



The Four Way Flasher



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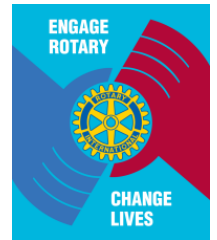
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The 1st Four Way Flasher in a New Rotary Year

TODAY: Eric, Peter & Terry - Club website, Facebook & Twitter
NEXT WEEK:



Happy Birthday

Happy Anniversary

Invocation

July 2	Eric Mollema
July 9	Urma Mollema

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Aug. 4	10:00 AM – 3:00 PM	Rotary Duck Race (Race starts at 1pm)	Maple Ridge Park
Aug. 10		Annual Rotary Ride & BBQ	
Oct. 4		October Fest	Pitt Meadows Heritage Hall

RI PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

DEAR FELLOW ROTARIANS

This is an incredibly exciting time to be a Rotarian. This Rotary year can be one of the greatest years we have yet experienced in Rotary — but it is up to each one of us. We are now writing the last chapter in our fight against polio. While it has been a long, hard journey, we have learned many valuable lessons. We have learned that as a group we can move mountains, we can change people's lives for the better, and we can honestly make a difference in our world. Perhaps the greatest lesson has been that the more we challenge ourselves, the more we can achieve.



We are also embarking on a new chapter in the storied history of our Rotary Foundation. We have the rare privilege of launching an entirely new grant structure we've come to know as Future Vision. It gives us the opportunity to challenge ourselves to do the absolute most we can, with all of our resources. Just think how much more we can do with a stronger Foundation, with stronger clubs filled with more Rotarians who are fully engaged in Rotary service.

It's time for us to recognize that the real challenge we face isn't just bringing new members into Rotary. It's turning all members

into true Rotarians. It's helping members get engaged in Rotary — helping them realize the potential they have, and how their Rotary service can change lives. We need to make sure that every member is active and contributing, and making a real difference — because when you're doing meaningful work in Rotary, Rotary is meaningful to you.

When we realize what we can achieve in Rotary — when we really engage Rotary — that's when lives change. We change the lives of the people who need us. That is inevitable. And along the way our lives are changed as well. That is also inevitable. That's what our theme is all about in 2013-14: *Engage Rotary, Change Lives*.

It's time to open our eyes to the potential each of us has through Rotary. Rotary lets us reach higher, do more, and be a part of something larger than ourselves. No matter how much we give to Rotary we get more in return. And that, too, is inevitable.

In 2013-14, let's turn all of our potential into reality. It's up to us. We can do it by engaging in Rotary service, by getting involved, by staying inspired, and by remembering every day the gift we have in Rotary. Together, we will *Engage Rotary, Change Lives*.

Ron D. Burton
President, Rotary International

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Our last meeting of the 2012-2013 Rotary year had only one guest, namely Sonya Mollema, daughter of Eric and Urma. Sonya's presence was most welcomed as she swelled our ranks to the grand total of (only) 18 persons present at the meeting. As our club must pay the restaurant a minimum of 25 meals, it was decided to take the seven extra meals to the Caring Place.

Happy and Sad

- Marco Terwiel was very happy to be back at the Club's meeting, but sad to announce that his sister recently passed away upon returning to Holland after a struggle with cancer.
- Mark Forster has been elected as the Grand Treasurer of the Free Masons in our area.
- Patrick O'Brien is suffering the frightening experience of being on his own for a week while his wife is away, leaving his two sons (five and eight years old) to take care of him and make sure that Patrick receives enough to eat.
- Sharon Kyle attended the Pitt Meadows graduation ceremonies where she handed out our Rotary Club's fire department bursary. She noted that over one-half million dollars of bursaries and scholarships were handed out at the Pitt Meadows graduation ceremony.

Duck Race

The plea went out for volunteers for the Duck Race event. See the email bulletins for further particulars.

Third Annual Rotary Duck Race

Please join us and VOLUNTEER to assist with the family activities that will entertain the young and the old.

