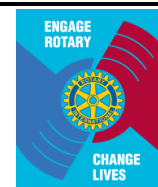


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April is Magazine Month

TODAY: Laura Cherrille - Ridge Meadows Hospital Foundation

NEXT WEEK: Heather Treleaven & Bob Foster - Senior's Community Network

Happy Birthday

April 28: Peter Boekhorst
April 29: Lindsay Hendy

Happy Anniversary

Invocation

Apr. 22 Mark Vosper
Apr. 29 Laurie Anderson

CALENDAR OF CLUB EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
May 1-4		District Conference	The Fairmont, Whistler, BC
May 9	6pm	Fireside @ our Club President Adrienne Dale's home	10295 248th St. Maple Ridge
Aug. 31	10am – 3pm	Rotary Duck Race	Maple Ridge Park
Oct. 11	6pm	OktoberFest	Pitt Meadows Heritage Hall

SOUTHEAST ASIA DECLARED POLIO FREE



Schoolchildren participate in a rally organized by Rotary members in Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh, India, celebrating the country's achievement of polio eradication. *Photo Credit: Devin Thorpe*

The World Health Organization certified on 27 March its 11-country Southeast Asia region has eradicated polio, a long-awaited declaration given that five years ago India represented nearly half of all polio cases worldwide. The region's last wild polio case was reported in West Bengal, India, on 13 Jan, 2011.

"This achievement is an important milestone for the Global Polio Eradication Initiative [GPEI]," said Rotary Foundation Trustee chair Dong Kurn Lee at the WHO's South-East Asia Regional

Certification Commission for Polio Eradication meeting in New Delhi, India, on 27 March. "We have beaten polio in Southeast Asia, and now we must do the same in the rest of Asia and Africa."

The region includes Bangladesh, Bhutan, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, India, Indonesia, Maldives, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Thailand, and Timor-Leste. Its more than 1.8 billion people represent over 25 percent of the world's population.

Southeast Asia joins WHO's Region of the Americas (1994), Western Pacific Region (2000), and European Region (2002) in eradicating polio, marking another vital step toward a polio-free world by 2018.

Densely crowded cities, migrant populations, and poor sanitation posed daunting challenges to eliminating the disease from Southeast Asia.

India PolioPlus Committee Chair Deepak Kapur called eradicating polio in his country "a monumental task, demanding an extraordinary effort by all levels of government and partners involved. Backed by more than 100,000 Rotarians across the country, we helped to ensure maximum support for everything from National Immunization Days (NIDs) to mop-up immunization rounds."

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Guests were Irena Shantz and Karen Duffield (proposed new member).

Happy & Sad:

- Dave Rempel was happy to hear of another of the Russian adoptions success.
- Mark Vosper told everyone about the Hospice Vista Run and lottery tickets.
- Matt deBruyn is not sure if he is happy as there is so much work to be done with the Duck Race.
- Eric Mollema was feeling segregated again as there was a dearth of front row diners today.

Business meeting:

Fireside for May 9th sign up sheet will be coming around soon. There will be another discussion around a venue change, though this is mostly for fun, sunset viewing, and petting the dogs.

Bob Shantz Duck Race info:



We have to sell a ton of tickets-15%. We are hoping that every last one of us will buy or sell at least 10 tickets. Continued support of M.R. Chrysler car donation depends on it. Patrick is buying a bunch and sending them to clients.

There is a huge amount of work and volunteers needed to make this project come off. Besides the race day, we need people to work at a number of event venues leading up to the race. We also need duck picker uppers and returners, duck floaters, and duck taggers.

We will all need to get involved to make this a success.

Treasurer Walter Volpatti:

Maple Ridge Foundation: all funds are spoken for.

We will eventually have to start funding the books to Repulse Bay again. An admirer of Marco's has funded the project in his memory for some months going forward.

Gaming Fund: about \$43,000 with the bursaries coming from here. This is the amount to spend from here to 2015.

Club account: There is \$55K here with about \$27,000 securing a letter of credit for the duck race prizes.

Community Services - Angie Edmonds:

Has approved \$6900 in grants and has about \$6500 in pending applications. She has about \$14,000 left for 2014. She will be holding back some to potentially lubricate the duck race.



International Services – Ineke Boekhorst:

Hotdog food bank fundraiser at Mark's has been rescheduled to Sept. Hopefully the buns keep.

The International group will be going to



Nicaragua again next year. There will be widespread outrage if they don't win the nifty project of the year award at the upcoming regional conference.

Sports Banquet dollars – Ineke Boekhorst:

There are 14 applications of which 8 are promising. The groups must, among other things, have 50% of the funding themselves and hopefully spend the money in 2014. This has been a big job, so thank you Ineke and your group.

Vocational Services - Matt deBruyn:

We will be conducting mock interviews again on May 14th from 8:30 to 2:30 pm at Garibaldi. These are fun and interesting if you haven't done them and very useful to the students.



Matt is following up on Marco's interest in hospice and Dying with Dignity. We are having the CEO of the Canadian group speak here at our Rotary club on May 27th. We will have a sign up sheet for this special meeting and possibly a different venue to accommodate the crowd.

Riddle:

How can you win and not win at the same time? I'm not sure, but Mark Vosper very stylishly did it today in the 50/50 draw.

Submitted by Patrick O'Brien

ROTARY BRINGS FREE HEALTH SERVICES INTO UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES

EVANSTON, Ill. (March 28, 2014) — Rotary Family Health Days – an innovative international campaign providing free health-care services to underserved families -- launches its fourth edition in April 2014, aiming to reach 350,000 people in Uganda, Nigeria, Ghana, South Africa, Swaziland and Lesotho.

Rotary Family Health Days (RFHD) promotes healthy living and disease prevention by providing free, comprehensive health-care services to tens of thousands of people in underprivileged communities. The program, led by Rotary's mobilizing arm - Rotarians for Family Health & AIDS Prevention - addresses Africa's most pressing health challenges, including HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, malaria and reproductive health, as well as conditions such as diabetes and hypertension. An important component is immunizing children against polio, measles and other vaccine-preventable diseases.

The Rotary-led program is sponsored by The Coca-Cola Africa Foundation, the South Africa Department of Health, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention CDC, USAID, the SABC and Caxton as primary media partners as well as YFM, Media 24 news and Independent Newspapers in the Western Cape.

RFHD launched in 2011 at 160 sites in Uganda and Kenya and immediately exceeded organizers' expectations by drawing 38,000 people to the one-day event. In 2012, Nigeria signed on and the program expanded to three days. By 2013, RFHD operated 368 sites in Uganda, Nigeria and South Africa, reaching over 275,000 people. More than 5,500 Rotary members from 362 clubs participated.