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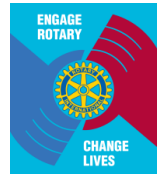
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September is New Generations Month

TODAY: MP Randy Kamp

NEXT WEEK: No regular meeting: instead Sep 18 - Rotary Duck Race Distribution of Funds



Happy Birthday

Sep. 17: Adrienne Dale

Sep. 23: Mark Vosper

Happy Anniversary

Invocation

Sep. 10

Brian Bekar

Sep. 24

Ineke Boekhorst

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Sep. 18	6:00 PM	Rotary Duck Race Distribution of Funds	The ACT, Maple Ridge
Sep. 24	12 Noon	Membership meeting	Bella Vita Restaurant
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

RI PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Paul Harris famously wrote, "This is a changing world: we must be prepared to change with it. The story of Rotary will have to be written again and again." While we will never know what Rotarian Paul would have thought of the Internet Age, I think I do know what he would have said about the idea of a Rotary website: that not only should we have one, but that it should be

the best possible – keeping up with advances in technology, and always responding to the needs of Rotarians.

I'm proud to announce that after a redesign that has taken two years from concept to completion, the new Rotary.org is now live and available to Rotarians and Internet users everywhere. It contains many of the features you've asked for, most notably a much improved search function and navigation, new ways to connect with your fellow Rotarians around the world, and a more personalized experience that will connect you with the information that's interesting to you.

Rotary's new website is actually two sites: one for the family of Rotary, and another for people interested in finding out more about Rotary. When you create an account and log on as a member, you'll gain access to a host of new Rotary tools. One I

hope you'll all use is Rotary Club Central, an efficient and effective way for clubs to set goals, track their progress, and maintain continuity from one administration to the next. You can also create or join a Rotary group, an interactive discussion forum that gives you a way to find and talk to Rotarians with similar interests. You can exchange ideas and experiences, and benefit from the experiences of others from all over the world, at any time of the day or night. It's a tool with wonderful potential to improve our service by allowing us to learn directly from others already involved in projects similar to those we might be planning.

For non-Rotarians, the new site will show what Rotary is and what we do, highlighting the uniqueness of Rotary and how Rotary clubs strengthen their communities. They'll be able to see a snapshot of different Rotary projects and areas of service, find out more about how Rotary works, and explore ways to get involved.

I am excited about this new window on the Rotary world and invite you all to visit, explore, and learn – as we write the story of Rotary, again and again, together.

Ron D. Burton
RI President 2013-14

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$237.50 + 1/2 of today's sales, 40 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

MESSAGE FROM THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

September is Youth Service month so I asked IPDG (Immediate Past District Governor) Sean to give us an outline of the youth programs in the district.

Among other titles, Sean is our Youth Service (New Generations) Chair for this Rotary year. Sean has been a strong proponent of youth programs in our district and RYLA is particularly near and dear to his heart.

Following is a list of the programs and their chairs followed by a few words on each program. Feel free to contact any of the people listed for more information about their programs.

- Rotary Youth Exchange - Dave Sliman, Chair (DSliman@waterstonelaw.com)
- RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) - Jackie Smith, Chair (jackie@uk2ca.com)
- YAIL (Youth Adventures In Leadership) - Ray Green, Chair (rlg61@whidbey.com)
- Rotaract - Nick Stebbing, Chair (stebbing@telus.net)
- & Jenn Petrichenko, District Rotaract Representative (spoo001@yahoo.com)
- Interact - Patty Klassen, Chair ()
- YES (Youth Experiencing Service) - Bev Harrington, Chair (bev_harrington@msn.com)
- & Ken Holland (YES team leader to Guatemala) (kdutch@yahoo.com)

Now for some info:

Rotary Youth Exchange is a yearlong exchange program where a local high school student lives with Rotarians and attends school in another country while a student from that country lives with our families here. The experience is life changing both for the students and the families that host them.

YAIL & RYLA are youth leadership programs that take place over a few days and can also lead to life changing experiences for the participants. YAIL is for high school students and is held in January. RYLA is for older youth, and is usually held in April or May.

Interact and Rotaract are ongoing programs that are Rotary clubs for youth; Interact in high school and Rotaract for youth up to age 30.

YES is a program which sponsors high school students on an International Service project (currently in Guatemala). Youth are required to perform volunteer hours throughout the school year, earning credit towards the cost of the trip (paid by a sponsoring Rotary club). Students are asked to join or form an Interact club following the service trip.

Please be on the look-out for youth who may be interested in participating in any of these six excellent Rotary programs.

Denis Boyd



Angie tells us that "Mic" (Michiel) our exchange student from Belgium is at Angie's home.

Matt will be emailing us soon about the 4 way test and recommends the parks of Southern Utah.

Bob Shantz reminds us that September 18th at the Act is the big duck giveaway to the groups who sold tickets for the duck race. Cost is \$30.

Mystery greeter was none other than the crafty Deb Hyslop. She nabbed a few.

Sep 24th is the membership meeting and don't forget Oktoberfest is coming up.

Mark Forester had a fire at his house. Everyone is fine, but it is pretty unpleasant.

Marco is not well, keep in touch with him.

Lindsay told us about the Rotary Leadership Institute for the Rotary Moment. He reminded us that this is a 3 part program; one day each of interactive, topical leadership training days. The club pays the fee of \$85 and the next is Sept 28 in Mt Vernon.

Laura Cherrille introduced our new Urologist Dr Michelle Stovski.

What a hoot her lecture on men's health was, but then who can't be funny given the starting material (testosterone). Turns out that men aren't really much more than that, as it maintains our bones, muscles and our brains, etc.

In the end she told us to get our exercise, eat properly, and listen to the women in our lives (and go see the doctor regularly). Apparently, we don't use the health care system properly (enough). Dr Stovski is a delight and we welcome her to our community.

Can't remember who won the 50/50. It wasn't Brian and it wasn't me though.

Submitted by Patrick O'Brien



OCTOBER IS VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH

Here is a program that fits perfectly.

Improving Your Workforce:

The Benefits of Hiring Adults with Developmental Disabilities



There are many myths and perceptions about people with disabilities as employees. Mark Wafer, a leading national employment advocate and businessman, will share his experience, both personal and professional, to demonstrate how people with disabilities are valued employees and an intrinsic element in his businesses success.

Drawing on 18 years as an employer and owner of several Tim Hortons franchises, Mark will include stories of how hiring a person with a disability improved the profitability of his company and gave him a competitive edge. You will be entertained and challenged to think about how people with disabilities could improve the performance of your workforce and your business.

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

President Adrienne called the meeting to order, Eric Mollema almost led us in the South African anthem and Terry Becker gave the invocation.

Our highly esteemed guests were Betty Levens and Peter Davies.