

Meetings: Tuesday 12 Noon, Bella Vita Restaurant

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APRIL IS MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH MONTH

Today (Apr 11): **Daniel Kuryga** - School project in Haiti

Next Week (Apr 18): **Doris Gagel** – Who’s Who

Happy Birthday	Happy Anniversary
	April 14: Dave & Sharon Rempel

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
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

GUEST SPEAKER

This will be a joined meeting with Haney Club - Tuesday April 11
Regular place and time: Bella Vita Restaurant at noon.

There will be a very special speaker, Daniel Kuryga.

Daniel Kuryga owns a small construction company on the North Shore.

Daniel had taken a trip to Haiti in December, and the area he visited was decimated during an earth quake now ten years ago and most recently this (as Daniel puts it) 5th world country was hit by a Category 4 Hurricane.

Daniel visited a remote village and his trip took him to a grade school that was destroyed by this latest event. The families are very poor and the children don't stand a chance due to these poor conditions.

Daniel was moved by his visit to the point that upon return to Canada he made a promise to raise money to build a new school in this area and future schools throughout Haiti region. Daniel's passion is so strong that he has personally committed to match all contributions dollar for dollar up to \$50,000.00.

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

April is Maternal and Child Health Month:

Child life expectancy is on the rise. In 1960, 182 of every 1,000 children born died before turning five; today, that number is down to 43. A child born in 1960 could expect to live an average of just 52 years; by contrast, a child born this year can expect to live to 71.

Thanks to vaccines, 20million lives have been saved from measles since 2000. Small Pox has been eradicated – and polio is next.

President's Quote for the Day:

Ladies: if a man says he will fix it, he will.....

There is no need to remind him every six months about it.

Linda Leo of the West Coast Auto Group was a guest again today. Please everyone, make her feel welcome and go out of your way to engage her.

Winefest is a little more than 2 weeks away! Please sell those tickets. The vendor lineup is awesome and everyone who goes is guaranteed a good time.





Shelterbox Wowza! In record time, the Meadow Ridge Rotary members raised \$1200 for a Shelterbox to support our neighbors in Columbia who, have been devastated by a serious landslide. Well done everyone!

Happy/Sad

Urma Mollema is glad to be here and announced that Oxford overcame David Riddell's Cambridge in the men's regatta. I think David was heard to say, "Just wait until next year!"

Peter Boekhorst's car window is stuck open. Perfect for spring!

Kicking Butt for Bob! **Adrienne Dale** represented one of Bob Shantz's clients in court this past week. Despite great difficulties in getting to the courtroom, she rallied to the challenge and justice was served.

Ineke and Peter's daughter after a rough stretch, has joined the Kelowna Sunrise Club and back with Rotary where her heart clearly belongs. She was before an AG and PETS' facilitator.

Walter was the fine master soaking almost everyone by way of interesting Canadian questions from the Rotary Journal.

- Winnipeg was the first city to have a Rotary Club.*
- 5 Rotary International Presidents have been from Canada.*
- The RI convention has been hosted by one of our cities 7 times.*
- Canadians have given 34 million to the eradication of polio.*

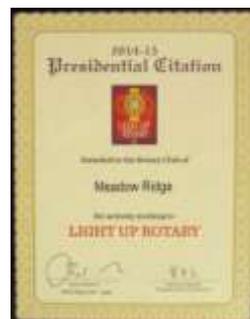
All this and only 150 years old! What a great country!

Speaker today is **AG Preet Pal**, talking about the Presidential Citations.



Preet was a GSE member that visited Turkey. It affected her deeply, motivating her to start an organization called Global Change for Children supporting children's healthcare needs locally and globally. She is also a director of a watershed watch group focused on maintaining the environment for salmonids. She works for Montridge Financial Group in the group insurance section. She has a grown son just returned from playing hockey in Sweden this past year.

The district collects information on our performance as a club which she tallies and reports to the DG. She acts as our support person in achieving the 7 focus goals that our club president puts forward each year. If we reach all 7 goals by June 30, then our Club receives from RI President a Presidential Citation.



The goals are intuitive:

1. Meeting our goal for RI support,
2. Membership Development and Retention,
3. Public Image,
4. New Generations,
5. Humanitarian Service (partnering with other clubs),
6. Foundation Giving,
7. Online Tool Adoption.

We are 6/7 of the way there with Past President Mark Forster to complete the online requirement today.

Mark also bought and "donated" the Flamenco dance tickets to the Winefest silent Auction. Thanks Mark and good luck with the physio on your arm!

50/50

In 2015, when Mr. Trump announced his candidacy for US president, no one could guess that he would be successful. Likewise, no one would have guessed that I would win the 50/50 draw again. Unlike Mr. Trump, I was unsuccessful in pulling the queen of hearts and so she remains so close, yet out of reach.

President's Closing Quote:

- Only 2 things can change a woman's mood:*
- 1) I Love You
 - 2) 50% Discount

Submitted by Patrick O'Brien