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## SEPTEMBER IS BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY MONTH

**Today** (Sep 26): **Bonnie Telep and Rick Howard** - Maple Ridge Community Foundation

**Next Week** (Oct 3): **Mina**, our Exchange Student from Austria

Happy Birthday		Happy Anniversary	
Oct. 2:	Clint Callison	Sep. 26:	Mark & Linda Vosper

## CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
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

## LAST WEEK'S MEETING

President Libby Nelson's Quote for the Day:

*"Surround yourself with good people.  
 People that are good for you, good to you, and good for your soul."*

Guests:

Assistant Governor **Preet Pall** (for our Area D)  
**Brenda Jenkins** (realtor)

Today's meeting was the official visit of our District Governor, **Lindagene Coyle**.

She was introduced by our AG **Preet Pall**.

Who is our DG? Here is a bit about her:



**Lindagene Coyle** has lived in Vancouver, Richmond and Surrey since 1971, having immigrated from the USA. She has three children and three grandchildren.

*She began her working life in Vancouver at Opportunity Rehabilitation Workshop, an assessment and vocational training centre for persons with disabilities. Her job was to contact employers to determine their willingness to hire persons with disabilities. She moved from that position to Douglas College in the counselling department as an educational planner.*

*Over the next 33 years Lindagene held several increasingly responsible positions at Douglas and then Kwantlen College. Lindagene retired from Kwantlen Polytechnic University where she was Vice President and was honoured with Vice President Emerita status. As an active community member Lindagene has sat on many boards including Richmond Chamber of Commerce, Business and Employment Action Committee of Surrey, Surrey Social Policy Advisory Committee, BC Labour Force Development Board, the Coalition of Visible Minority Peoples of BC, and Canadian Club of Vancouver to name a few. She was the founding (1991) and now current president of WPSE-Women in Post-Secondary Education and a Protocol Officer during the 2010 Winter Olympics.*

*Lindagene joined the Richmond Sunset Rotary Club in 2002 where she became secretary, treasurer, president, Paul Harris Committee chair and held other director positions. In 2012, she moved to the District 5050 Rotary Club of White Rock Peninsula, and was Assistant Governor for Area F. She was District 5040 Membership Chair; is on the District 5050 Membership Committee; is a faculty member for the Rotary Leadership Institute; was a PETS instructor and on PETS curriculum committee.*

Lindagene has been on three international projects to deliver wheelchairs and experienced the emotion of putting people in their first wheelchair: people who had spent years in a hammock or on a bed unable to get around. She visited Mayan villages to determine their needs and returned to see the difference a water tower can make to a remote community.

Lindagene is a multiple Paul Harris Fellow, in the Paul Harris Society, and a Benefactor. She belongs to several Rotary Fellowships: Wine, Singles, Convention Goers, Gourmet, and International Travel and Hosting, Whiskey, as well as, the Action Group for Peace. Going to Rotary International Conventions (she has been to nine) and cruising are her favourite activities. She firmly believes there is a Rotary Club for everyone.

The following are some of the highlights of our DG's talk to our Club:

"What is the purpose of the visit of a District Governor?" she asked. There are several purposes: for the club members to meet the DG, for the DG to get to know the clubs, to allow the DG to hear from clubs and their members, to share with the club the priorities of Rotary International, to provide updates on Rotary matters, and to share the District priorities.

She likes this year's theme: "Rotary: Making a Difference". It is a simple theme that the general community can understand.

This year's RI President has the following areas of focus:

- 1) support the Clubs;
- 2) focus on an increase of humanitarian service; and
- 3) enhance public image and awareness of Rotary.

There are 57 clubs in District 5050, and only 5 of those clubs got the last year's Presidential Citation - and our Meadow Ridge Rotary club was one of those 5, which indicates that we are a very active club.

The District Governor urged us all to read the Peace Arch Journal. Not only will we know what is going on in the district, but also we can put articles in the Journal and let others in our district know what our club is doing.

Our district 5050 has the following Key Areas of Focus:

1. Membership growth (which is the #1 priority)
2. The Rotary International Foundation – EREY (Every Rotarian Every Year)
3. Leadership development and training
4. Youth programs - and the Youth Protection Policy
5. Public image and communication (enhance the public's recognition of the Rotary Brand)

District Governor Lindagene urged all club members to keep informed, by:

- reading the [Peace Arch Journal](#)



- visit the [District Website](#)



- get a "My Rotary" account to access information ([my.rotary.org](http://my.rotary.org))
- post on the [District 5050 Facebook](#) account
- post your business on [Rotary Networking Plus](#)

Our DG also reminded us of the following events which should not be missed:

- The District Conference - to be held on a cruise ship in May
- The presidential Peace building Conference in Vancouver from February 9 – 11
- The International Rotary Convention to be held in Toronto

In conclusion, she urged us to read the Piece Arch Journal, share our club's success with others, serve at the District level, and have our club achieve the Presidential Citation.

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**Betty Levens** walked away with the 5 of Diamonds.

President Libby's closing quote:

Live in such a way that you wouldn't be ashamed to sell your parrot to the town gossip.

Will Rogers.

Submitted by Laurie Anderson