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JUNE IS ROTARY FELLOWSHIP MONTH

Today (June 13): **Clint Callison** – Who’s Who

Next Week (June 20):

Happy Birthday	Happy Anniversary

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 CONVENTION IN ATLANTA, GA

Hello from sunny and hot Atlanta,



After 4500 km on the road in our motorhome, we have now arrived in Atlanta. Peter and I are members of the Rotary RV Fellowship and we started our time in the beautiful state of Georgia with about 70 other RV’ers from all over North America.....including about 7 “Ausies”, sharing some really good fellowship, creating many new friendships.

We are camping in Stone Mountain State Park and made our way to the Rotary Convention site downtown Atlanta today. At this time the registration count is approx. 35,000.....yes, that’s a lot of Rotarians! Looking forward to tomorrow’s official Opening Ceremony, which is always a fantastic event.

Just one pretty special thing happening today; we’re sitting down for just a little break in the House of Friendship and as is normal, start a conversation with the person sitting next to us.....as it turns out the gentleman is the grandson of the person who wrote the 4Way Test! He showed us a way to “sign language” the 4Way Test. Only at the RI Convention something amazing like that happens!

Rotarian Greetings from Peter and Ineke (almost “past-President”!)

LAST WEEK’S MEETING

As our President **Ineke Boekhorst** and **Peter** are at the Rotary International Convention in Atlanta Georgia, **Incoming President Libby Nelson** conducted the meeting. We were having problems getting the laptop computer hooked up to the video screens, but Libby pointed out that computer problems can be traced back to Adam and Eve, as demonstrated by the following:



But **Mark Forster** worked diligently (and successfully) to get it up and running.

Cheque presentation:

Mike Davies presented a check in the amount of **\$680 to the Salvation Army**. Accepting the cheque was in **Amelia Norrie**, who stated that this money would send one child to their Camp Sunshine which is located near the ferry terminal in Gibson on the Sunshine Coast. The Army sends approximately 55 vulnerable, underprivileged children to the camp for a week in the summer, where the children have the opportunity to canoe, zip line, sit by an open fire, and generally enjoy themselves.

Happy and Sad:

Sharon Kyle gave up a happy buck and thanked **Matt DeBruyn** and Lynda for hosting the outside “fireside” (this time in a real one) at their home where a good time and lots of food was had by all. That everyone had a great time eating is demonstrated by the pictures taken by Matt of everyone feeding their faces.

Sharon also had a “worried” dollar as for a niece and nephew who are in Qatar, which is worrisome because of the political difficulties that are now going on in that country.

Libby was happy to auction off a pair of jockey shorts (of the underwear or “ginch” variety) and Mark Forster made the only bid of \$10. Libby said they would probably fit Mark because they were a large size (and clarified that she meant the underwear). [There must be a story there somewhere].

Laurie Anderson was happy that he and Lorna had enjoyed a 6,000 km trip through parts of Canada and down into North and South Dakota (where they visited Mount Rushmore) and successfully participated in the “extreme sport” of barrelling down the Coquihalla Highway in the rain at 120 kilometres per hour, yet with a number of vehicles still whizzing pass them.

(Rain? This was rain, driving 30km/h on the freeway in Kansas City. I've never seen rain like that; Peter)



Matt DeBruyn said that he will be visiting his sister and therefore not back to further Rotary meetings until July.

Program – Meadow Ridge Hospice Society

We had two speakers representing the Ridge Meadows Hospice Society.

Suzanne Lamb is the Coordinator of Bereavement Support Services. She is a registered Professional Counsellor, who specializes in grief and loss. She has worked with the Hospice Society for six years providing one-to-one counselling and facilitating grief groups for hundreds of our fellow community members.

Lindsey Willis is the Coordinator of Palliative Support Services. She has an extensive career in support services and has a



Psychology degree from UBC. She has worked in the field of End-of-life and Palliative Care for the last 10 years, providing support to individuals and families in McKenney Creek Hospice and in our community.

Ridge Meadows Hospice Society is a registered non-profit charitable organization, established in 1979 serving both Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows communities. It is the primary provider of Hospice Support in the community. It is not a part of the Hospital Foundation, Ridge Meadows Hospital, or the Fraser Health Authority. This is still a very common misconception in our community, individuals and their loved ones.

Ridge Meadows Hospice Society's Mission:

Providing compassion, support, and care to individuals and their loved ones in our community experiencing the end-of-life journey, grief, and bereavement.

Vision:

As the Society, through our efforts, and enable dying persons and their families to experience this part of their life story in comfort, dignity and peace.

The Hospice Society offers a variety of grief support services to families before and after the patient's death. It provides specially trained volunteers to offer emotional support for both the patient and family/friends.

McKenney Creek Hospice Residence is a Fraser Helped owned, 10 bed facility on Laity Street. That is not the office of hospice. The nursing and support staff at McKenney Creek or employees of Fraser Help, while the Palliative Coordinator, volunteers, programs and resources are provided by the Society.

End-of-life and palliative support services of the Society focuses on pain and symptom management when curative treatment is no longer an option. Grief support services, on the other hand, provides one to one adult support, and four children, a six-week groups support for 6 to 12-year-olds. One-on-one support is also provided to teens.

All services of Hospice are provided free of charge as it is a non-profit society. Anyone can call (604-463-7722) and request services, or email info@ridgemeadowshospice.org.

The Hospice Society does not get money from the government but is self-supporting. Large portion of its funding comes from the Hospice Society Thrift Store located at 12011 224 Street Maple Ridge (At the back of the building occupied by EPR Accounting and Haney Sewing and Sound. They are also supported through numerous fund-raising events hosted by the society itself, and being a registered non-profit society, also obtain funding through grants, memberships, donations, and bequests.

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Mark Forster walked away not only with a new pair of ginch (or was it grinch?),



but also the King of Clubs.



Submitted by Laurie Anderson