



The Four Way Flasher



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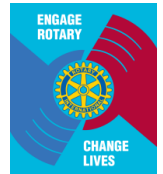
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August is Membership & Extension Month

TODAY:

NEXT WEEK: Hospice



Happy Birthday

Aug. 20: Laura Cherrille

Happy Anniversary

Invocation

Aug. 20	Mark Vosper
Aug. 27	Laurie Anderson

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

WEAR A CROCUS AND HELP US TO END POLIO NOW

Here's a way for every Club throughout the Rotary world to raise funds and awareness for Rotary and End Polio Now.



The Rotary Crocus is an annual campaign which takes place in the month leading up to Rotary Day on February 23rd.

Only launched this year, we've already raised around US\$250,000 for End Polio Now.

Fabric crocus buttonholes are offered to members of the public in return for a donation. When donors wear their crocuses they become walking adverts.

The crocus was chosen as the purple colour matched the dye painted on the fingers of children who have been immunized.

Our aim is to raise over US\$20 million per year by 2015. With your help we will.

... and with the generosity of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation we'll get there quicker. Announced at the Lisbon Convention, they will provide match funding so that every US\$1 raised = US\$3 for End Polio Now.

But don't wait for Rotary Day. Why not test the crocuses for World Polio Day on October 24th.

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Guests:

- **Lynda Lawrence**, doing a makeup from her current Mission Rotary Club
- **Irena Shantz**, spouse of the Chief Duck
- **Ruth Terwiel**, visiting her cousin Marco, from her hometown in Holland where Marco also grew up
- **Genelle Grubbs**, our outgoing exchange student, on her way to France.

Our guest speakers, **Tim Logue** and his son **Nathan Logue**

Happy and Sad:

- **Adrienne Dale** being \$5 happy about a visit from her sister,
- **Laurie Anderson** happy that he was able to make it to the barbecue and social held at the home of Laura and Jeff Cherrille,
- **Marco Terwiel** sad that he was unable to make it (his mind was willing but his but his body told him he had better to forget it),
- and **Lynda Lawrence** giving a "happy buck congratulations" on a successful Duck Race,

Ineke Boekhorst introduced **Genelle Grubbs** who leaves on her Rotary Exchange adventure nine days from the meeting date.



50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$173.00 + 1/2 of today's sales, 43 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

Ineke (and no doubt Peter) is also proud of their 35 year-old daughter, who is not only a past president of her West-Kelowna Rotary club and a graduate of the Rotary Leaders Institute, but has now been named as a trainer at the next PETS in Seattle (Does anyone see a future district governor here?).

Chief Duck **Bob Shantz** advised that the 2013 Duck Race had raised \$89,600 for youth groups in our communities.

Rotary Moment

Ineke spoke about our founder, Paul Harris, referring to a book of quotes or “Words of Wisdom” from Paul Harris, which she obtained at the Rotary International Convention. The introduction to the book gave a brief history of our esteemed founder, who was born in Wisconsin in 1868. As a child, he lived with his grandparents in Vermont in a “regulated home” where he was taught that ideals and ethics were a high priority. He obtained his law degree in 1891 in Iowa, and then took a five year hiatus to see the world, travelling throughout the USA and Europe supporting himself doing various jobs such as being a reporter, deckhand, and cowboy. In 1896 he moved to Chicago where he commenced his practice of law and developed the idea for a businessman’s club. On February 23, 1905 he met with three fellow businessmen and started the organization which became Rotary International.

Guest Speakers



We were fortunate to receive an excellent presentation from **Tim Logue and his son Nathan**, from the **Garden Hill Cremation and Funeral Services**. This business was established in 1937 and moved to its present location on 224 Street in Maple Ridge in the early 1950s.



Tim is a fellow Rotarian from the Haney Rotary club which he joined in 1983, and is a past president. Tim and his wife purchased the business in 1982 (before Tim had any children). Tim’s three children are Nathan, Nolan and Nick and all three of them work in the family business. Tim said how fortunate he is to have his family working together.

Tim’s philosophy about his business and clients has been that ‘death and money’ don’t mix. Therefore, his approach is “look after the bereaving families and the business will take care of itself”.

His advice is to make sure that each person has a Will. A funeral director needs to know who the executor is, as it is normally the executor who controls the person’s last remains. It should be someone who gets along with the family. If not, it can create problems for the family who are left behind in a time of stress. He has observed that it also can create problems if you have three or more persons as executors. With three, there is more chance that one may refuse to cooperate or that there will be disagreements.

If a person dies without a will, there are laws which state who the funeral director can take instructions from, but this can get tricky. In a situation where there is no Will and no relatives, the government agencies become involved and it may take about a month before the body can be disposed of.

In addition to Tim, Nathan Logue gave an excellent talk to us. He said it was interesting growing up in a funeral home, as in his early years they lived upstairs above the funeral home facility. All his friends knew that his parents were “undertakers”, but it was normal for him.

Nathan also gave some practical advice. Many people these days think they are doing their family a favour when they say in their Will or funeral instructions, “no service by request”. It is their experience, however, that it is the family and friends who are left behind who wish to honour the person who has died, and while it will certainly no longer be important to the deceased once he or she is gone, it may very well be important to the family and friends.

These days, approximately 90% of persons wish cremation. The question then arises about where to put the ashes. Nathan thinks it is important to “have a location for people to visit’ (other than the family closet) where the ashes have either been buried or spread.

Preplanning a funeral is now a significant part of their business (about 25% of it). People often don’t like to think or talk about death, but preplanning one’s final arrangements makes a lot of sense.

Funeral traditions change over the years. Nowadays in about 30% of funeral arrangements, some members of the family wish to view the body before the cremation or burial. This might cause some disagreement among family members and needs to be handled sensitively.

In all cases, someone is in control of the disposition of remains. Some people automatically assume it is the deceased’s spouse (if there is one) but this is not always the case, and then there is the question these days, “who is the spouse?”. That is not always clear where common-law spouses, divorce and separations are part of everyday life.

Tim reiterated Nathan’s caution about not insisting on “no service” without thinking about the emotions of those who are left to grieve. Says Tim, “if you sweep things under the rug, you may trip over them later”. He was referring to people’s feelings.

Submitted by Laurie Anderson