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## SEPTEMBER IS BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY MONTH

**Today** (Sep 5): **Lauren Hinnen** - Canuck Place  
**Next Week** (Sep 12): **John Charbonneau** - Reverse Mortgages

Happy Birthday	Happy Anniversary
	Sep. 2: Debbie & Fraser MacRae

### CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Sep. 8 - 10		Annual Rotary Camp-out	Wild Rose Campground - 62030 Flood Hope Rd, Hope
Sep. 10 - 14		BC Thanksgiving Food Drive: Bag drop Sept 10 - 14	Collection Sept 16th
Wed. Sep. 20	6 pm	Rotary Duck Race - Cheque distribution	Meadow Gardens Golf Club, Pitt Meadows
Thu. Sep. 21		Pub Night in support of Fraser Valley Rotaract Club	Townhall Pub 33720 S Fraser Way, Abbotsford
Sun. Oct. 15		House concert with Robert and Kaitlyn Campbell	Adrienne Dale - 10295 248th St. Maple Ridge
Feb. 9-11		Presidential Peace Building Conference, 2018 <a href="https://environmentandpeace.com">https://environmentandpeace.com</a>	Hyatt Regency Vancouver

### RI PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



One of the best parts of any Rotary convention is the sheer diversity of the people you see there. Whether you're heading into a breakout session, exploring the House of Friendship, or sitting down for a bite to eat, you'll meet people from every corner of the world, in all kinds of national attire, speaking just about every

language. It's a lot of fun, and it's a big part of what makes Rotary great: that we can be so different and still find ourselves so at home together.

That spirit of warm community that is so central to Rotary also defines Toronto, our host city for the 2018 Rotary International Convention. Toronto is one of my favorite cities. It's a place where half the population is from another country, where over 140 languages are spoken by 2.8 million residents, and where no one ever seems to be too busy to be helpful. In addition to being clean, safe, and friendly, Toronto is a wonderful place to visit, with its attractive Lake Ontario waterfront, great restaurants, one-of-a-kind museums, and interesting neighborhoods to explore.

The 2018 convention already promises to be one of our best ever. Our Convention Committee and Host Organization Committee are hard at work lining up inspiring speakers, great

entertainment, fascinating breakout sessions, and a wide variety of activities across the city. There will be something for everyone in Toronto, and Juliet and I encourage you to do what we'll be doing – bring your families along for the fun. If you plan early, your convention experience will be even more affordable: The deadline for discounted early registration (there is an additional discount for registering online) is 15 December.

As much as Toronto offers to Rotarians, the true draw is, of course, the convention itself. It's a once-a-year opportunity to recharge your Rotary batteries, to see what the rest of the Rotary world is up to, and to find inspiration for the year ahead. Find out more at [riconvention.org](http://riconvention.org) – and find Inspiration Around Every Corner at the 2018 Rotary Convention in Toronto.

**Ian H.S. Riseley**  
**President 2017-18**

### LAST WEEK'S MEETING

President Libby's Quote for the Day:

*"After I'm dead I'd rather have people ask why I have no monument than why I have one."*

Cato the Elder, Roman orator & politician (234 BC - 149 BC)



## Happy and Sad

**Dave Rempel** - has four happy dollars as follows:

- The International Committee's gift to support the project of the Rotary Club in Novosibirsk, Russia, has been sent.
- He recently hosted a group of friends at his home and had a great time
- Frisbee Golf is set for October 1, 2017
- It has been 24 years since the first child was adopted from Russia through Dave's society. She came to Canada on October 12, 1993 and is now 26 years old. Her name is **Natasha Kozak**, and for two months in October and November she will be coming back to Maple Ridge, and is looking for work during that period babysitting children or other possible jobs.

**Irena Shantz** - she has booked a cruise on the Mediterranean

**Pres. Libby** - as usual, a happy dollar for participating in our club.

Our Program - Ineke and Peter's trip to the Rotary International Convention in Atlanta, Georgia



**Ineke and Peter Boekhorst** drove their motorhome (actually, Peter did all the driving) to Atlanta, Georgia, for the 2017 Rotary International Convention, clocking 10,000 km for the return trip. They were two of the 45,000 people who attended the Convention, and it was the 14th convention that one or both of them have attended. The RV park where they stayed with approximately 80 other Rotary RV rigs (participating from as far away as Australia and England) was approximately 45 minutes from downtown Atlanta, Georgia, located in the beautiful RV park in Stone Mountain Park.

Ineke said that the convention was "amazing", including the breakout sessions. Two of the several sessions which they attended, included these topics: "successful Rotary meeting formats" and "teaching the four-way test to decrease bullying".

The Speakers were top-notch, and included **Ashton Kutcher**, who is the founder of Thorn: Digital Defenders of Children, and **Jack Nicklaus**, golf icon, philanthropist, and Rotary Ambassador for polio eradication. Other speakers included **James Quincey**, the CEO of the Coca-Cola Company, who spoke about the power of corporate partnerships to address the world's problems, Microsoft chair **Bill Gates**, and **Bob Corker** who is a United States Senator.



Key issues for the convention included the issue of human trafficking, which takes many forms, but includes forced labour

and sex slavery. Members learned about the difference that one person can make in combating modern slavery.

One thing that Ineke and Peter always enjoy was the "House of Friendship" where the participants find music, entertainment, food, Rotarians from all over the world, and interesting displays about Rotary projects. In it was a large blackboard where Rotarians could write greetings from all over the world. (It was so filled up that Ineke had to crouch down on her knees to find a spot and wrote "Rotary Rocks! P&I District 5050".)



Peter and Ineke made a fashion statement by donning plastic gloves and hats and volunteered at the "Rise Against Hunger" booth, a project which they hope to bring to our District 5050. Ineke showed us a couple of the package which contain

highly nutritious, dehydrated meals comprised of rice, soy, vegetables and 23 essential vitamins and minerals. The packages cost \$.60 per package, with a minimum purchase order of 20,000 packages. *Rotary members across the globe are committed to ending hunger. Rise Against Hunger's meal packaging program is closely aligned with Rotary's six areas of focus, including fighting disease, providing clean water, supporting education, saving mothers and children, and growing local economies. Since 2005, Rotary members and student Interact/Rotaract clubs have packaged over 30 million meals that have been distributed across the globe.*

Impressive amounts of money were pledged by countries and world organizations to end polio. The Canadian Minister of Health pledged \$100 million Canadian, the European Commission \$60 million, USA \$233 million and India at \$154 million (the rest in US funds).

In addition to the convention, Ineke and Peter saw many interesting things during their travels, such as:

- Dr. Martin Luther King Historical Sites, Museum, church and his residence;
- The Grand Ole Opry in Nashville Tennessee;
- "Wall Drug" in a tiny town in South Dakota ("an interesting marketing experience");
- Mount Rushmore, in South Dakota and
- Old Faithful Geyser in Yellowstone National Park, in Wyoming



Ineke and Peter have already signed up for the **2018 Rotary International Convention in Toronto**. (Any Takers???) Although they are taking their motorhome again, Rotary members who do not have Peter's driving skills or a motorhome to demonstrate them, can always take a flight across Canada.

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**Clint Callison** was the lucky winner of the ..... 7 of Clubs !!

President's Closing Quote:



Submitted by **Laurie Anderson**