

Meetings: Tuesday 12 Noon, Bella Vita Restaurant

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Today (July 25): **Dr. Frank Ervin** - Physician Quality Improvement

Next Week (Aug 1):

Happy Birthday	Happy Anniversary
July 30: Brian Bekar July 30: Deb Hyslop	July 27: Laurie & Lorna Anderson July 31: Karen & Paul Hendrickson

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Aug. 13		Rotary Duck Race	Maple Ridge Park – Alouette River
Aug. 19	10 am – 3 pm	Community Garage Sale	Memorial Peace Park (South side) M.R.

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Our meeting was conducted by **David Riddell**, in the absence of Pres. Libby Nelson who is on vacation.

Happy and Sad

Dave Rempel recently had approximately 25 people at his home and property when he hosted an annual Aviary Associations meeting.

Irena Shantz is happy to be back to work, and is now working for Coldwell Banker Tri-Tel Realty.

Ineke Boekhorst gave a dollar, saying that she didn't know why Peter was unable to make the meeting, but he has one of their grandchildren at home.

Eric Mollema is going to United Kingdom to his daughter's graduation from University. It is his first break (holiday) in about seven years.

Laurie Anderson was impressed with David Riddell's ability to get so much noise out of the president's Rotary Bell, thereby bringing everybody to attention.

Brian Bekar gave kudos to **Dave Rempel** for lining up 2 young people to help with the Duck Race.

Guest Speaker:

- Brian Timmons - Summer Kid Packs Program Presentation

Brian is a volunteer director and vice chairman of the Friends in Need Food Bank. He organizes the summer kid packs program. He has lived in Maple Ridge for approximately 13 years, and has volunteered with the Food Bank the last six or seven years. He is

in the business of building websites and the name of his company is the Orange Frog. The following is a summary of his presentation:

To begin with, I would personally like to thank this Rotary Group and especially Ineke Boekhorst, for your amazing work with getting the Starfish Backpack Program not only up and running, but continually pushing to grow the program within our community. ... I can say first hand that the impact this program has on the children that it helps is immense and profound...



The Friends In Need Food Bank also runs a school meal and snack program which currently operates in about 16 of our local elementary schools. Currently this program feeds over 500 children through either a socialized breakfast or lunch program, or through snack baskets located throughout the school. Much like the Starfish Backpack program, the effect of this program on the kids is profound.

The great thing about both of these programs is we're able to get food directly to the kids that need it and more importantly, when they need it. The schools work perfectly as a delivery method or depot for both of these programs.... During the summer months, however, school is not in session. Both programs no longer have their delivery avenues available to get the food to the kids. Well, a small group of us at the Food Bank and the Starfish Program thought we'd try and solve that problem. Now, the problem we are facing is that there is no longer a depot or delivery avenue directly to the kids. And with both programs we don't know who

exactly is receiving help during the school year..... so our approach was to try to get the kids to the food.

Burnett Fellowship Baptist Church in Maple Ridge is a huge part of the Starfish Backpack program, as they volunteer countless hours organizing and packing each backpack and making sure the backpacks are delivered to each school every single Thursday throughout the school year. They have yet again stood up and offered to help our kids in our community by volunteering their time to make the Summer Kids Packs and offering their church to be at the Depot for the summer months.....

The different ways that parents or kids can pick up the packs are as follows:

1. *Through regular operating hours at either the Maple Ridge Depot or the Pitt Meadows Depot.*
2. *Monday nights at the Maple Ridge Depot between 5 PM and 7 PM.*
3. *Wednesday nights at Burnett Fellowship Baptist Church between 5 PM and 7 PM.*
4. *Friday mornings at Glenwood Elementary School between 9 AM and 11 AM.*
5. *Summer Kids Packs are also available at the Greg Moore Youth Centre, as well as at some community services partners that deal directly with kids during the summer months.*

Each of the Summer Kid Packs consist of non-perishable foods that include drink boxes, snacks, granola bars, BearPaws and microwavable Kraft KD Bowls.

With my work at the Food Bank, I am always surprised and amazed at how our communities come together and support one another. I've dealt with families that have been victims of devastating fires to single moms just struggling to put some food on the table, to individuals suffering a life-changing accident. Every time people come out of nowhere wanting to donate and help in any way they can, not asking for anything in return.

I can't thank you enough for yet again stepping up for the community and its kids. Your support will go a long way to funding this program and ensuring that we can continue to get food to kids that need during the summer months. Thank you again for everything you do for this community.

On behalf of all the School Board and School District 42, **Dave Rempel** thanked Brian Timmons and the Food Bank for all they do on behalf of the children of the community.

Clint Callison and **Adrienne Dale** both volunteered their business premises as drop off centres.

David Riddell presented a check from our Rotary Club in the amount of \$3,000 in support of the Starfish Backpack Program.



At our next meeting, the Club will advise what arrangements we can make as a Rotary Club to make a donation to the fire victims in BC, probably through a Rotary club in the affected areas. Several club members volunteered to give money for this project.

Ineke advised that the annual Garage Sale of our Rotary club will be held on August 19 between 10 AM and 2 PM, and that volunteers are needed to set up starting at 9:00 am, as well as operating the garage sale between 10 AM and 2 PM.

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Irena Shantz won the four of Clubs.

Submitted by Laurie Anderson

COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE AUGUST 19, 10 AM – 2 PM (SET UP STARTS AT 8:30 AM)

- We need donations of garage sale items. (No baby seats/ cribs or large furniture items)
- Everything needs to be clean and “working”.
- Call Peter or Ineke for drop off/pick up. (604-465-3392)
- We need volunteers for 2 hr shifts on Aug 19.
- Assistance required for: set up, pricing, sales, and break down.
- All remaining leftover items will be donated to the Ridge Meadows Hospice Thrift Store
- 100% of proceeds to Rotary projects.