



The Four Way Flasher



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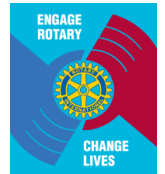
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December is Family Month

TODAY: Julie Hearn - SD 42-Wheelhouse Project
NEXT WEEK: Business Meeting / AGM



Happy Birthday

Happy Anniversary

Invocation

Dec. 3	Mark Forster
Dec. 10	Doris Gagel

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.

DOES THAT COUNT FOR A MAKEUP?



What a silly question.

That is too much good time for being a meeting!

Editor's note: I apologize for not placing this picture in last week's newsletter. President Adrienne had to remind me that I cannot neglect those poor souls in Palm Springs.

Peter

CHRISTMAS PLANTS FOR PROJECT IN NICARAGUA



Last Sunday we sold Christmas plants for Nicaragua at the Eric Langton School's Fair. And yes, we sold some plants.

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$415.00 + 1/2 of today's sales, 31 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Cheque Presentation



Angie Edmonds, chair of the Community Services Committee, presented a cheque for \$5,200 to the **Maple Ridge Hospice Society** to help fund its resource library. On hand to receive the cheque was our own **Mark Vosper** (Executive Director of Hospice) and **Lindsay Norcross**, president and a director of the Society.

Happy and Sad

Brian Bekar was happy (\$20 happy) to announce that his store, **Mark's Work Warehouse**, will be relocating in August or September 2014 to the current location of Carpet One on the Lougheed Highway. Upon taking occupancy of the new building which will be constructed on the site, the store will be the largest Mark's Work Warehouse on the north side of the Fraser River.

Mark Vosper advised that Hospice is selling 2014 Planners for only \$10, to raise money for the Society.

Patrick O'Brien was our Fine Master. Patrick has been waiting for this opportunity to fine club members who are always found sitting in or near the same chair each week. He said that if \$20 was raised by fining these seat huggers, he would throw in \$20 to the kitty himself. As a result of some members chipping in more than a buck each, \$20.30 was raised bringing the total to \$40.30.



Roger Wong, our guest from the **Vancouver Chinatown Rotary Club** advised that his club is putting on a several-course dinner and fun evening to celebrate Chinese New year (the year of the horse) , Valentines Day, the Lantern Festival, and Chinese culture, all to take place on February 14th, 2014 to raise money for their Clubs charities. Tickets are \$80 per person.

Rotary Moment

Man of the Moment **Bob Shantz** talked briefly about Vocational Service. He suggested that Club Members should take the opportunity to talk to their customers and clients about Rotary and the activities which Rotary's carries out in the community. Bob, for example, has a plaque visible on his office wall setting out the Four Way Test, which is a good conversation opener.

Guest Speaker

Our guest speaker was our exchange student **Michiel Verhalle**, who (as we all know) is from Belgium. Michiel said that when he is at home in Belgium he had little time for hobbies or sports, because he was always studying after school during weekdays, and had a job as a waiter on the weekends. However, he said he did squeeze in a bit of time for some swimming, running, and playing soccer with his friends.



Belgium, which is geographically situated just south of Holland, would fit 27 times into British Columbia. Michiel lives in old town called Brugge, which is an ancient city which was known in the Middle Ages for the silk trade. Brugge is a very scenic city with lots of canals [reminding one of Venice]. His mother is a speech therapist and his father is a vice president of a college. He has a little sister, age 9 [who no doubt bugs her older brother whenever she gets the opportunity].

Belgium is renowned for its mussels, chocolate, cheese, and beer (1,500 different types of beers are brewed in the country). Three major languages are spoken in the country - Dutch, French and German. The country has an excellent public transport system. The city of Antwerp is known for its diamond exchange. Belgium is also big on medical research.

Michiel also showed us a very humorous video about his home country, which demonstrated that his fellow countrymen don't mind poking fun at themselves and do not take themselves too seriously.

50/50

This is a first for the Club! Doctor Patrick O'Brien - for three weeks in a row - has drawn the ticket on the 50/50 draw [but unfortunately - for three weeks in a row - was eluded by the Queen of Hearts].

Submitted by Laurie Anderson