

Meetings: Tuesday 12 Noon, Bella Vita Restaurant

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## APRIL IS MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH MONTH

Today (Apr 18): Doris Gagel – Who’s Who

Next Week (Apr 25):

Happy Birthday	Happy Anniversary
April 18: Ken Knuttilla	

### 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

### LAST WEEK’S MEETING

April is Maternal and Child Health Month:

#### How Rotary makes help happen

Rotary provides education, immunizations, birth kits, and mobile health clinics. Women are taught how to prevent mother-to-infant HIV transmission, how to breast-feed, and how to protect themselves and their children from disease.

President’s Quote for the Day by George Burns:

*It only takes one drink to get me drunk ... the trouble is I can't remember if it's the thirteenth or the fourteenth?*

Mark Forster fulfilled the last of the criteria for the Presidential Citation, which right away netted a donation of \$99 for the Starfish Pack Program.



We are still looking for one RYLA participant. Please let Ineke know if you have a candidate who is 18 to 30 years old.

There were lots of **guest today** introduced by David Riddell:

Gord & Mary Robson, Kevin Nosworthy, Ana Castillo and our guest speaker Daniel Kuryga.

Honorary member Irena Shantz was here with duck tickets at the ready! The duckmobile is also on the loose driven by Ana. Get your duck tickets!

**Wine Festival and Craft Beer Tasting**  
 Rotary Club of Meadow Ridge  
 Join us for international wine & beer tasting, silent auction, great live music and local culinary delight!  
**Saturday, April 22, 2017 7:00 - 9:30 pm**  
**ValleyFair Mall, Maple Ridge**  
**Tickets \$45 ea.**  
 For tickets call  
 Ineke Boekhorst: 604-467-2420  
 or Deddy Geese: 604-467-5535  
 For online tickets: [www.RotaryWineFest.ca](http://www.RotaryWineFest.ca)  
 Proceeds to support Youth, Culture and other Rotary Charities in Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows  
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## Happy & Sad

Mary Robson was pleased to visit and to hear about "Life through Learning" Project.

Patrick O'Brien's family now has 3 horses instead of 2 as the mare had her colt.

Kevin Nosworthy paid to introduce himself.

## Fines

Mark Vosper collected on questions with respect to the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Vimy Ridge April 9-12, 1917.

## Shelterbox for Columbia:

Turns out we were \$100 short of the \$1200 required. Fortunately, Kevin Nosworthy jumped in with the last \$100 required - thanks Kevin!

Matt Debruyn chair of the Vocational Services gave us an earful:

- Dictionaries for the grade 4 students have been ordered for delivery in the fall.
- Mock job interviews at Garibaldi High School will recommence in 2018.
- Several volunteers are required for the Kindergarten booster fair.
- Winefest volunteers are required.

Kevin Nosworthy introduced our guest speaker: **Daniel Kuryga** of the Life Through Learning Society.



Originally from Poland, Daniel owns a small construction company on the North Shore.

He did not recognize the value of free education growing up, but he sure does now.

Daniel had taken a trip to Haiti in December 2016, and the area he visited was decimated during an earth quake now ten years ago and most recently (as Daniel puts it) this 5<sup>th</sup> world country was hit by a Category 4 Hurricane.

He visited a remote village and his trip took him to a grade K-9 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. The stink and the heat combined with societal breakdown has had a profound effect on him. His plan through the [Life Through Learning Society](#) and his own personal cash, is to build a new school that will withstand the rigours of Haiti to provide the hope of advancement via education.

The building has begun and there is cash in the bank. Daniel would like to partner with Rotary to build the school and to create a sustainable education program for these Haitians. He is offering to match up to \$50,000, dollar for dollar for donations to the society.



## 50/50:

Mark Forster won the draw and also won the coveted 8 of hearts. Many people have desired that card, and Mark now has it. However, he does not have the queen of that august suit and so remains as he was just before he bought his tickets (minus a few dollars).

## President's Closing Quote:

*You know you are old, when your childhood toys are found in a museum!*

**Submitted by Patrick O'Brien**