



The Four Way Flasher



Meadow Ridge Rotary Club

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TODAY: No regular meeting: Fireside at Bob & Irena Shantz (6 pm)

NEXT WEEK: Matt deBruyn – Who’s who



Happy Birthday

July 30: Brian Bekar
July 30: Deborah Hyslop

Happy Anniversary

Invocation

July 30 David Riddell
Aug. 6 Bob Shantz

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	2:00 PM / BBQ 4:30 PM	Annual Rotary Ride & BBQ	
Oct. 4	6:30 PM	Oktoberfest	Pitt Meadows Heritage Hall

DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS



DG Denis Boyd & Maureen with RI President Ron Burton & Jetta

PAST RI PRESIDENT RICHARD KING MEMBERSHIP SEMINAR



Past Rotary International President Richard King is coming to Surrey for a focused presentation on membership. The meeting is designed for members to bring a non-Rotarian guest.

One of Rotary's most popular speakers, Mr. King has addressed Rotary International Conventions, Assemblies, Institutes, Seminars, Conferences and Rotary Clubs in every state in the USA and some 120 countries.

As President in 2001-02, he led Rotary International to its greatest one year growth record in its 100 year history, with 75,000 New Members Net, a global membership of 1,243,431 and 1,158 New Rotary Clubs, more than one new club every 8 hours. In the same year, Rotarians contributed the highest amount of money ever raised for the annual Fund of the Rotary Foundation.

Registration is available on the website of the sponsoring club, the Rotary Club of Surrey. To register and for more information [Click Here](#)

Aug 15, 2013 at 06:30 pm - 09:00 pm - EagleQuest Golf and Country Club 7778 152nd Street, Surrey, BC

DISTRICT 5050 GOLFUN 2013

Please join us on August 24, 2013 for Rotary District 5050's "Golfun" Golf Tournament to benefit the Rotary Foundation & Polio Plus. We will have a great day of golf at the beautiful **Homestead Farms Golf and Country Club** in Lynden, WA (www.homesteadfarmsgolf.com).

This year Golf Carts are included in registration fee. There will be carts for all players. Dinner only option available.

The event will include a 4-person scramble, goodie bags, prizes, a raffle and an awards dinner following the golf tournament.

Special Offer: Included with your online registration is a 1-year subscription to Golf Digest (a \$10 value).

[Click here for offer and refund details.](#)

Register now by clicking on the button.

[Register Now](#)

Thank you for your support of the Rotary Foundation & Polio Plus.

Registration 11:00am Tee Off 1:00pm

Date: August 23, 2013 **Times:** 1:00 pm

Fees:	Foursomes:	Twosome:	Individual Golfer:
	\$500.00	\$250.00	\$125.00

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$138.50 + 1/2 of today's sales, 45 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Our guests included the following:

- **Warren Dale** - (our “behind the scenes” V.P.)

- **Rick Ackroyd** and his wife **Carol Ackroyd** - Rotarians from South Africa, who exchanged a club banner (Rick also is our guest speaker)



- **Richard De Sousa** - a guest of Brian Johnston
- **Mike Larsson** of the Pitt Meadows fire department, who introduced **Nico Prosperi-Porta**, the recipient of our Club's bursary for the Pitt Meadows Fire Department Youth Academy. Mike said that Nico is an excellent choice for the bursary, and that he received 88% on all of his exams.



Happy and Sad Dollars (what is going on in the lives of our members)

- **David Riddell** was glad to be back out of the heat of southern Alberta (Medicine Hat area), but happy to display the trophy that his son's ball hockey team won as first place undefeated champions in the Western Canada ball hockey tournament. It is the first time in seven years that a Maple Ridge team has won that title.
- **Warren Dale** said now that he and president Dale have purchased a Winnebago, they must be deemed “almost Canadian”.
- **Pres. Adrienne** said that we recently had a lot of volunteers for the duck race (but that doesn't mean we do not still need a lot of help).
- Chief Duck **Bob Shantz** said that the Club has collected \$56,000 in cash to date from the Duck Race Tickets, but 35 books have been returned. Nevertheless, we are ahead of last year's sales as of this date, but need a last-minute push by the club to reach the top.
- **Ineke** and **Peter Boekhorst** visited their daughter in Kelowna where they helped out in a garage sale. Ineke also reminded us that Vendors can sell their wares (new or used) at the duck race sight for the price of \$50 per Vendor, with the money raised going to the Duck Race.
- **Mark Vosper** spent a happy time hiking with his 16 year old son. (Did he say that the new Royal baby was named after his own son George?)



- **Pres. Adrienne** attended the Installation of our new District Governor, Denis Boyd. She reported that our District 5050 is Number “1” in North America for donations to the Rotary Foundation on a per capital basis and Number “5” in the World.

Program

Adrienne Dale introduced **Rick and Carol Akroyd**, whom she first met in South Africa as Rotarians where Adrienne was the Club president in 2002. Two years ago (during Terry Becker's Year as President), our club contributed \$4,000 to a project in South Africa as our International Service Project. Rick, was our guest, gave us a talk and showed pictures, to tell us about what they have accomplished:

The Project was through an organization called “**Emthonjeni**” which is run by volunteers. Johannesburg is surrounded by squatter camps where people live in tin or cardboard huts with few or no basic amenities. This organization tries to make things better for persons who would otherwise have to live in these circumstances. Its goal is, among other things, to enrich disadvantaged communities, through community care, job creation and education.

As stated on the [Emthonjeni web site](#):

Throughout South Africa, there are great pockets of under resourced communities struggling for true hope and purpose of life due to joblessness, overwhelming health issues, unspeakable crime, lack of education and meagre living conditions. The darkness of despair too often hovers over the daily lives of those staying in these disadvantaged communities. Yet, in this desperate situation, a fountain of hope has sprung, and already the lives of many are changing. Emthonjeni is a community centre who is enriching disadvantaged communities in a holistic fashion by assisting them to live full, meaning full lives and empowering community leaders.

Emthonjeni provided funds for the development of a community near Kwaggafontein, about 150 kilometres outside of Johannesburg, and our Club's donation was spent towards the purchase and installation of a borehole well, water pump and water tower, which supplied water to that community. Now they have clean drinking water which is piped into the dwellings. Water is essential to help impoverished communities.



This community now also has (or will shortly have) an education centre, games area, and computer centre, where youngsters are taught the skills necessary for a fulfilling life. They have a garden, which is used to feed youngsters in the local school, where the children are given a good lunch, to make sure they have at least one good meal a day.

Emthonjeni has about 20 projects on the go, to help with medical facilities, job creation, etc.

Submitted by Laurie Anderson