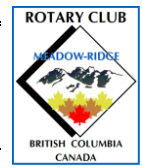




# The Four Way Flasher



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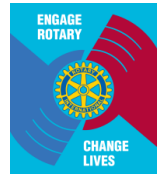
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## September is New Generations Month

**TODAY:** No regular meeting: Instead Oct. 02: Rotary at Work - Community Living Project

**NEXT WEEK:** Mayor Deb Walters of Pitt Meadows



### Happy Birthday

### Happy Anniversary

Oct. 3: Marco & Lila Jane

### Invocation

**Oct. 8** Peter Boekhorst

**Oct. 15** Laura Cherrille

### CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
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

### LAST WEEK'S MEETING



**New Members Meeting**, brought to order by President Adrienne.

Oh Canada led by our own Brian Johnston and Invocation and a 4 way test reminder by Ineke Boekhorst.

Angie had two cheque presentations, one to Joanne from Meals on Wheels of \$1000. Joanne thanked the club for our generous donation.



Alison and Debra from the Christmas Haven accepted a cheque for \$500. The Christmas Haven is held on Christmas Eve for those who have nowhere to go. Last year 340 people were given a turkey dinner and entertainment all by volunteers.



**Guests** – Irena Shantz, Clint Callison, Richard DeSousa, Betty Levens (who is close to not being a guest anymore!), Margaret Johnson, Debra Jamison, Linda Vosper, Alison Cuthbertson, Joanne McGuiness, Lisa Frey (Jim Coulter went to school with Lisa's parents – which proves he did go to school – not sure if he finished however – come to think of it, he didn't tell us!).

### Membership presentation and video by Mark Forster.

Mark gave an overview of Rotary at the Club, District and International level. He followed up with showing us "This is Rotary" video. A really good 4 minute video which highlights the organization and all we can achieve.

### Happy & Sad:

Laura Cherrille – happy to be back from her cruise – she had a rough ride – netting attached to the propeller was the culprit. Hospital Foundation Gala – almost sold out - \$175/ticket if anyone wants one. Donations gratefully accepted for the silent auction.

Laura was interrupted by a rousing Happy Birthday to Mark Vosper– he accepted the crown from Laura as it was his 50<sup>th</sup> birthday.

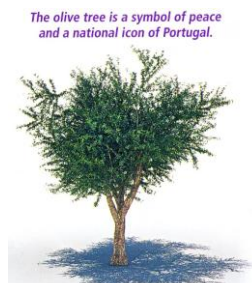


**50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$255.00 + 1/2 of today's sales, 39 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!**

Ineke – happy to report that tomorrow she will be doing a presentation to DPAC on our Nicaragua project and possibly looking for students to attend the Nicaragua project. She will also be presenting to the group on the Shelterbox.

Mark V was happy to report it's his anniversary this week as well – Wed or Thursday – he's not sure, but will most likely find out on the long slow quiet ride home!

**Ineke Boekhorst gave a presentation on her trip to the RI Convention in Lisbon**



This was Ineke's 10<sup>th</sup> Convention; Rotary's service and fellowship make every convention a life-enriching experience.

Ineke volunteered as Sergeant at Arms, which also gave her the opportunity to be close-up at sessions!

Following are some notes of her presentation:

**House of Friendship:**

- Internet café, food concessions, entertainment, networking and seating lounges, Meeting Point, RI and commercial exhibits, Rotary Marketplace, Rotary Resource Centre, Rotary Officer Ribbons, voting credentials, Rotary fellowship displays and so much more...
- Just a great place to check out what other Rotary Clubs are doing; new innovations, fundraising ideas, practical projects, etc.

**Opening Plenary Session - Highlight is the flag ceremony!**



**Keynote speakers: they are always AMAZING!**

Just naming a few that moved me the most:

- **Emmanuel Jal** - From Child Soldier to Peace Soldier, Founder of the GUA Africa Foundation; I will never forget his presentation as he talked about his home country at war, south Sudan, where he as a seven year old was trained to be a soldier, how he and thousand of kids walked from south Sudan to Ethiopia. His book "War Child" tells his life story...his presentation was very shocking.

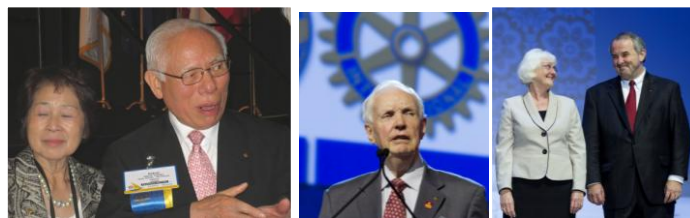


- **Leymah Gbowee**, 2011 Nobel Peace Laureate founder and president of the Gbowee Peace Foundation Africa. Speaking on activism and Community Cohesion
- **Jane Goodall** - Reasons for Hope; Founder of the Jane Goodall Institute and UN messenger of Peace greeted the audience with a Chimpanzee "hello" and gave us her reasons for hope: human brain, youth, resilience of nature and the human spirit.

At the end of her presentation Jane had all 20,000 or so Rotarians say: YES, we can do it..... We will not give up!

And then of course we have the **Rotary Keynote Speakers:**

2012/2013 RI President **Sakuji Tanaka** and Kyoto, **Wilf Wilkinson** - Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair (Can), **Ron Burton** - RI President 2013/2014 and many more.....



Next year, 2014, the Rotary International Convention will be held in Sidney Australia....

Why not consider going.

It's a truly life-enriching experience; the fellowship, the opportunity to meet so many Rotarians from all over the world and exchanging ideas, it really gives you a great feeling to be part of this fantastic worldwide organization!

Marco updated us on Repulse Bay – he was talking with the Principal from the school we send the books to and we've made a huge impact on the community and are doing great things for the students and their families. A sad buck as a 10 year old committed suicide – He and the principal agreed that Education is the solution to the problem. Marco thanked the club for taking on this project and continuing to support it.



Betty Levens won the 50/50 but as she's still technically a guest, she gets half the pot and didn't have to draw a card.

President Adrienne thanked all our guests for attending and asked for a Toast to the Queen.

**Submitted by Terry Becker**