



The Four Way Flasher



Meadow Ridge Rotary Club

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November is Foundation Month

TODAY: Exchange Student Michiel's Presentation
NEXT WEEK: Julie Hearn - SD 42-Wheelhouse Project



Happy Birthday

Happy Anniversary

Nov. 26: Matt & Lynda DeBruyn

Invocation

Nov. 26 Janis Elkerton
Dec. 3 Mark Forster

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Dec. 6	6pm	Christmas Party at Patrick & Stefanie O'Brien's home	10328 - 276 St. - M.R.
Dec. 7	5:30pm	Santa Parade – assemble at Brown Ave.	
Dec. 14	10am – 4pm	Christmas Tree Sale for Nicaragua Project – Only \$30; \$25 w. coupon	Maple Ridge Canadian Tire
Dec. 15	8pm	CP Christmas Train – assemble at Billy Miner Pub	
Jan. 3	6pm	"Pub Night" at the Legion, in support for those going to Nicaragua	12101 224 St.

CHRISTMAS PLANTS FOR PROJECT IN NICARAGUA



The Meadow Ridge Rotary Club is presenting a Festive Christmas Fundraising Event, with all proceeds to International Project in Nicaragua!

We are selling beautiful greenhouse grown 6" Cyclamen.

These fabulous plants, MUCH nicer than a poinsettia, are locally grown (Amsterdam Greenhouses), come in a festive pot and with a handmade Christmas card for easy gift giving attached.....all you have to do is sign your name on the card!

This is the perfect gift for staff, associates, clients, friends, neighbours, hairdresser, teacher.....you name it!

Plants will be available at the Rotary Luncheon, Tuesday Dec. 17 (or earlier, if you require). Price: \$20 each or 5 for \$90

WEAR A CROCUS AND HELP US TO END POLIO NOW

Here's a way for every Club throughout the Rotary world to raise funds and awareness for Rotary and End Polio Now.

The Rotary Crocus is an annual campaign which takes place in the month leading up to Rotary Day on February 23rd.

Only launched this year, we've already raised around US\$250,000 for End Polio Now.

Fabric crocus buttonholes are offered to members of the public in return for a donation (\$5). When donors wear their crocuses they become walking adverts.



The crocus was chosen as the purple colour matched the dye painted on the fingers of children who have been immunized.

But don't wait for Rotary Day. Why not test the crocuses for World Polio Day on October 24th.

CHRISTMAS PLANTS FOR PROJECT IN NICARAGUA

Local grown **Christmas Trees** cut same day

Order now for pick-up

Saturday Dec. 14, 2013 9am – 5pm

Location: Canadian Tire, Maple Ridge

\$30 tree: with coupon only \$25

Only 100 trees available!

Trees donated by Boileau Fam. Tree Farm

For more information on any of these fundraisers or to order, please contact Ineke

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$388.00 + 1/2 of today's sales, 32 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

In the absence of President Dale, **Eric Mollema** (President-in-waiting) chaired the meeting. Despite only a 50% membership in attendance, we opened with a rousing rendition of O Canada.

Happy and Sad

- **Lindsay Hendy** was happy just to be at the meeting- he will only be here for one more week, and then back up to Fort McMurray.
- **Laurie Anderson** was happy just to be above ground - he will only be the same age for three more days as one of his "higher up" birthdays (he declined to incriminate himself with a number when cross-examined by Bob Shantz) is coming up on November 22, coinciding with the 50th anniversary of the assassination of President JFK. [Where were you on your 21st birthday?]
- **Bob Shantz** was sad to report that he has attended four funerals in the last few weeks.
- **Janice Elkerton** was happy to have escaped tiger sharks while swimming in Maui, but sad that two acquaintances have been diagnosed with cancer.
- **Dave Rempel**, when dropping off his daughter at the airport for her trip to Russia, met a young man who spoke to Dave as a result of noticing the Rotary logo on Dave's clothing. It turns out the young man was a former Rotary exchange student, who is now a surgeon working in Regina.
- **Ineke Boekhorst** will be going to Kelowna with our own exchange student Michiel Verhalle (from Belgium) and reminded club members to invite Michiel on any trips or outings that we might be going on so he will have an opportunity to see the area and enhance his stay in British Columbia.



Michiel conquered the Coquihalla

Business Meeting

[was this is the reason for our poor attendance?]

Walter Volpatti, our Club Treasurer, gave us a brief financial report.

Our club is very short of funds for payment of club expenses as we have not been taking any part of the money which we raise from normal fundraising events as an administration fee (unlike most charities). Eric noted that we will have to consider a special fund raiser for this purpose.

Laura Cherrille, chair of our Club Service Committee, noted that the club will have a new policy regarding "no shows" at our club Fireside Meetings. If we state we are coming but then don't show up, the absentee member will be billed for the cost of the meal because the club is losing money by still having to pay the caterer for the meals which were ordered.

Laura also reminded us that we will have the Christmas potluck party on December 6 at **Patrick O'Brien's** residence. [Get in the mood. Ho Ho Ho.]

Ineke Boekhorst, chair of the International Committee, reported that our exchange student **Michiel Verhalle** who is currently residing with **Angie Edmonds** and her husband, will be moving to the home of **Mike Murray** on January 1 for three months, with his last three-month stint at the home of the parents of our outgoing exchange student **Genelle** (who is currently in France - see he letter in last month's Bulletin).

Regarding the international trip to Nicaragua, we will have seven persons attending the trip:

- Ineke and Peter Boekhorst
- Kira Fuller, a high school student and her mother
- Angie Edmonds and her father
- Cindy Boileau (whose family is donating the Christmas trees for the Nicaragua fundraising event on December 14).

Ineke also reported to us about the Pub Night at the Legion, the Christmas cyclamen sale (it is hoped that we will sell 100), the Christmas tree sale on December 14, and the Community Resource Fair that was held recently.

Ineke noted that although the International Committee is busy raising money for its own international project, there is no spare money to send to the Shelter Box society. The Federal Government is matching dollar-for-dollar any monies given to recognized charities to help the crisis in the Philippines, and the Shelter Box program is one of those recognized charities. Following Ineke's lead of offering to donate \$100 to this cause, nine other of our club members also raised their hand to donate \$100 each - with the result that we (with the governments matching funds) will be able to send \$2000 of relief to the disaster stricken Philippine Islands.

Duck Race Issues

Bob Shantz gave us an update on the Duck Race. The committee has not yet secured a vehicle for next year's fund raising event, but will be following this up in January. What is missing is a commitment of manpower to do the various jobs that are necessary to put on this great community event. [Without the countless hours and personal expense committed to the project by chairman and Chief Duck Bob, the Duck Race would not even get off the ground - let alone into the water. Bob and his office distributes the tickets, collects the money, keeps track of the participants, turns over the money to our Treasurer, supervises the event, and then passes out [the money, that is, if not Bob himself from exhaustion]. The club has committed to the community that 100% of the tickets sold by the participants will be returned to the participants. This leaves no money to fund the project. To date, donations from the community (apart from ticket sales) have enabled the program to go forward.

How we will get the commitment of manpower and the funds to keep the "Amazing Race - Maple Ridge" going - that is our club's greatest challenge.

50/50

For the second week in a row **Patrick O'Brien** pulled the winning ticket but, alas, not the winning card.

Submitted by Laurie Anderson