



The Four Way Flasher



Meadow Ridge Rotary Club

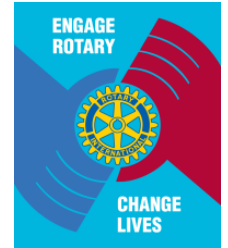
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February is World Understanding Month

TODAY: Patty Rippel - "Glitz Presentation"
NEXT WEEK: Andrea Coogan - "BC Cancer Foundation"

Happy Birthday

Happy Anniversary

Invocation

Feb. 25	Debbie MacRae
Mar. 4	Tom Manion

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Fri. March 7	6pm	Membership "Pub Night" at the Legion	12101 224 St.

HELPING PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES MAKE THEIR OWN MUSIC



Instructor Danuta Warzachowska (left) talks with her student Marcin Miazgowski before a recital by students of the Music School for Children With Disabilities in Honor of Paul Harris. The recital was held in May 2012 at the school in Lublin, Poland.
 Photo Credit: Alyce Henson/Rotary International

Music has been an important part of leading an ordinary life for students at the Music School for Children With Disabilities in Honor of Paul Harris in Lublin, Poland. Founded by Rotary members, the school serves 20 students with various disabilities, including Down syndrome, autism, and visual impairments. The Rotary Club of Lublin-Centrum-Maria Curie-Sklodowska has provided funding with help from Rotary Foundation Matching Grants and the Henryk Wieniawski Musical Society, which houses the school.

After their son Mateusz was born with underdeveloped eyes, Mariusz and Joanna Kania looked for ways to help him be active. When he showed an aptitude for music, they looked for a teacher and were thrilled to find the Paul Harris music school.

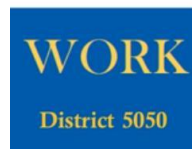
"A school like this helps children like Mateusz widen their perspectives, see the world a bit differently, and meet new people," his father says. "If it weren't for this school, there wouldn't be a place in Lublin for disabled children who want to develop musically."

By Susie Ma

Adapted from a story in the Sep. 2013 issue of *The Rotarian*



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What

- Partner with Community Living BC (CLBC) and other agencies
- Employment opportunities for **People with Disabilities**
- Place dedicated, qualified and skilled workers
- It's good for business

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$133.00 + 1/2 of today's sales, 47 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

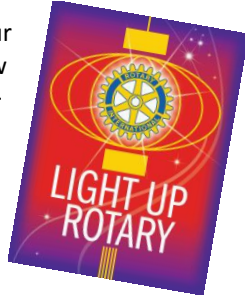
LAST WEEK'S MEETING

This week's meeting was held at the restaurant/meeting hall in Chances, the new Gambling Casino in Maple Ridge, where we were served an excellent three-course luncheon.

Happy and Sad

Mark Vosper advised that on Saturday, March 15, the Hospice Society is having a Pub Night fundraiser, with tickets only \$20. For tickets, see Mark.

Eric Mollema, next year's President of our Club, is back from PETS, with the new Rotary International Banner for 2014 – 2015 year, displaying our new motto of "Light up Rotary". This motto is to remind us all to "get the message out" about Rotary and the good that we do in our communities and the world (and not that other.... smokey thing).



Bob Shantz was happy that a two week trial he had scheduled ended with a stay of proceedings.

Ineke Boekhorst and Peter had an enjoyable weekend looking after their two grandsons (ages 9 and 12), attending with them at a Pokémon tournament in Langley (proving that you are never too old to learn new things). Meanwhile, the kid's mom, **Marjolein**, also a very active Rotarian, attended PETS where she was the speaker/instructor on the subject of membership.

Mark Forster announced our own pub night to be held on March 7 at the Legion to encourage new members. We are all encouraged to attend with family and friends, and especially to bring a potential new member of the Club.

Business Meeting

President's report - **Adrienne Dale** confirm that we will no longer put on the Sports Banquet. The club has \$85,000 of Sports Banquet funds which we must spend on sports facilities. Adrienne asked that all club members give some thought to an appropriate expenditure of these funds and come back to the executor with some ideas.

- Adrienne also reported that the Oktoberfest earned approximately \$7,000, of which \$700 (or 10%) will go to club administration fees and \$1400 (20%) will be donated to the Rotary International Foundation. Our Club is not yet decided on the use of the balance of these funds.

This year's Oktoberfest will be held in October.

Treasurer's report - **Walter Volpatti** advised that we have renewed our mini-storage contract until January 2015.

- \$30,000 came in from gaming this year, which means we currently have approximately \$46,000 to spend on community services within the gaming guidelines.

Community Services report - **Angie Edmonds** reported, among other things, that Eric Langton school had made an application for funds to support their program to provide lunches for children.

International Committee - **Ineke Boekhorst** will give a talk to our club on March 11 about the International Committee's visit to Nicaragua in January, where they helped construct a kitchen onto a school in a needy village. Ineke commented that the trip was a life-changing experience. The participants managed to complete the trip and still have \$700 in the kitty for next year's project. Ineke thanked all those who had supported the project.

- Ineke also reported that our exchange student Michiel had met with other exchange students in Okanagan District 5060, which was a good and fun experience for all who were involved. Our Club will be taking a break next year from having an exchange student, due to the difficulty of finding suitable families to take in the student while they are here.

- Finally, Ineke will be asking the club to find \$3,000-\$4000 in their budget next year to support international projects.

Duck Race - **Bob Shantz** talked to us about this fund raising activity, which last year brought in about \$85,000 all of which went to support youth activities in our communities. Apart from the need for more membership participation, the major obstacle in going ahead with the Duck Race in the summer of 2014 will be to find an automobile dealer who will be willing to put up a new car as the main prize. The Duck Race Committee is working diligently to find the necessary contributor.

50-50

Adrienne Dale won the draw and picked a red Queen.

Unfortunately it was the Queen of diamonds.

Off with her head!



Submitted by **Laurie Anderson**