflects the communities we serve and that will continue to develop knowledgeable leaders for generations to come.

For many years, one idea has stood at the heart of all our service: sustainability. Sustainable service means our work continues to have a positive impact long after Rotary's direct involvement has ended. We don't dig wells and walk away; we make sure

communities can maintain and repair those wells. If we build a clinic, we make sure that clinic has a way to keep running without ongoing support from us. And when it comes to polio, we aren't working to contain it; we're working to end it.

Eradicating polio is the ultimate in sustainable service. It is an investment that will yield not just a long-lasting but a *permanent* benefit, on a global scale. It is and must remain our No. 1 priority until the job is done.

For 112 years, Rotary has made a difference to more lives, in more ways, than we can ever count or will ever know. Today, each of us bears a torch, its flame lit by Paul Harris, that has been passed forward from generation to generation, in *Rotary: Making a Difference*.

Ian H.S. Riseley
President 2017-18

INSTALLATION NIGHT - JUNE 27

Last week Tuesday the new Executive 2017/2018 was installed by Chris Offer, PDG for District 5040.

Let's say it with pictures:



Out with the old;



In with the new!

The 2017-2018 Executive

President: Libby Nelson David Riddell President Elect: Vice President: Mark Vosper Past President: Ineke Boekhorst Deb Hyslop Secretary: Walter Volpatti Treasurer: Dale Adrienne Club Services: Comm. Services: Mike Davies Karen Hendrickson Int'l Services: Youth Services: Sharon Kyle Vocational Services: Matt DeBruyn



Installed by Chris Offer

This evening also gave Ineke the chance to recognize several Rotarians for their exceptional service:

Sergeants – at - Arms recognition

Brian Bekar and Sharon Kyle, who shared this duty.

Fellowship Award

Adrienne Dale for the excellent way she organized all our socials, outings, camping trip, firesides, etc.

Four Way Test Award

Deborah Hyslop for having great initiatives on the Membership Committee, and assisting with the Starfish program.

Matt deBruyn for his excellence in leading the Four Way Test program in local Elementary Schools and of the dictionary project.

Distinguished Rotarian Award

Mike Davies for his continued excellence in leadership as Community Services and Paul Harris Committee chair, and for setting up of the meeting flags and regallia consistently

Laurie Anderson for providing excellent guest-speakers and a great variety of programs all year round, chairing the Rotary Foundation Committee, and for his creative way of bringing some fun to the newsletter reports.

Service Above Self Award

Libby Nelson for stepping up to the plate and be president 2017-18, one year early.

Peter Boekhorst for his continuous energy to produce a weekly newsletter without ever missing and for all the "behind the scene" work he does which goes often unnoticed.

Deddy Geese, for co-chairing the Wine Festival with never ending energy, although not a member of our club.

President's Award

Dave Rempel for chairing the annual Wine Festival for a second very successfully year.

Rotarian of the Year

This award is a legacy of our dear past member Marco Terwiel.

David Riddell truly deserves our most prestigious award; he is and has been a very valuable contributor to our club for many years.

Paul Harris Fellowship

David Riddell meets **all** criteria of this award, as described for the Rotarian of the Year Award; David very quietly shows what a true Rotarian looks like.



All the pictures can be seen on our website.