



The Four Way Flasher



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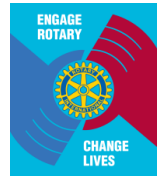
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October is Vocational Services Month

TODAY: DG Denis Boyd's visit
Re-installation of Betty Levens

NEXT WEEK: Fireside at Adrienne Dale's house – No regular meeting!



Happy Birthday

Happy Anniversary

Invocation

Oct. 22	Jim Coulter
Nov. 05	Mike Davies

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Oct. 26	10am – 3pm	Used Book Sale – Nicaragua Project	Thomas Haney Rotunda
Oct. 29		Fireside at Adrienne Dale's house	10295 248th St., Maple Ridge

MESSAGE FROM THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

October is Vocational Service month. We have already been planning meetings in cooperation with Community Living B. C. which feature Toronto Businessman and Rotarian Mark Wafer. He is speaking to local groups about the inclusion of disabled people in business. Mark and his wife Valerie (DG for the Toronto district) have several Tim Horton franchises and years of experience including disabled people in their business. Check out the district website for the meeting near you.



Whatever happened to Vocational Moments during club meetings? It is interesting to note that Vocational Service was one of the two first avenues of service for Rotary (the other being Club Service) and in those early days, it was a very strong avenue of service indeed.

The expectation was, in the Rotary Club of Chicago, that you would do business with Rotarians and you would experience disapproval if you didn't. Well, that aggressive and radical approach mellowed to such a degree that Vocational Service has been described as the "forgotten avenue of service."

Business and professional people will be attracted to Rotary if they see an opportunity to showcase their vocations. To this end, we will be rolling out "Rotary Networking Plus."

Networking groups cost money and often don't give much to participants. Rotary can offer mentoring with experienced business leaders for the price of membership as well as leadership development and seminars. The "Plus", which networking groups don't offer, is fellowship, fun and service opportunities at home or abroad.

Networking Plus will be a program offered to members in the community who are already Rotarians at heart but don't know it yet. Some research will have to be done to make sure that the right people are approached.

In the early days, Rotarians sat down and made lists of quality business and professional people and invited them to consider Rotary. The first step was to have these folks come out to a few meetings to get a feel for a Club, and not discuss membership until everyone got to know each other to see if it was a good fit.

Part of the **Networking Plus** program will be a **district directory**, with Rotarians' professions and businesses listed by request, which can be circulated throughout our clubs so that Rotarians have the option of doing business with Rotarians across the district. You will see sign up forms soon for either or both the paper and online versions of the directory.

Let's revitalize Vocational Service and make it an active part of Rotary in District 5050!

Denis Boyd

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$298.00 + 1/2 of today's sales, 37 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Guests:

Our guests for the day included Darrel Pilgrim, Pat Bisceglia and soon-to-be member Betty Levens.

Darrel Pilgrim is a director of the Maple Ridge Salvation Army and also a member of the Haney Rotary Club. He attended our meeting to accept a cheque in the amount of \$5,000 (from our Community Services Committee) in support of the Salvation Army's Brown Bag Lunch Program. Darrel advised that when this program started as a pilot project there were only 25 to 30 kids being fed every day. They started out with no funding but said "let's do it anyway". The next year it rose to 100 kids, and today there are 170 kids, who would otherwise go hungry at lunch-time in the schools. Lunches are now being distributed in 12 to 13 schools in our School District 42 area. Darrel thanked the club very much for our support, and said that the funds are greatly appreciated as costs continue to go up.



Pat Bisceglia is a lawyer and member of the Port Coquitlam Rotary Club, who was visiting our club on a "makeup".

Betty Levens, who was a former member of our own club, will be installed as a new member again at our next meeting.

Happy and Sad

These included Patrick O'Brien who is raising money for polio by selling the pumpkins which he grew in his own property. Patrick urged each member to donate \$20 and take home with them one or two pumpkins in the process. Pat had his pickup truck with a large number of potential jack-o-lanterns in the back for all of us to call our own.

Eric Mollema advised that our exchange student Michiel was able to attend a Vancouver Canucks hockey game thanks to the donation of the tickets by **Terry Becker**.

Business Meeting (some matters discussed included:)

Funds raised from the Sports Banquet to the tune of \$75,000 had previously been allocated to the construction of the Whonnock Lake Kayak Club facility. However, those funds (which have been parked in our Club's Rotary Foundation) will lose their status as allocated funds due to the fact that the Kayak Club project will not be proceeding. The Sports Banquet Committee and our Club's Board will have further meetings to decide the best use of those funds [presumably, to go towards other "sports facilities" within the municipality - the purpose for which they were raised.

Pres. Adrienne Dale advised that the club's computer had been stolen (or is mysteriously missing).

Laura Cherrille, chair of our **Club Services Committee**, reminded us all of the upcoming fireside to be held on October 29. It will not be a business meeting, but rather just a social fellowship evening. That committee is also planning a Christmas Party.

Angie Edmonds, chair of our **Community Services Committee**, advised that we have had 11 requests this year to date for

funding, of which seven have been approved and one is pending., Of those approved, \$15,200 will be paid out, leaving \$12,300 in the fund account. These funds come from the Provincial Gaming, and we do not yet know if we will get funding again in 2014.

Matt Debruyne, of the **Vocational Service Committee**, advised us that October is Rotary's Vocational Month. Two of the three applicants for our Rotary bursaries have been paid. Four-Way Test has, to date this year, been taught to 142 students in our area. Betty Levens and Patrick O'Brien have joined this Committee.

Ineke Boekhorst reported on the **International Service Committee**. Some club members will be going to Nicaragua between January 14 - 28 for a hands-on project to build kitchens onto the sides of schools. The committee will be raising its own funds for this venture, and some funds have already been sent to Nicaragua so that the foundations for the kitchens can be started in readiness for the participants' construction of the walls upon them.

Saturday, October 26, 2013 will see a book sale at the Thomas Haney School (we can all help by donating some books and or attending and buying some - where hard-cover books will cost only three dollars each).

In addition, there will be a Christmas tree sale on December 14 from 10 AM to 4 PM at Canadian Tire, in conjunction with the Ridge Meadows Education Foundation. The trimming of the trees and the cutting and transporting of them to the Canadian Tire location where they will be sold, is all being done by our members and volunteers. Ineke hopes to raise as much as \$1,000 from the sale of these trees which are being donated by the Boileau family Tree Farm. And last, but not least, once again there will be a Cyclamen sale near Christmas for only \$20 each, or five for \$80.

Ineke also announced that October 25 will be World Polio Day. Through the efforts of Ineke, crocus flower pins are being sold for \$5.00 each to raise money for this important cause.

Our meeting ended with Betty Johansen drawing the seven of diamonds.

Submitted by Laurie Anderson

COMMUNITY RESOURCE FAIR

Last Saturday the Meadow Ridge Rotary Club was present at the



Community Resource Fair in Haney Place Mall. The pictures show only a part of all the Rotarians who helped out at the information booth.

