



# The Four Way Flasher



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## November is Foundation Month

**TODAY:** Business Meeting  
**NEXT WEEK:** Exchange Student Michiel's Presentation



### Happy Birthday

Nov. 22: Laurie Anderson

### Happy Anniversary

### Invocation

<b>Nov. 19</b>	Mike Davies
<b>Nov. 26</b>	Janis Elkerton

### CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Dec. 14	10am – 4pm	Christmas Tree Sale for Nicaragua Project	Maple Ridge Canadian Tire
Dec.		Christmas Party at Patrick & Stefanie O'Brien's home	

### A MESSAGE FROM FRANCE

Hello,

Over the last month I have done a lot of travelling throughout France. I've visited Charmonix, Aix-les-Bains, and Annecy to catch up with some of my exchange student friends from other cities. During the last two weeks of October there was a school break and my host family, an exchange girl from Thailand, and I visited Six-Fours-sur-les-plages in the French Riviera for 9 days. We also visited Sanary and Toulon which were nearby. The weather was sunny and warm and we were able to go swimming in the Mediterranean sea. After returning from the south I visited Lyon the next day with my Rotary and Rotex friends. The following day I headed north with my family to the department of Vosges where we stayed 4 days in the house of a family friend. For two weeks I was busy travelling around France, seeing lots of sites.

I have been busy doing many activities but one of my favourites this month with wine grape picking; October is the month when the grapes are collected from the vineyards and I helped with the harvest. I felt like a real French person, picking grapes that would later be turned into wine.

My weekdays and weekends have been very busy with school, friends, and travelling around the Rhone Alpes region but it has been a fantastic time.

Until next month, Genelle



**50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$369.50 + 1/2 of today's sales, 34 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!**

## LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Our **guests** were **our exchange student Michiel Verhalle** from Belgium, and **Riley Allan, son of Mark Forster**.

### Happy and Sad

- **Ineke Boekhorst** advised that the dates of the Nicaragua trip (of our International Committee) have been slightly changed to January 8 - 22, 2014. It looks like we will now have the eight people attending who are: **Angie Edmonds** and **her father, Kira Fuller**, a high school student and **her mother, Cindy Boileau, Ineke and Peter Boekhorst**, and probably **David Rempel**.
- **Brian Becker**, back after a brief vacation in the southern sun, was happy that during his time away he was able to get his golf game back into better shape.
- **Betty Levens** attended the ACT and enjoyed very much a great concert at which 95-year-old Dal Richards headed up his band with great music for those who attended. Betty again encouraged us to take advantage of the great events hosted at the ACT.

### Announcements

Our Club President **Adrienne Dale** attended the Foundation Dinner on the Saturday evening prior to our meeting. If each member of our Club donated just \$10 to the Rotary Foundation during the Rotary Year our Club would receive the Every Member Every Year Citation, and it would be the reminder to each of us of the importance of supporting our Rotary International Foundation.

Adrienne also advised that **next year's District Governor** will be **Scott Dudley** of the Oak Harbour Rotary Club who donated one of his kidneys to a complete stranger, namely, **Philip Rosario**, the husband of **Keesha Rosario** who we all know well as last year's president of the Haney Rotary Club. Scott is (or at least was when he gave his amazing gift to Philip) the Mayor of Oak Harbour, Washington. [Talk about a true Rotarian living our motto of Service Above Self. If you haven't done so already, Google Scott Dudley and read more about this great Rotarian.]

**Patrick O'Brien** stated that he and **Stephanie** are willing to open their home for our Club's Christmas party.

In December 2013 we will be electing our new board of directors for the Rotary year commencing July 1, 2014. Members have until December 10, 2013 to put forward nominations from the floor. As our Club's policy is to nominate our Club presidents two years in advance, it was previously determined that **Eric Mollema** will be next year's president with **Mark Forster** to follow in his footsteps the following year.

**Eric Mollema** presented our club with a banner from the Oxford, England, Rotary club. The banner was forwarded to Eric by his daughter who is attending Oxford University.

### Rotary Moment

**Brian Becker** read to us a brief account by past Rotary International Director Celia Cruz de Gray of her trip to India where she took part in the program of immunizing children with the polio vaccine. At the time she attended, 120 million children

were vaccinated in one day (which works out to 6,000 children per second!). 31 disabled Rotoract members helped administer the polio vaccine.

It was noted by **Ineke** that because of the war in Syria, immunization in that country had to be stopped, resulting in a breakout of polio there. So far this year, 10 cases have been confirmed and 12 have been unconfirmed, of Syrian children under the age of five years contracting the disease. (For more information on this tragedy, see the email sent to all of us on November 12 by our club Secretary David Riddell, who attached a story on the subject on the BBC).

### Guest Speaker

Ineke introduced our guest speaker **Deb Walters**, the Mayor of the City of Pitt Meadows, who gave us the following information:

There are now 18,500 people in that city, with the population expected to rise to 25,000 in the next 20 years. Pitt Meadows is one of the fastest growing areas in the lower mainland. 86% of its land mass is found within the Agricultural Land Reserve.



Between the years 2007 and 2012, 500 new multifamily homes and 200 single-family homes were added to the municipality. The employment base of the city has grown by 176% over the last 20 years compared to 52% in Metro Vancouver. Economic development and land use is expanding with the North Lougheed Corridor, the Golden Years Business Centre, the South Bonson Industrial Land and the Pitt Meadows Airport.

1914 will mark the Centennial celebration of the City of Pitt Meadows. Centennial events will include:

- A Pitt Meadows Christmas and Centennial Kick-Off on Friday, December 6, 2013
- Community Birthday Party and Heritage Fair on Friday, April 25, 2014
- Pitt Meadows Day on Saturday, June 7, 2014
- Canada Day on Tuesday, July 1, 2014
- Pitt Meadows Christmas and Centennial Wind-up on Friday, December 5, 2014



As usual, a book in the name of **Deb Walters** will be sent to the **Nunavut** library in honour of the Mayor's visit to our Club.

Close but no cigar! **Patrick** drew the Queen of Spades.

**Submitted by Laurie Anderson**