

Meetings: Tuesday 12 Noon, Bella Vita Restaurant

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JUNE IS ROTARY FELLOWSHIP MONTH

Today (June 6): **Lindsey Willis & Susanne Lamb** - Ridge Meadows Hospice Society

Next Week (June 13):

Happy Birthday	Happy Anniversary
	Missed these last week! June 2: Mark & Pauline Forster June 4: Brian & Sharon Bekar

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
June 4	4 pm	Fireside at Matt DeBruyn's home	12593 Garibaldi St. Maple Ridge
June 10-14		Rotary International Convention	Atlanta
June 27	5:30 pm	Club Executive Installation	Chances Casino, Maple Ridge
Aug. 13		Rotary Duck Race	Maple Ridge Park – Alouette River

RI PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Growing up in Chattanooga, Tenn., my brothers and I learned young to work hard. It was a lesson taught to us by our father, who had come to the United States, alone, as a teenager. He wanted our lives to be better and easier than his had been; he wanted to give us the education and opportunities that he had missed. We always knew when he came home at 8 o'clock in the morning

after working a night shift at the paper mill, that he was doing it for us.

Looking back, through the prism of many years, I see in my father's hard work not only an expression of his love for us, but the universal desire of each generation to care for and lift up the next. And looking back at this year of service in Rotary, I see that desire reflected in each of us who have chosen to be part of this great organization. It is natural for parents to want to make things better for their children. Through Rotary, we can do so much more: We can make things better, not only for our own children, but for all children. We have the opportunity to care for and lift up those who need us the most – whether they are in our own community or on the other side of the world.

As Judy and I have traveled the world for Rotary over the last two years, we've been reminded, again and again, of what motivates us in Rotary: the simple desire to be of assistance, to give a helping hand to those who need it. Whether it means building a blood bank in Uganda, delivering an X-ray machine to a village in Guatemala, or taking care of refugees in Lebanon, Rotarians are doing what is needed most for the people who are most in need. They're working hard for the communities they care about, helping the people of those communities lead better lives.

To me, that is the essence of Rotary: that desire to be of assistance, that willingness to work for the good of others. In Rotary, when someone needs help and you can give that help, you don't walk away. You don't turn your back. You say, I'm here for you. I'll do whatever I can. And I know that whatever I do, I'm not doing it alone – I'm doing it with *Rotary Serving Humanity*.

John F. Germ
President 2016-17

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

May is Youth Service Month:

Interact, Rotaract, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA), and Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE) are Rotary sponsored programs that allow each club within the District to structure their own unique approach to Youth Service. Rotary also sponsors Global Scholars and Peace Fellows with the aim of empowering and educating young people to give back to their communities and the world.

President Ineke's opening quote Jimmy Hendrix:

*When the power of love, overcomes the love of power,
the world will know Peace*

Brian Bekar announced the guests:

Irena Shantz (honorary member) and Sabrina ??

Happy/Sad

- The hospice run was a big success this year with over 200 runners raising funds for our local hospice. Mark Vosper was a big spender placing \$10 in the pot to celebrate.
- Libby was pleased with her Rotary executive who met at her house. Apparently, they have set up a cooking and cleaning roster with weekly duties for all members of the executive and the councils of Pitt Meadows and Maple Ridge. Well done Libby!
- Ineke and Peter are saying, "See you later!" as they will be driving across the continent 9,000 Km there and back to go to some Rotary meeting (RI) in Atlanta. Safe Journey from all of us.
- Dave Rempel placed a happy buck in celebration of Ineke's great year as president. Thank you Ineke!

Announcements:

- July 9, 4pm – 7pm District Governor Lindagene Coyle's Installation Picnic at Camp Alexandra, [2916 McBride Avenue Surrey, BC](#). Bring the family at this "family event"!
- District 5050 **GOLFUN**: Homestead Golf Club in [Lynden, WA](#), August 18. All proceeds to End Polio Now and the Rotary Foundation
- District 5050 has openings for leadership opportunities at the District level. Looking for Assistant Governors in several areas. It is said with good reason, that being an AG is the best job in Rotary!

Adrienne reminds all to bring an appy (preferably ethnic – hope you like my boiled potatoes!) lawn chair, cups and drinks to the fireside at Matt's. 3 pm Sunday afternoon.

Fines:

Mark Forster fined everyone who did not know that he was the Fine Master (including himself). We are changing the name of this role to "Mystery Fine Master" to skirt further questions about which is what and what is who.

The Mystery Greeter also remains a bit of a mystery this week. No doubt retribution will be coming next week.



Today's Speaker: Jack Emberly



Jack is a retired teacher, playwright, author, environmental activist, and journalist. He writes a regular column in "The News."

Jack gave us a whirlwind history of the decline of the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) mandate to protect wild salmon stocks. Stream beds moved to allow bigger houses, delayed investigations into fish kills, inadequate resources for water quality testing were detailed.

We were sad to hear that just this week the SEP (Salmonid Enhancement Project) will be terminated. This ends the support to local salmon societies and school classrooms. The local stream keepers (KEEPS and ARMS) had DFO biologist support for important tasks such as stream restoration, fish counting, and educational programs. Classrooms raise salmon from eggs to fry in specially cooled tanks to allow children to experience salmon up close. The big release day into local river systems for this year just occurred with my grade 4 son participating; a tremendous learning experience which hopefully can continue some way or other. Minister LeBlanc is expecting a report on the Fish Act etc. in the fall and Jack and his colleagues are hoping that there will be improved protections for fish and their environments.

Jack talked about the fish ladder at the upgraded Stave river dam and hydro facility. Hopefully this project will happen and bring back the life (salmonids) to the upper water shed. The return of the salmon would bring their associated plants and animals with them and provide recreational and economic activity to east Maple Ridge.

(Editor's note) Salmon are like an intravenous line bringing nutrients from the rich ocean via the river systems into the interior of our geologically young country west of the Rockies. The lakes above the Stave river dam have been starved for these nutrients brought back in the bodies of returning salmon for 80 odd years. Time to fix this! Please consider writing to your MP, MLA, and BC hydro.

50/50

Irena Shantz drew the 8 of clubs in the 50/50 draw. Not bad, but not financially rewarding.

President Ineke's parting quote By Ronald Reagan:

Politics is not a bad profession.

If you succeed, there are many rewards.

If you disgrace yourself, you can always write a book.

Submitted by Patrick O'Brien