



The Four Way Flasher



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August is Membership & Extension Month

TODAY: Mark Vosper - Hospice

NEXT WEEK: Dr. Michelle Svorski, Urologist - Men's Health



Happy Birthday

Happy Anniversary

Aug. 28: Patrick & Stefanie O'Brien
 Sep. 02: Fraser & Debbie MacRae

Invocation

Aug. 27 Laurie Anderson
Sep. 03 Terry Becker

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Sep. 18	6:00 PM (?)	Rotary Duck Race Cheque Presentation	The ACT, Maple Ridge
Oct. 2	6:00 PM	Rotary at Work - Community Living Project	The ACT, Maple Ridge
Oct. 4	6:30 PM	Oktoberfest	Pitt Meadows Heritage Hall

A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXCHANGE STUDENT GENELLE GRUBB



Hello,

I arrived in France at about 2:30pm Friday after a very long day of little sleep and lots of flying. It's been fantastic so far. Everyone is extremely nice and very interested to hear about Canada. It's a bit hard to understand everyone because they speak so quickly and their accents are quite different from the Quebecois accent that I was taught at school. I'm sure I'll be able to understand in no time though. The Savoie district is gorgeous with lots of high mountains and green trees. Though it sounds a bit like British Columbia it looks nothing like it.

My host family is extremely nice and welcomed me with open arms. My host mother and father, Jacqueline and Louis, don't speak much English and neither does their son Jerome. Their eldest daughter Gladie is fluent because she also went on a Rotary exchange to Australia 6 years ago but unfortunately is leaving for Paris tomorrow for university.

Today I attended a remembrance ceremony at the town's cenotaph to celebrate Montmélian's resistance against the German occupation during WWII. For lunch we went to a restaurant that was situated right on the shore of Lac du Bourget, France's largest lake. Afterwards we visited the Abby of Hautecombe, also situated near the lake, which was founded in 1125. The architecture was breathtaking but unfortunately I wasn't able to take any photos.

I'm seeing so many new things and learning a lot each day. Thank you again for this amazing opportunity and I'll email again soon. Hope everyone is doing well,

Genelle

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$197.00 + 1/2 of today's sales, 42 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Guests:

We had one guest who was **Brenda**, representing Rwanda Prefer Society. The club presented to her a cheque for \$2200. The money went to assist the Society to support its efforts of "poverty reduction, education and family empowerment in Rwanda", supported in the work by **Kathy Emmerson**, who works there. As stated by Brenda and in the brochure which was handed out to us, Rwanda is a beautiful country,

and is a leading example for the entire African continent for good and fair government and poverty reduction within its population. The Rwanda Prefer Society holds monthly meetings at the Maple Ridge Library, which meetings are open to anyone that is interested in attending.

Happy and Sad:

Mark Vosper announced that they have two new sponsors for Oktoberfest, including Betty Johansen's accounting firm of EPR. Tickets for Oktoberfest are on sale for \$45

Lindsay Hendy is happy to be back for a few weeks from northern Alberta.

Betty Johansen was glad to report that her brother is much better after his surgery.



Pres. **Adrienne Dale** announced that it was **Laura Cherille's** 50th birthday. In keeping with the new club tradition established by **Marco Terwiel, Patrick O'Brien** (recently crowned as a result of being the same vintage) placed the Marco's crown upon Laura's head. Laura even honoured with a large birthday cake which was shared by all.

Ineke and Peter Boekhorst went camping in Osoyoos with their daughter, son-in-law and their two children. I good time was had by all.

Business Meeting:

Angie Edmonds advised that the community services committee is still looking into the Brown Bag Lunch Program. She also advised that money to the tune of \$1500 may be available from the bank of Montréal to fund the Canadian projects. The community services committee has money, so if any members know of a worthy project, be sure to let the club know.

Ineke Boekhorst advised that the international service committee had a meeting last Wednesday, and among the matters discussed was the trip to Nicaragua on January 4 for two weeks with those going being back on January 18, for a total cost including travel food and accommodation of \$2000. In addition, our club is going to give \$2000 to the project which is to build a kitchen onto a school in that country, with the Coquitlam Sunrise

Club giving the same amount. With a matching grant from the district, and other donations it is planned that the cost of the project, namely \$13,000, will be raised. The international service committee will raise the \$2000 by its own fundraising efforts, which will include a garage sale on August 24 and a plant sale in December. Our club will also sell the purple crocuses to raise money for polio plus (an idea which she brought back from the Rotary international convention).



Our exchange student should be arriving on August 21 from Belgium, and will be staying at Angie's home for the first three months. He speaks Dutch and will therefore feel at home with our Dutch speaking members.

Walter Volpatti, our treasurer, gave a brief financial report. Although the Sports Banquet committee had allocated \$75,000 for the new Canoe Club's facility at Whonnock Lake, it appears that project will not be going ahead. The Sports Banquet committee will be meeting to determine whether the Sports Banquet will continue with the Hometown Heroes sponsorship, and the Sports Banquet generally.

The winner of the 50/50 ticket draw (but not the winning card) was **Sharon Kyle**.

Submitted by **Laurie Anderson**

COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE ON SAT. AUGUST 24



The International Committee participated in a Community Garage Sale Saturday August 24, on 224th Street.

Thanks to Lindsay, Jim, Sharon, Laurie, Peter and Dave Rempel, who volunteered for one hour, "manning" our Rotary Booth!

We had a great time and collected a total of \$295! Not bad for 5 hours of work.

Thanks also to those members that donated items for the sale; we didn't have a lot, but nevertheless did very well.

All proceeds will be used for the 2013 International projects.



Thanks to everyone, who participated.....and stay tuned! (we need to raise a total of approx. \$3000; we are up to \$359 to date)

Submitted by **Ineke**