



# The Four Way Flasher



**Meadow Ridge Rotary Club**

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## September is New Generations Month

**TODAY:** **No regular meeting:** instead Sep 18 - Rotary Duck Race Distribution of Funds

**NEXT WEEK:** Membership meeting; Ineke Boekhorst – RI Conventions



### Happy Birthday

Sep. 17: Adrienne Dale  
Sep. 23: Mark Vosper

### Happy Anniversary

### Invocation

<b>Sep. 24</b>	Ineke Boekhorst
<b>Oct. 8</b>	Peter 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
Oct. 22	12 Noon	DG Denis Boyd's visit	Bella Vita Restaurant

### TERRY FOX RUN

Three of our club members participated in the September 15<sup>th</sup> Terry Fox Run.

They either biked, walked or ran the Run, starting from the Hammond Community Centre.

Janis Elkerton (with her dog), Terry Becker (with bike) and Ineke Boekhorst, getting ready to start, supported the Terry Fox run for Cancer Research and in memory of Sandy Wakeling, who very recently lost his battle with cancer.

Thanks to those club members who pledged these participants!



(Picture taken by Gunther Blaisig of the MR Lions Club)

### COMMUNITY SERVICES UPDATE

Here is an update on our recent funding requests and approvals for Community Services:

- 1) SPECC-tacular Productions  
- \$500 towards the Christmas Production of Aladdin
- 2) Christmas Haven Committee  
- \$500 for Christmas Eve dinner at the ACT
- 3) Maple Ridge Pitt Meadows Community Services  
- \$1,000 for the Community Meal Delivery Program
- 4) Maple Ridge Pitt Meadows Community Services  
- \$5,000 towards food purchases for the Brown Bag Lunch Program

Angie Edmonds

**50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$255.00 + 1/2 of today's sales, 39 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!**

## LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Brian Johnston led the anthem and Terry Becker gave the invocation.

Guests were Betty Levens, Peter Senes (spelling?) and Pauline Forester.

Mark Forester gave us some detail on the house fire. He will be renting up in Rockridge for about a year. In the end, he will have a new house.

Dave Rempel has broken his leg. No details, but it didn't sound like surgery was required.

Matt has multiple days coming up for the 4 way test. A sign up sheet went around.

Matt read an excerpt from a thank you letter from Harry Hooge School concerning our support of their music program. They have offered to help at our events in appreciation for our patronage of their music programs.



Dear Sirs,

The students, teachers and parents at Harry Hooge Elementary School would like to express our gratitude for your support of music education. We received your generous grant of \$1200 in June 2012, and the support from Rotary has been cited at concerts and within our newsletters. During the 2012-2013 academic year, the Rotary donation has made it possible for the school to enrich the music program with the following:

- Rhythm and world music workshops for each of the 17 (Kindergarten to Grade 7) classes, by Boris Sichen, world musician (June 2013).
- A concert by virtuoso Celtic violinist, Kieran in (May 2013)
- A very successful Christmas concert for the benefit of the school community (Your Rotary Club donation with matching PAC funds financed equipment repair and the musical performance license.)

Parents, staff, students, our current principal Mrs. Jennifer Simons as well as our principal up to last December Mr. Kevin Bodman, appreciated your support very much. We would like to express our appreciation to Meadow Ridge Rotary with more than words alone, therefore, please do not hesitate to let us know if and when parents can assist with fundraising activities such as Winefest in the future.

Sincerely,  
Harry Hooge Parent Advisory Committee

Oktoberfest is only a few weeks away and a sign up sheet to help set up and stage the event went around. Tickets are available for sale. Contact Urma Mollema for more details.

Ineke is looking for businesses that will display the purple pinky crocus boxes. They will also be sold at the hockey game on Sept 27.

Sept 24<sup>th</sup> is a Membership Lunch, so bring in a prospective new member

The Duck race great handout of funds will replace our regular meeting this week. Tickets are \$30 and we will meet with the Haney club at the ACT.

MP Randy Kamp was the speaker.

Randy has been our MP for 10 years now and assures us that he doesn't smoke marijuana. He gave us an update on the federal government's plan to continue taking a stand on international issues. Canada in the past has been less willing to be off the fence. On the financial front, the EI rates have been frozen at current levels for the next 3 years. They are not needing the cash currently and are hoping to spur job creation by keeping the cost to employers under control. Going forward, EI will be linked to needs rather than just being set on an ad hoc basis. Deficit elimination is still on track for 2015.



Senate reform is on the agenda, but as it involves the constitution, it isn't so easy to make changes. They are considering such changes to limit terms to 9 years, and changing to selection by election as opposed to appointment.

Submitted by Patrick O'Brien

## OCTOBER IS VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH

The regular meeting on Oct. 1 will be cancelled, so we all will be able to attend a special presentation in the ACT on Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> :

### **Rotary at Work - Community Living Project**

*It 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.