



Meetings: Tuesday 12 Noon, Bella Vita Restaurant

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## MARCH IS WATER AND SANITATION MONTH

**Today:** Scott Jones - West Coast Auto Group

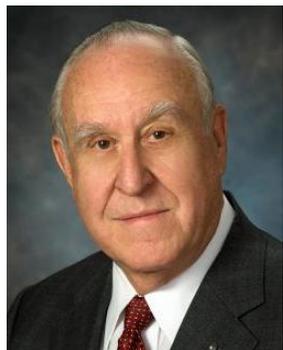
**Next Week:** Myles Lamont - Living above the Arctic Circle

Happy Birthday	Happy Anniversary
March 11: Patrick O'Brien	

### CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Mar. 11	11 am – 1 pm	Signup for Duck Race ticket sellers	the ACT
Apr. 22	7 pm - 9:30 pm	Rotary Wine Festival	ValleyFair Mall, Maple Ridge
May 4-7		The 2017 "Make It Happen!" District Conference	Seattle Marriott Waterfront Hotel
Aug. 13		Rotary Duck Race	Maple Ridge Park – Alouette River

### RI PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Forty years ago, the Rotary Club of Duarte, Calif., admitted three women members, in violation of the Rotary International Constitution. As a result, the club's charter was terminated by RI.

Undeterred, the club's members continued to meet. They put an X over their Rotary insignia, made themselves new pins, and dubbed themselves the Ex-Rotary Club of

Duarte as they continued to fight for the right of women to serve as Rotarians. Ten years later, a restored Rotary Club of Duarte sent Sylvia Whitlock, Rotary's first female club president, to a presidents-elect training seminar. Not long after that, in 1989, Rotary's Council on Legislation permanently ended Rotary's status as a men-only organization.

Today, with more than 240,000 women in our clubs, Rotary is stronger than ever. We are women and men from nearly every country of the world, serving our communities in more than 35,000 clubs. At the club level, we need men and women of all backgrounds, ages, cultures, and professions; internationally, we need clubs in every city, country, and region of the world. The better our clubs reflect their communities, the better we can serve them. Our diversity is our strength.

It is difficult for most of us to imagine today why anyone argued so strongly against the idea of women in Rotary. Looking back, I think that opposition came from a simple resistance to change. Rotarians loved Rotary the way it was and couldn't imagine it any other way.

We still love Rotary as much as we ever did. We love the friendships and connections we make there, and the ability Rotary provides us to serve humanity. We believe Rotary has tremendous value in our own lives and in the world at large. And we recognize, more than ever, that for Rotary to continue to grow, it needs to embrace the world it serves – in all of its diversity, all of its variety, and all of its evolving needs for service.

The Rotarians of today owe a debt of gratitude to the Rotarians of Duarte 40 years ago. Their determination, persistence, and enduring goodwill set the stage for the organization we have become: Rotary Serving Humanity.

**John F. Germ**  
President 2016-17

## LAST WEEK'S MEETING

### Presidents Quote for the Day

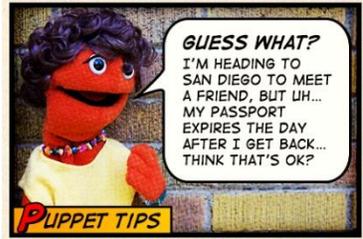
*Respect your parents.... they passed school without GOOGLE!*

### Guests:

- **Leslie Coard** (guest of Lynda Lawrence)
- **Pauline Forster**

### Happy and Sad

**Libby Nelson** - went to PETS (if she hadn't done so, she would not have learned that her passport was about to expire).



**Dave Rempel** - became a grandfather a few days ago; also, he has been working since September 2015 on having a child adopted from Russia getting in contact with their biological mother, and was finally successful in that endeavour.

**Walter Volpatti** - attended the Ridge Meadows South Asian Cultural Society 10th annual gala, raising \$13,000 for the Youth Wellness Centre.

**Adrienne Dale** - happy to announce that both her husband's company (Canamix) and her law firm (Centra Lawyers) are going to be sponsors of this year's Duck Race.

**Mark Forster** - back from a trip to LA (and spent less than \$1,000 - no new clothes this time); and pointing out that he is two thirds the way through his job as immediate past president - which also gives Ineke only 4 months to go as our president!).

**Sharon Kyle** is leaving shortly on a 15 day cruise through the Panama.

**Mark Forster** paid \$10 to buy the "No fine" button which he will wear proudly during the month of March.



**Ineke, Peter, their son Kim, two grandchildren, and Lynda Lawrence** braved the "Coldest Night" and raised \$740 for the Salvation Army, which met its goal of raising \$20,000 for the evening's event.

### Duck Race

On March 11, 2017 between 11 AM and 2 PM, youth groups within the community can register for the duck race and obtain their tickets which they can start immediately to sell to raise money for their organizations. They get to keep \$9 out of every \$10 ticket sold.



### Quest Speaker "Welcome to Welkom"

Absent a speaker for today, **Urma Mollema** was asked by Ineke to tell us something about herself, which we might not know about her.



She grew up in Welkom, Orange Free State, South Africa. Her grandfather was a Rotary District Governor, and her father (who was a business man) became a Rotarian at the age of 35, so it was natural that Irma would herself one day become a Rotarian. In those days, family members of Rotarians could not become Rotary Exchange Students, but that didn't stop Irma from visiting Kentucky, USA at the age of 18.

After leaving school she went to Pretoria, and got a job at a very young age, and was sent to pick up Harry Oppenheimer, the president of Anglo American Corporation and a prominent South African businessman who was one of the world's richest men. She picked him up in her own vehicle, only to learn later that there was a fancy vehicle which she was supposed to use for the trip!

*(Anglo American is a multinational mining company based in Johannesburg, South Africa and London, United Kingdom. It is the world's largest producer of platinum, with around 40% of world output, as well as being a major producer of diamonds, copper, nickel, iron ore and metallurgical and thermal coal. The company has operations in Africa, Asia, Australasia, Europe, North America and South America).*

Urma and Eric joined the Rotary club in Pretoria and after two years Urma became its president. She became known as the "Prayer President" because she eliminated the opening of Rotary meetings with a prayer in her club. She and Eric started a fund to loan money to Rotarians, which became very successful.

She got into the mortgage broker business, despite having no business experience, and she, with the help of Eric, built up one of the largest mortgage businesses in South Africa (which they ultimately sold).

In he got into the beauty pageant business and later bought a beauty pageant in South Africa, which was for married women; and later started a beauty pageant for married women in the United States.

### 50-50

**Walter Volpatti** did it again by pulling the Queen of Hearts from the deck, and became about \$135 richer.



### President's Closing Quote:

*Most of the time...  
when you're crying, nobody notices your tears.  
Most of the time...  
when you're worried, nobody feels your pain.  
Most of the time...  
when you're happy, nobody sees your smile.  
But when you fart just one time...*

Submitted by Laurie Anderson