



The Four Way Flasher



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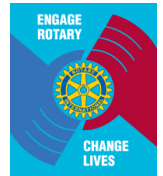
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December is Family Month

TODAY: Karen Pighin – The ACT
JAN. 7: Gordon Kirkland – Canadian Transplant Association

No meetings on Dec. 24 and Dec. 31



Happy Birthday

Happy Anniversary

Invocation

Dec. 17	Deborah Hyslop
Jan. 7	Betty Johansen

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Jan. 3	6pm	"Pub Night" at the Legion, in support for those going to Nicaragua	12101 224 St.

CHRISTMAS TREES FOR NICARAGUA

Christmas Tree Project volunteers:
 I wish to express my sincere appreciation to those who gave of their time and assisted with our tree project .

Pruners – Mike Murray and Peter;

Cutters – Duane and Peter;

Transporters – Cheryl Ashlie, Adrienne and Duane;

Sellers – Mike, Nancy, Ineke, Peter, Jeff, Laurie, Jordan, Kathy and Shelley.

You all did great. Thanks. At 5:00 we had a lot more sales and money than at 9:00.

Is it as much as we had expected and needed? – No!

Let's celebrate what we raised for a good cause.

Thanks again to all of you.

Dave Rempel



FRIENDS IN NEED FOOD BANK



We wish to give a heart felt thank you to the MeadowRidge Rotary Members, who faced the Arctic chilly weather on Saturday December 8 cooking hotdogs for donations to the Friends in Need Food Bank. The Bekar Family, owners of Mark's Work Wearhouse, sponsored event raised \$728 for the food bank.

Rotarians who participated were: Doris Gagel, Betty Levens and Laurie Anderson, and past Rotarian Peter Davies.

Also a big kudos to the Rotarians who joined the Friends in Need in the parade that night: Ineke Boekhorst, Debbie MacRae and Angie Edmonds, accompanied by her husband and son and friends. Past Rotarian Mariella Ignatieff also faced the bitter cold to join her Rotarian friends and help the Friends in Need. Their efforts helped raise over \$1,200 in cash donations and several hundred pounds of food. It was a very cold night and the Friends in Need appreciate their continued support.

On behalf of the Volunteers, Directors and Staff of the Friends in Need Food Bank Society, we thank you.

Mary Robson

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$0.00 + 1/2 of today's sales, 52 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Happy and Sad

- Accountant **Betty Johansen** pulled off a first! On a file she was working on, she got a phone call from CRA who apologized for an error they made. (That was worth \$5 to our Club).
- **Brian Johnston** also enriched our coffers \$5 - simply because he was happy to be alive and at the meeting.
- **Ineke and Peter Boekhorst** put up a dollar each (\$2) as they are celebrating their 42nd wedding anniversary. *[Someone said "marriage is not a word - it's the sentence" In Canada you don't even get 42 years for murder!]*
- **Adrienne Dale** brought the grand Happy total to \$32 by throwing in \$20 because her good friends from South Africa are visiting, after waiting four years to see them.

Business Meeting

Our December 10, 2013 meeting was a business meeting, consisting of the election of officers for the July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015 Rotary Club year, as well as the annual meeting of the Maple Ridge Foundation.

Club Treasurer Walter Volpatti gave a financial report, and **President Adrienne Dale** gave a summary of our Club's activities for the first six months of the current Rotary year. Adrienne read a letter from past President **Lindsay Hendy** who hopes to visit us on occasion, despite his move to Fort McMurray, Alberta. Adrienne also reported that the Club has held regular monthly business meetings, club socials, a successful Duck Race, and our first annual Oktoberfest (which replaced the Wine Fest and which raised about \$7,000). And of course, some of our Club members are going to Nicaragua in early January for an international project. The Club will hold the Sports Banquet in the spring of 2014, but will no longer be continuing the hometown heroes program.

Mark Forster of the Vocational Committee advised that two bursaries have been given out, and the Four Way Test was presented to 142 students in elementary schools. The next Four Way Test presentations will be in April 2014.

Angie Edmonds of the Community Services Committee stated we have paid out \$17,200 so far this year. The committee has posted online a new application form for organizations seeking funds from the Club. As we do not know whether, as a Club, we will be getting more gaming funds for the coming year, new applications have been put on hold until about February.

Club Service Director, Laura Cherrille, advised that we are still looking for a venue for the fireside to be held in January. Any volunteers?

Ineke Boekhorst, our International Committee Director, advised that the Haney Club will not be sponsoring an exchange student next year and, as a result, our own Club will likely not be doing so either as it is a problem getting host families for the incoming student.

The Club was successful in raising \$1,000 from Club members to pay for Shelter Boxes to be sent to the Philippines. With the Canadian Government contributing an equal amount, we are therefore responsible for \$2,000 worth of Shelter Boxes being sent to that country.

The Nicaragua trip is proceeding to build two kitchens onto some schools in a small Nicaragua village, with a fund raiser (the "Pub

Night" at the Legion - 12101 224 St.) to be held Jan. 3 at 6 pm. For only \$20 a great meal and a drink will be provided to support those attending this international project.

In February, to support Polio eradication, purple crocuses will be sold throughout the community with, hopefully, the cooperation of all members.

The nomination committee put forward the following names for the election of officers and directors for 2014 – 2015, which were elected by acclamation:

Past President:	Adrienne Dale
President:	Eric Mollema
President Elect:	Mark Forster
President Nominee/Vice President/Membership Chair:	
Club Secretary:	David Riddell
Club Treasurer:	Walter Volpatti
Sergeant at Arms:	Jim Coulter
Rotary Foundation Chair:
Community Service Chair:	Angie Edmonds
International Service Chair:	Ineke Boekhorst
Vocational Service Chair:	Matt DeBruyn
Club Service Chair:	Betty Johansen
New Generations Chair:	Deb Hyslop
Club communications:	Betty Levens – print media Terry Becker – electronic media
Editor – The Four Way Flasher:	Peter Boekhorst
Rotary Duckrace:	Bob Schantz
Paul Harris Committee:	Mike Davies is standing down as committee chair. He will remain as committee member. The committee will elect a new chair.
OktoberFest Chair :	Urma Mollema
Sport Banquet Chair:	Mark Forster

50/50

Terry Becker not only pulled the winning ticket but also snafued the Queen of Hearts. Congratulations Terry! Terry used \$180.00 of her winnings to buy 10 cyclamen plants.

Submitted by Laurie Anderson



CP HOLIDAY TRAIN

This Sunday the CP Holiday Train rolled into town. Several Rotarians were on hand to collect donations for the Friends In Need Food Bank.



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