



The Four Way Flasher



Meadow Ridge Rotary Club

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August is Membership & Extension Month

TODAY: Tim and/or Nathan Logue, Garden Hill Funeral Chapel - Funeral planning

NEXT WEEK:



Happy Birthday

Happy Anniversary

Invocation

Aug. 13	Walter Volpatti
Aug. 20	Mark Vosper

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Aug. 23	1:00PM	Golfun is on August 23 in Lynden	Lynden, WA
Sep. 18	6:00 PM (?)	Rotary Duck Race Cheque Presentation	The ACT, Maple Ridge
Oct. 4	6:30 PM	Oktoberfest	Pitt Meadows Heritage Hall

SOME NOTES FROM MATT DE BRUYN

- 3rd Annual Ride & BBQ, August 10, 2013. The Ride only attracted two riders, and was postponed till a later date. However, the BBQ took place, hosted by Laura and Jeff who graciously offered their home for this. A very good time was had by all.
- October is Vocational Month.

In this cadre, our members will be invited to attend an evening event, with as keynote speaker Rotarian Mark Wafer, at the ACT on Wednesday October 2nd, as part of a "Rotary at Work - Community Living Project".

This is in cooperation with the Ridge Meadows Association for Community Living.
(Gail Finson, Community Employment Supervisor)

Our October 1st normal luncheon meeting will be cancelled. Cost will be \$20 per person. Our members will be asked to sell tickets to 'the public'.

It was decided that we will pay \$275 (or \$137.50 if the Haney Club will share) for a half page ad in the ACT program. No other obligations are attached to this project.

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.



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 \$151.00 + 1/2 of today's sales, 44 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

President Adrienne called the meeting to order and Bob Shantz gave the invocation.

Guests were Dick Drew, Clint Callison, Michelle O. and ADG Clive Evans.

Bob Shantz tells us that the Duck Race grossed more than last year, but not without some cost in the significant labour associated with the race. The money will be distributed on Sept 18th at the Act in a combined event with the Haney Club.

Terry Becker is the District Communications director. She told us about a blitzing technique called "thunderclap." Social media is the milieu in which the younger generation swims and to attract them we need to be where they are.

Help Rotary Promote Membership With Thunderclap!



Thunderclap will send a message through social media on August 31 if enough Rotarians and friends join the message campaign.
[CLICK HERE](#) to visit Thunderclap's Rotary page

Golfun is on August 23 in Lynden.

Who's Who in the MeadowRidge Zoo?

Matt De Bruyn was born during the last world war. He is an actor, a chess player, a musician, and a filmmaker - and those are just some of the hobbies. After the gymnasium (high school), he went to the Erasmus University (the fellow who touched off the bloody religious war of the early 1500s by translating the New Testament in a way that contradicted the early church fathers' teachings and causing Martin Luther to challenge the church), where he earned a Master's Degree in Economics.



He had a formative trip to London when he was eleven, acting out the roll of Oliver Twist, when dumped in the center of town by friends of his parents. That was also the end of the friendship!

Three other trips of significant influence included two to the USA and one, which he helped organize for a University group, to Russia during the Cold War. Ultimately, in 1968, he came to Canada, where he decided to stay.

Matt, whose business career took mostly place in the corporate world, caught the emerging wave of computer use in business and rose through ranks quickly with his work ethic, education, and remarkable ability to connect and organize people. For ten years, until recently, he had his own business, providing computer systems to the hotel industry.

In 1973, in Toronto, as a hobby, Matt started and ran a successful (break-even) riding stable with 17 horses. Unfortunately, he also became partner in a racing stable. The racing stable was fun for a while, but a financial disaster. In 1977 he decided to move to Edmonton and start a new life.

He married his second wife, Lynda, who assisted his financial recovery as a part-time computer programmer and office manager.

They have two daughters and 4 grandchildren, in close proximity, who are the loves of their lives.



Volunteering was always a part of Matt's family heritage and he served on numerous executives, starting in high school.

Matt is a significant force in our Rotary Club by organizing the Four Way Test Program in the elementary school system. He always has a role in local Rotary events and he is the Chair of Vocational Services.



He would still have chickens and a horse if he could. (But that is not easy for a Snow Bird.)

Submitted by **Patrick O'Brien**

HOLE IN ONE

On Wednesday last week Lynda and Matt DeBruyn took Sharon and Brian Bekar out to Meadow Gardens for a round of golf. Matt was happy he could do something in return for all the help the Bekar family has given him at Rotary events.

The day was a success beyond expectation: on the 17th hole Brian had a HOLE IN ONE !!

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Congratulations, Brian!

Matt De Bruyn