

# The Four Way Flasher



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## November is Rotary Foundation Month

Today (Nov 14): Darrell Burnham from Coast Mental Health - Mental health and homelessness

Next Week (Nov 21):

| Happy Birthday | Happy Anniversary |
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## **CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT EVENTS:**

| Date         | Time | Event                                  | Venue  |
|--------------|------|--|--|
| Sat. Dec. 16 |      | Rotary Christmas Party                 | Clint & Cheryl Callison – 10145 247B St, Maple Ridge |
| Sat. Dec. 16 |      | CP Holiday Train                       | Train arrival - Haney: 7:30 PM Pitt Meadows: 8:45 PM |
| Feb. 9-11    |      | Presidential Peace Building Conference | Hyatt Regency Vancouver                              |
|              |      | https://environmentandpeace.com        |  |

# LAST WEEK'S MEETING

# President Libby's quote for the day:

"There is a fine line between being angry and being grumpy. Angry isn't nice and grumpy is fun."



I am not angry.
I am just having fun!!



Special guests were two grade 4 students, **Miya and Devon**, who came to our meeting with teacher **Janice Smith** to thank our club for donating the illustrated dictionaries to grade 4 classes.

They received a generous round of applause for such a great job in speaking to us.

Other guests included **Brenda Jenkins**, a local realtor, and **Gregory Lane**, who is a lawyer with the law firm of Findlay Gunnell Sandor.

President Libby announced that the <u>Foundation Dinner for the</u> <u>District will be held on November 18</u>. **Ineke Boekhorst** agreed to put together a basket for auction at the event, and Libby says there is still room in a carpool for anyone interested in going.

#### Program:

As **November is Rotary Foundation Month**, President Libby asked **Laurie Anderson** (the Club Rotary Foundation Rep) to talk a bit about our Foundation.

The Rotary Foundation is a separate entity from legal International, maintain to charitable tax status. The foundation is managed by a 15 member board of trustees that is nominated by the Rotary International President and appointed by the Rotary international board.

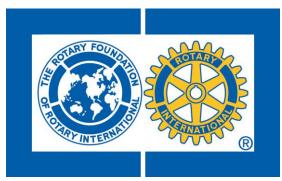


The Rotary foundation is consistently rated as one of the top, most efficient, charitable foundations in the world. In 2016, the Rotary Foundation received the highest possible score from an independent evaluator of charities across United States called Charity Navigator - 100 out of 100 points - for strong

financial help and commitment to accountability and transparency.

Likewise, another organization called the Association of Fundraising Professionals named the Rotary Foundation as the world's outstanding foundation for 2016.

The fact that it is one of the most efficient charitable foundations in the world is due to how it funds the administration costs and how they use the funds so effectively.



Generally speaking, the Foundation has identified six areas of focus that reflect critical humanitarian issues and needs:

- Peace and conflict prevention/resolution
- Disease prevention and treatment
- Water and sanitation
- Maternal and child health
- Basic education and literacy
- Economic and community development

There are three different funds within the foundation:

- 1) Annual Programs Fund
- 2) Polio Plus
- 3) Endowment Fund (formerly called the Permanent Fund)

# 1) SHARE and the Annual Programs Fund

Money from this fund is donated by Rotarians, Rotary clubs and Rotary affiliates in the current year. Money donated in a year is invested for three years to allow for proper planning. The interest from the investment is used to help fund the administration costs. In this way 100% of the donations made will be used to benefit people at home and around the world. Three years after the donations are made, half the funds are made available to the districts (such as our district 50-50) and the other half is retained for use in the World Fund. The half that is used by the districts, allow individual clubs to use the district's portion of the funds for either local or international service projects.

# 2) Polio plus

This fund is probably the most familiar to us. As you are probably aware, the polio plus campaign began in 1985 with a pledge by the Rotary Foundation at the United Nation's 40th anniversary, to raise \$120,000,000 over three years. Rotarians more than doubled that goal and within three years donated \$247,000,000. The goal was to eradicate polio by the time of Rotary's 100th anniversary in 2005, but the fight has proved more difficult than expected.

In 2009 District 5050 was asked to raise \$330,000 over three years. After only two years (by 2011) District 5050 had raised over \$770,000.

By the time polio is eradicated, it is expected that Rotarians will have contributed close to \$1.2 billion, and will make polio the second disease in human history to completely be conquered (smallpox being the other).

When the fight began in 1985, polio paralysed more than 1,000 children worldwide every single day. Since then, 2.5 billion children have been immunized against polio thanks to the cooperation of more than 200 countries and 20,000,000 volunteers.

# 3) Endowment Fund

You can donate funds during your lifetime, by your will, through life insurance, etc.

The money is held in perpetuity with the interest being used to support the works of the Rotary Foundation.

All Rotary Club members are encouraged to become a member of the Bequest Society by pledging to leave at least \$10,000 in their will to the Rotary Foundation (Canada), or to become a Benefactor by pledging to leave a donation of \$1,000. The donation becomes part of the Endowment Fund, and will continue to benefit the work of the Foundation and Rotary forever. The donor can designate the interest to be used for international service (the World Fund), or to be returned to our District (the SHARE program), or for the Rotary Centers for International Study (peace and conflict resolution). Once you signed your Will, you can register as a member of the Bequest Society at www.Rotary.org .

Laurie Anderson has agreed to do a free Codicil to the Will of any Rotary member who is willing to bequest at least \$1,000 to the Rotary Foundation (Canada).

## 50-50

**Sharon Kyle** once again proved that the Jack of Clubs is no match for the Queen of Hearts.

#### President's Closing Quote:

"They say that a fool and his money are soon parted.

What I want to know is how they got together in the first place."



"They say a fool and his money are soon parted. Here's a list of some fools. Make it happen."

# **Submitted by Laurie Anderson**