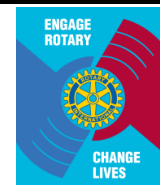


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## April is Magazine Month

**TODAY:** Heather Treleaven & Bob Foster - Senior's Community Network

**NEXT WEEK:** **There will be no Lunch Meeting on May 6<sup>th</sup>, replaced by Fireside on May 9<sup>th</sup>.**

### Happy Birthday

April 29: Lindsay Hendy  
May 9: Walter Volpatti

### Happy Anniversary

May 1: John & Terry Becker  
May 2: Ken & Gayle Paterson

### Invocation

**Apr. 29** Laurie Anderson  
**May 13** Terry Becker

### 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

### A STRONG CASE FOR CITIZEN OF THE YEAR



by Neil Corbett - Maple Ridge News

Bob Shantz has been chosen as the Citizen of the Year in Maple Ridge.

"All of them were, without exception, in their areas, outstanding volunteers," said Jan Hickman, who headed the committee that chose the winner.

She said Shantz stands out for the length and many different avenues of his community service.

Bob Shantz helps organize the annual Rotary duck race, which raises money for local non-profit groups and youth projects.

— Image Credit: The News/Files

"It's the variety of activities he has been involved with over the years – for 30-plus years – the diversity," she said.

"Bob's volunteerism reads like a who's who in the society page," she said.

She noted that Shantz was one of the founders of the [Ridge Meadows Hospital Foundation](#), and a long-time member. He is still serving as its past president.

He was a member of the same Maple Ridge Community Foundation that honoured him last night, for almost a decade.

His most high-profile venture in recent years is the Rotary Duck Race, which aids youth sports.

Last year, the Alouette River was yellow with 9,000 rubber ducks, as the race netted almost \$90,000, distributed to 27 non-profit organizations and local youth projects.

The duck race is a Rotary project, and Shantz has been a long-time member of that organization, and has twice been honoured with its highest distinction – the Paul Harris Fellowship.

Other fun public service events Shantz has thrown himself into include the Rotary Sports Banquet, Wine Festival and Hometown Heroes program.

"It just goes on and on," said Hickman.

"He's just a great guy – very humble, and never says no."

Shantz is recognized for his excellence as a criminal lawyer. He gained professional notoriety for his defence of child killer Clifford Olson, in the first serial killer case in the province's history. He was a seasoned attorney who had already defended 100 murder trials when he took the case.

"I think it's a significant honour," said Prince, "and a recognition of the volunteer spirit."

## LAST WEEK'S MEETING

President Adrienne called the meeting to order and Sharon Kyle led the anthem. Mark Vosper gave the invocation.

### Guests:

Clint Callison, Karen Duffield and a friend of Terry Becker

**First of all, we installed two new members; Clint and Karen are no guests anymore!**



Welcome to the Meadow Ridge Rotary Club, Clint Callison & Karen Duffield.

### Happy & Sad

- Bob Shantz was happy because Matt is going to look after the Duck Race venue file and Peter Boekhorst will retrieve the ducks from North Vancouver. There is much more to do so please sign up.
- Janice brought to our attention the Pitt Meadows 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary shin dig.
- We are sad for Doris as she has had three difficult bits of news this past week.

Sign up sheets for the May 9<sup>th</sup> fireside and the May 27<sup>th</sup> dying with dignity meeting are going around. Please sign up accordingly.

Dave Rempel gave the Rotary moment. He told us how influential Rotary was when he was first getting the Russian adoption program going. He was greatly helped with logistics by the local club in Vladivostok on his first trip.



The speakers today were the staff of the RM Hospital Foundation. Our own Laura Cherrille is the executive director and introduced Laura Butler and Kristina Murray.

Our hospital was community built in 1958. In 2006, a new building was added for the Hospice and extended care facility. In 2008, a new emergency ward was added. All of these projects were to a great extent funded from the community.



The foundation funds extra equipment purchases as well as education grants for public wellness and to extend training for staff. Each year, equipment wish lists are generated from each department and a fraction of those based on the biggest bang for the buck are funded. Such a piece of very useful equipment is the \$10,000 handy little vein finder which was demonstrated. Nice if you have difficult veins and you need an IV catheter placed. Fortunately, no one needed an IV, but if they had, we could have done it ourselves.

The foundation raises about 2 million per year from the gala, cookbooks (thank Jim and the News), bequests, gifts and the fund run.

Bob won the 50/50 draw but selected the 6 of clubs from the deck. Not sure why he didn't choose the queen of hearts instead as it would have bought the box of Kleenex he has been saving up for.

Submitted by Sharon Kyle and Patrick O'Brien

## ROTARY DUCK RACE 2014



The 2014 Duck Race is underway! Rotarians and friends of Rotary met at the Act on Saturday April 26<sup>th</sup> to distribute Duck Race tickets to the youth groups.

We had 22 groups pick up some 6,000 tickets in 1 1/2 hours!

Venues for selling tickets were requested by the groups and will be assigned by Venue Director Irena Shantz.

This years Race will be on the 31<sup>st</sup> of August at the Maple Ridge Park.

What's new this year is that 25% of the proceeds will fund children who cannot afford registration thru Kid Sport. The youth groups had no difficulty agreeing that 10% of each group sales will go to Kid Sport. The other 15% of sales will come from Rotarians. When this was explained to one of the mothers picking up tickets she said "It's a no brainer!"

Youth Groups who have not picked up their tickets should do so quickly. We expect a sell out this year!!

Papa Duck,  
Bob

