



# The Four Way Flasher



Meadow Ridge Rotary Club

Vol. 20, Issue 17

Oct. 29, 2013

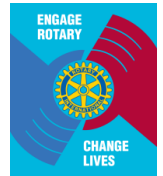
Website: [www.MeadowRidgeRotary.ca](http://www.MeadowRidgeRotary.ca)

Meetings: Tuesday 12 Noon, Bella Vita Restaurant

President:	Adrienne Dale	Phone: 778-242-5549	<a href="#">E-mail the President</a>
Secretary:	David Riddell	Phone: 604-406-8882	<a href="#">E-mail the Secretary</a>
Editor:	Peter Boekhorst	Phone: 604-465-3392	<a href="#">E-mail the Editor</a>

## October is Vocational Services Month

**TODAY:** Fireside at Adrienne Dale's house – **No regular meeting!**  
**NEXT WEEK:** Annika Polegato - Alouette Addictions



### Happy Birthday

### Happy Anniversary

### Invocation

<b>Nov. 05</b>	Mike Davies
<b>Nov. 12</b>	Angie Edmonds

### CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Oct. 29	6pm	Fireside at Adrienne Dale's house	10295 248th St., Maple Ridge
Dec. 14	10am – 4pm	Christmas Tree Sale for Nicaragua Project	Maple Ridge Canadian Tire

### LAST WEEK'S MEETING

As the first order of business, President Adrienne Dale acknowledged the presence in our midst of **Bob Shantz**, and said (or wished she had) that “the report of Bob’s demise was highly exaggerated”.

(Reporters note: When members of our office were reeling from the shock of hearing on Monday morning that Bob bit the biscuit the previous day, David Riddell walked over to Bob’s office to verify the report, and found Bob sitting at his desk. According to a well known Epistle, this type of thing also happened to another fellow over 2,000 years ago, and he also proved wrong all those who thought they were finally done with him, by rising from the dead “on the third day”. Not to be outdone, Bob managed the same trick in only 24 hours! It’s enough to renew your faith.)

Our Club had the honour of a visit with, and rousing talk from, our **District Governor Denis Boyd**.

He was introduced by **ADG Clive Evans** who said that all he really needed to say was that Dennis “was a really nice guy”; but nevertheless went on to tell us about Dennis, that:

- Denis and his wife Maureen have four children and some grandchildren,
- he was once a disc jockey in Cranbrook where he was raised,
- then went on to UBC to become a psychologist,



- he oversees a business of 18 therapists (which include some of his children),
- he joined Rotary in 1996 and as a member of the Coquitlam Rotary Club,
- is a Major Donor to Rotary International, and
- even has some time for some hobbies such as photography.

### The District Governor's Talk



District Gov. Denis Boyd informed us that there are 58 clubs in District 5050, and we were the 46th club on his road trip.

Denis talked to us about Rotary’s Four Avenues of Service. The following are a few tidbits of his advice:

**Club Service:** We must remember to always make our meetings a welcome place. When you invite someone to visit the club, let them get to know what a Rotary meeting is like. Don’t be like the guy who on his first date asks her to marry him. There’s no need to immediately pop the question: “Would you like to join the club?” You will probably scare him or her off. Another pitfall that many club members fall into is that when they see a visitor or someone they don’t know, they fail to go up to them, say hi and shake their hand [or as Dr. Marco would suggest, bump elbows].

**50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$321.50 + 1/2 of today’s sales, 36 cards left, Jackpot on “Queen of Hearts” only!**

(Reporter's note: I have seen Marco in action at Rotary Foundation Dinners and other functions - he always goes around and introduces himself to those people he doesn't know and learns something about them. That was a lesson for me, and for all of us.)

**Community Service:** The first Rotary Club way back over 100 years ago was strong on community service, even though they might not have called it that. The first community project which they undertook was to install a public bathroom on a street in Chicago. A less known fact is that they also bought a horse for a preacher to get up on (let's hope it wasn't a high one).

**Vocational Service:** Dennis reiterated to us the message which he had previously sent to clubs in our District:

*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.*

Dennis then told us about **Networking Plus**, a new program by our District leaders. To quote Dennis' own words again:

*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.*

He also acknowledged the great work done by **Matt DeBruyn** and our club and volunteers in introducing the Four-Way Test into our schools.

**International Service:** Of the 58 clubs in district 5050, only 9 clubs participate in the Youth Exchange Program. Our club is to be congratulated (having sent and received numerous exchange students over our 20 year history).

Eradication of Polio - District 5050 is the fifth most generous district in the entire world for its contributions to polio eradication.

(Please, people, pick up a Pumpkin from Patrick.)

International Project - "Your heart will really be into Rotary if you put on your work gloves" and participate in a program to help others or the community [guess which club is going to Nicaragua in January for a hands-on international project].

Dennis reminded us to keep in mind **the words of Robert Frost** in two of his poems:

*Two roads diverged in a wood, and I,  
I took the one less travelled by,  
and that has made all the difference.*

- and -

*The woods are lovely, dark and deep,  
but I have promises to keep,  
and miles to go before I sleep,  
and miles to go before I sleep.*

And last but not least, our District Governor gave to our president four "**Unsung Hero Pins**" to give out to some of our members who are always doing great things behind the scenes.

These were presented to **Walter Volpatti, Peter Boekhorst, Matt DeBruyn** (*in absentia*, as he was behind the scenes driving Marco to the cancer clinic in Vancouver), and especially to "**the heart of our club**" **Ineke Boekhorst** (who is an inspiration to all of us).



In conclusion, President Adrienne was proud to point out that the Meadow Ridge Rotary Club can successfully tick all the boxes on the District Governor's "Honey-Do" list.

**Submitted by Laurie Anderson**

## BOOK SALE FOR NICARAGUA

We did it! We had our first ever book sale and collected \$507 for the Nicaragua Project!

Not a bad result, considering the small amount of customers we attracted to Thomas Haney School on Saturday.....



We hereby want to thank all the members that participated, your assistance was so much appreciated. We had people donating books, transporting, sorting, displaying, selling, packing them back up and dropping them off in our storage unit after the sale.

I'm so proud of our International Committee, pretty well every single member came out to assist, a really great effort by our club!

We received an enormous amount of books and will try to find a more "public venue" to have another sale (if you have a bright idea, please let us know)

Thanks to everybody who supported this project in any way, we couldn't have done it without you.

We are almost a quarter of the way in our fundraising efforts for the Nicaragua project and certainly have enough books to raise at least the same amount of money we raised last Saturday, so let's see if we can find another location and another sale!

Ineke Boekhorst