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MAY IS YOUTH SERVICE MONTH

Today (May 2): **Dale Albertson** of "ACCESS" African Canadian Continuing Education Society.

Next Week (May 9):

Happy Birthday	Happy Anniversary
	May 2: Ken & Gayle Paterson May 8: Ted & Doris Gagel

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
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



As you read these lines, final preparations are well underway for our 108th Rotary International Convention, 10-14 June in Atlanta. We're looking forward to one of the biggest and best Rotary conventions yet, as we celebrate not only a wonderful year of *Rotary Serving Humanity*, but a full century of Doing Good in the World through The Rotary Foundation.

If you haven't already made plans to attend, it's not too late to register at riconvention.org. There is simply no better way to round off another great year in Rotary than by coming together with 40,000 or so of your fellow Rotarians to share ideas, find inspiration, and have a great time together.

We're excited to have Bill Gates, a friend and partner in our work to eradicate polio, speaking at our convention this year. And it's worth arriving early to attend a special Presidential Peace Conference, scheduled for 9-10 June and featuring Bernice A. King, daughter of Martin Luther King Jr. and Coretta Scott King.

I'm proud to host a convention that is practically in my own backyard: Atlanta is a vibrant, modern state capital just a two-hour drive from my home city of Chattanooga, Tenn., and it's a great place to experience the famous hospitality of the American South. Our Host Organization Committee has a great week planned, starting with the "Blue Jeans and Bluegrass" kickoff event on Saturday night.

Come on over to Centennial Olympic Park, right across from the House of Friendship, and get in a dancing mood with Grammy Award winner Ricky Skaggs and his Kentucky Thunder band. Meet up with friends old and new at the Centennial Celebration Block Party or on the Peace Tour of Atlanta. Roll up your sleeves for the Habitat Home Build, or tie up your laces to take part in the 3K Walk/Run to End Polio Now. And before you say goodbye, come back to the House of Friendship for one more party: our Foundation's 100th birthday party, with (of course!) cake and ice cream.

It's going to be an incredible experience, and Judy and I are looking forward to celebrating with you – or, as we say in the South, with y'all! See you in Atlanta!

John F. Germ
 President 2016-17



LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Today's meeting was conducted by President-elect Libby Nelson

Guests and Family Matters

Urma Mollema's mother Ann Ferreira, from South Africa, was welcomed to our meeting.

Peter Boekhorst celebrated (yes, celebrated) another birthday on April 28, as he does on every 28th day of April.

Wine Festival

Dave Rempel, chairman of our wine Festival which was held on April 22, 2017, thanked his committee for their tremendous team spirit and a "lot of energy and enthusiasm" which they and everyone else displayed in putting on the successful event. Dave estimates that there were 250 people in attendance and he is hopeful that the club will net \$15,000 profit from the event.

It should be noted that Dave himself sold 50 tickets !!!

Happy and Sad

Dave Rempel was happy for the successful Wine Fest, and (in keeping with the theme of "spring is in the air" as expressed in the invocation given by Mark Vosper) for the fact that the Doctor has 60 eggs being incubated in his bird sanctuary maternity ward.



Walter Volpatti can't wait to celebrate the fact that he has only "one more week to go" until the end of tax season, so that he and all other accountants in town can breathe a sigh of relief for another 365 days.



Matt Debruyn, for all the volunteers at the Wine Fest.

Program:

Andrea Madden, Executive Director of our Chamber of Commerce

Andrea Madden has been the executive director of our Chamber of Commerce for the past three years, and for three years prior to that worked for the Chamber of Commerce of the Tri-Cities area. And for 14 years before that lived and worked in Singapore.



The Maple Ridge, Pitt Meadows and Mission Chambers have teamed up with Bestway Tours and Safaris to offer an 11 day guided tour to India, to be held from September 24 to October 4, 2017. The tour will explore India's "Golden Triangle" (Delhi, Agra and Jaipur), the Rathambore National Tiger Reserve and eight UNESCO world heritage sites.

The total price for the package, including airfare, is only \$2,895 for members of the Chamber, but non-members are welcome for the additional amount of only \$200. The single supplement is \$450, \$750 is due at booking, with full payment by June 30, 2017. Price includes not only return airfare, but also all taxes and airline surcharges, deluxe hotel accommodation, eight breakfasts, two lunches and four dinners, entrance fees to museums and monuments, air-conditioned transportation for all sightseeing and transfers, English-speaking tour guide in India, bottled water during sightseeing, rickshaw ride in Delhi, elephant ride at Amber Fort in Jaipur, and two Jeep safaris in the Rathambore National Park.

To reserve your space, contact Bestway Tours and Safaris at 604-264-7378.

Four-Way Test

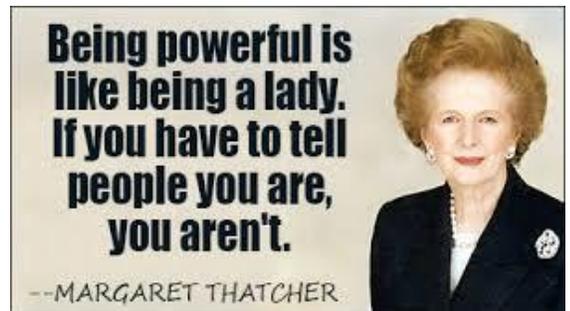
Matt DeBruyn (without whom the four-way test would not be brought to the elementary students in our District) said that the school teachers are very enthused about the program and thanked the club for doing it. However, Matt is still in need of volunteers to help out in the program.

Libby Nelson gave a special thanks to **Peter Boekhorst** for all the work and help that he does for the club.

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Once again **Betty Levens** pulled the winning ticket, and for her efforts to got to take home the 8 of Diamonds.

Closing Quote of the Day



Submitted by **Laurie Anderson**