

Meetings: Tuesday 12 Noon, Bella Vita Restaurant

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Today (July 11): **Gordon Heinrich** - Doctor/Patient communication

Next Week (July 18):

Happy Birthday	Happy Anniversary

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Aug. 13		Rotary Duck Race	Maple Ridge Park – Alouette River

DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE



Here we are at the start of a new year of Rotary Making a Difference.

Congratulations are in order to DG (now IPDG) Scott who Made it Happen with a very successful year, and held a WOW district conference focused on Rotary Serving Humanity.

Over the past few weeks many people have asked me either 'are you excited?' or 'are you ready?' My responses have been varied, but basically, ready or not, here I am on July 1 District Governor with every intention of making a difference with the help of others. I look forward to working with the clubs and the Rotarians in the district who have done so much and will continue to do more.

The club installations that I managed to attend have been inspiring. We need to share more about what is happening in the district so that others are inspired and get ideas about projects they can implement. Clubs are encouraged to partner with other clubs and with community groups. Remember, together we can do more.

The District now moves forward working toward making the district vision a reality.

District 5050 Rotary Clubs are recognized as the service clubs of choice in their communities. The District enhances the success and growth of clubs through effective communications, training and leadership. Clubs work collaboratively on local and international projects that address all Rotary Avenues of Service.

Various leadership teams are working on setting goals and establishing action plans to move the process forward. The results of their work will be posted on the District website this Fall. Every Rotarian is encouraged to read the Peace Arch Journal monthly to learn what clubs are doing to make a difference in their communities and globally. In addition, refer to the district website to stay up to date on interesting and important happenings at the District, Zone and Rotary International.

District 5050 Governor 2017-18
Lindagene Coyle

LAST WEEK'S MEETING



President Libby opened her first official meeting and Sharon lead the Canadian anthem. In a surprise move, Deborah was asked to lead the US anthem in recognition of their Independence Day. She rose brilliantly to the task and received an ovation from the group.

Invocation:

Patrick told a story of his 12 year old unconsciously allowing success in shooting a basketball to dictate his self-worth. Missing drags him down, and scoring streak pulls him back up. Back and forth it goes, when there is no actual change in him has a person. How much better off he and I would be if we didn't evaluate ourselves on whether temporary or immediate success occurs. Eric chimed in with a blessing on the food.

Announcements:

- We need a female counselor for the incoming exchange student.
- Prizes for the Duck Race kid's games would be helpful as well as volunteers from 11 am to 2 pm. We have lots of stuffed animals.
- Duck Race: Brian Bekar has purchased (Thanks Brian!) hip waders for the logistics team. July 22, Eric, Brian, Clint and Patrick will take to the water for a trial run of the duck race.

Brian introduced our guests: Irena Shantz, Brandon Hunt and Scott Kyle

Happy & Sad:

- Ineke was happy about her 8th grandchild's arrival, though 6 weeks premature. The little boy is in children's hospital and seems to be coming along.
- Eric, not really a happy or sad, more of an observation on Ineke's new family member, that at least someone in Ineke's family showed up early. Ineke is such a good sport.
- Patrick was happy to report that several clients who had received a duck ticket from him had gone on to buy 4 more books on their own to support our local youth groups.
- Matt was happy to be back from Europe – had a great time but loves the space back here in Canada.

Fines: Deborah

All who had not attended another club's meeting in the last 3 months paid dearly.

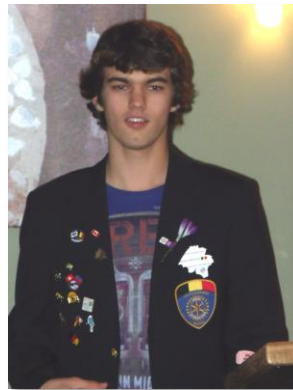
Cheque presentation:

Local fireman Scott Kyle told us about the youth fire academy fostering interest and certification for local high school students interested in being part of the emergency services.



Brandon received a \$1000 cheque from us as a bursary to further his education at BCIT heading toward becoming a journeyman electrician en route to the fire service.

Angie Blanco introduced our guest speaker **Michiel (Mic) Verhalle**, who was our 2013-14 Rotary Exchange Student from Belgium.



Mic then ...



and now

Mic brought his delightful girlfriend Cherise with him to Canada. They will be heading north with a classmate of Mic's to visit his home in Alaska.

After leaving us in the late spring of 2014, he went on a Rotary safari down the west coast to San Diego, over to the Grand Canyon and up to Yosemite. On arriving home he began his university education. Part of the program was a 6 month period in Sweden where he witnessed the northern lights and tried his hand at dog sledding. He has just graduated from that program in energy management and will be pursuing a Masters degree in the fall. He and Cherise will be back in Belgium in August where Mic will again take up his Bay Watch post lifeguarding on the beaches.

50/50:

Libby won, sort of. There is one less 2 of spades in the deck for next week

Submitted by Patrick O'Brien