We have jobs for **adults** as well as **teenagers**.
Please sign up by email: mattdebruyne@shaw.ca
or phone: 604-462-1570

Your help is only required from 10.00 AM till 3.00 PM.
Place: Maple Ridge Park at 232 St and Fern Crescent

Date: Sunday August 4, 2013

Yours in Rotary Service,
Matthijs (Matt) DeBruyn



Program

In lieu of a speaker, and to put us in the mood for the upcoming Meadow Ridge Rotary Club's Oktoberfest, we watched a video of the parades, music events, and general festivities (not to mention the humongous beer mugs being filled to the brim) of the Oktoberfest held annually in Germany. We all enjoyed chatting with our fellow Rotarians, while watching the fun of the festivities portrayed on the screen. Read a bit of the history of Oktoberfest below.

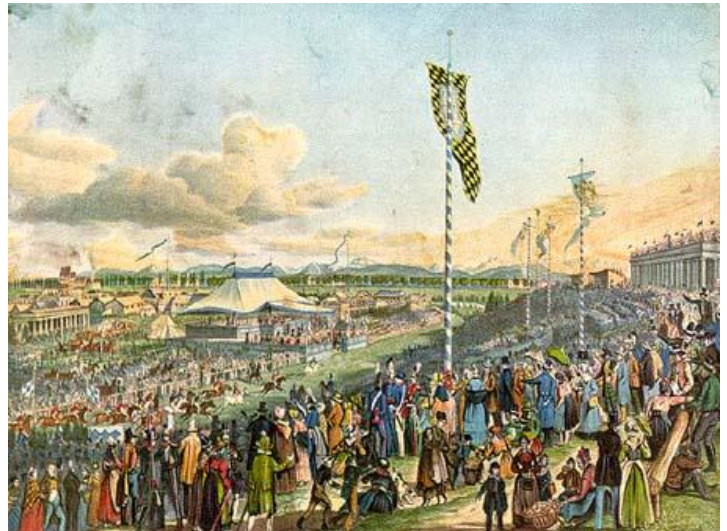
President Adrienne Dale thanked Urma and Sonya Mollema for setting up the video and sound system which enabled us to watch the festivities.

50-50

Despite his recent appointment as the Grand Treasurer, Mark Forster (who drew the winning ticket) was unable to fill his own treasure chest with the proceeds of the 50-50 as he drew the nine of hearts from the deck.

History of Oktoberfest:

Oktoberfest began with a royal wedding on October 12, 1810. Crown Prince Ludwig (later King Louis) was married to Princess Therese of Saxony. The citizens of Munich were invited to attend the festivities which were held on the fields in front of the city gates to celebrate the happy royal event.



Horse races in the presence of the royal family marked the close of the event that was celebrated as a festival for the whole of Bavaria. The decision to repeat the horse races in subsequent years gave rise to the tradition of the Oktoberfest.

In 1811, and added feature to the horse races was the first Agricultural Show, designed to boost Bavarian agriculture. Although the horse races are no longer held today, the Agricultural Show is still held every three years during Oktoberfest on the festival grounds.

In the first few decades, the choices of amusements were sparse. In 1818, the first carousel and two swings were set up. Visitors were able to quench their thirst at small beer stands, which grew rapidly in number. In 1896 the beer stands were replaced by the first beer tents and halls set up by the enterprising landlords with the backing of the breweries. The remainder of the festival site was taken up by a fun-fair. The range of carousels offered was already increasing rapidly in the 1870s as the fairground trade continue to grow and develop in Germany.

Today, the Oktoberfest in Munich is the largest festival in the world. Over 1,000,000 gallons of beer are consumed during the two-week festival. Adjacent to the Oktoberfest grounds, there are carousels, roller coasters and all the spectacular fun for the enjoyment and excitement of visitors of all ages. The Oktoberfest celebrated its 200th anniversary in 2010. Only wars and cholera epidemics have briefly interrupted the yearly beer celebration.

Submitted by Laurie Anderson