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OCTOBER IS ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MONTH

Today (Oct 3): **Mina**, our Exchange Student from Norway

Next Week (Oct 10):

Happy Birthday	Happy Anniversary

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 https://environmentandpeace.com	Hyatt Regency Vancouver

RI PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Some years ago in the Melbourne, Australia, museum where my daughter used to work, an iron lung was on display. For most people my age who remembered the terrifying polio epidemics of the 1950s, that iron lung was a testament to how far vaccination had brought us: to the point where that once-critical piece of medical equipment had literally become a museum piece.

For much of the world, the story of polio is a simple one: After years of fear, a vaccine was developed and a disease was conquered. But for some of the world, the story was different. In so many countries, the vaccine wasn't available, mass vaccination was too expensive, or children simply couldn't be reached. While the rest of the world relegated polio to its museums, in these countries, the disease continued to rage – until Rotary stepped forward and said that all children, no matter where they lived or what their circumstances, deserved to live free of polio.

In the years since PolioPlus was launched, the combined efforts of Rotary, the governments of the world, and the Global Polio Eradication Initiative have brought the number of cases of polio down from an estimated 350,000 per year to just a few so far in 2017. But we must reach zero cases, and stay there, to achieve eradication. To do that, we need everyone's help.

On 24 October, we will mark World Polio Day. It is a day to celebrate how far we have come and an opportunity for all of us to raise awareness and funds to complete the work of eradication. I ask every Rotary club to participate in some way in World Polio Day activities, and I encourage you to visit endpolio.org for ideas and to register your event. Whether you host a silent auction, a virtual reality viewing, a fundraising walk, or a Purple Pinkie Day, your club can make a real difference.

This year, our World Polio Day livestream event will take place at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation headquarters in Seattle; you can watch it on endpolio.org beginning at 2:30 p.m. Pacific time. As many of you know, Rotary has committed to raising \$50 million a year for the next three years. This amount will be matched 2-to-1 by the Gates Foundation – effectively tripling the value of all money Rotary raises on World Polio Day and throughout the year. Let's all make a difference on World Polio Day – and help End Polio Now.

Ian H.S. Riseley
President 2017-18

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Guests:

- **Ana Castillo** (former exchange student)
- **Joanne Leginus** (Community Services Council)
- **Bonnie Telep** (Maple Ridge Community Foundation)
- **Ernie Daykin** (Maple Ridge Community Foundation)
- **Rick Howard** (Maple Ridge Community Foundation)

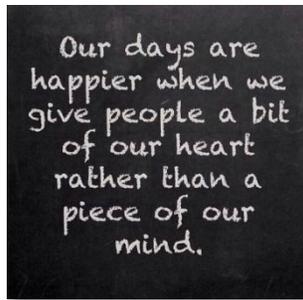
Cheque Presentation:



Mike Davies presented a cheque in the amount of \$1500 to **Joanne Leginus** in support of the Meals on Wheels Program. Joanne stated that the number of seniors receiving meals increased from 1300 to 1700 per month. There are now seven drivers delivering the meals. Seniors who cannot afford to pay for them receive them free. She stated that there is now

a higher percentage than ever of seniors in need, and our donation helps greatly with their program.

Ana Castillo (who as we all know it is from Mexico) made a very emotional plea to assist her in sending money to Mexico so that people there can have something to eat and a place to live. In addition to collecting donations, she is selling cookies to raise money for this project.



Presidents quote for the day:

Happy and Sad:

Ineke Boekhorst is very proud of her daughter **Marjolein**, who is now on the Public Relations Committee for our zone.

Brian Bekar is very happy with the results of the Duck Race, and everyone who participated in its organization.

Program:

The Maple Ridge Community Foundation - **Bonnie Telep** and **Ernie Daykin**



About our speakers- both Bonnie and Ernie have been very active in the community for donkey's years, and both are directors in the Maple Ridge Community Foundation. Bonnie is a member of the Haney Rotary Club, and was chair of last year's Duck Race. She is well known for raising funds for worthy causes, including the construction of the ACT. Ernie is a past Mayor, and is currently the chairman of the Seniors Network (Joanne Leginus is the vice chair).

Bonnie stated that there were two things that she is very passionate about: Rotary and the Maple Ridge Community Foundation ("MRCF"). The Foundation was established in 1976, and was originally part of the municipality. Ours is one of 191 community foundations across Canada. The Maple Ridge Community Foundation now has an endowment of \$1.2 million. All money given to the Foundation is managed by the foundation, and the income goes out for the benefit of the community. None of the capital is spent. Last year, there were requests for \$140,000, and \$32,500 was paid out to other registered charities and non-profit organizations including such things as programs to feed children and to help seniors, and provide scholarships to needy students.

The slogan of the MRCF is "We are Maple Ridge". Since 2000, it has paid into the community is \$664,000. Its two major fundraisers are its annual golf tournament and its annual Dinner. It also has other fundraisers such as the pub night which will be held on October 12, 2017 at the Billy Minor Pub.

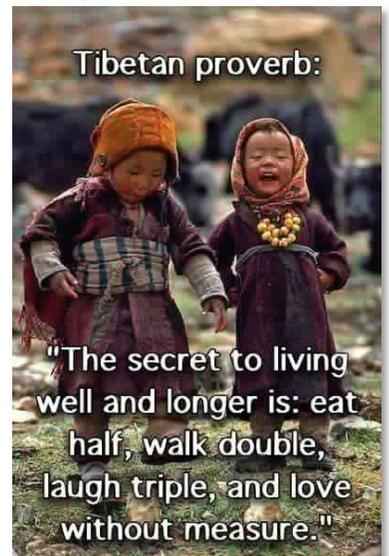
The MRCF is also a partner in the Maple Ridge Community Chest program, a local organization which provides emergency financial relief to local families in crisis, helping people in need on a "one-time basis". For example, there was a young student who needed prescription glasses, the lack of which inhibited his progress in school. On another occasion there was a lady who needed money to get through her practicum but could not afford the cost. With the help of the Community Chest, she completed the practicum and was able to get into employment in her chosen field. On another occasion, they purchased a proper bed for a child who was sleeping on the floor. And on another, fixed a broken window in a door which made a tenant feel much more secure living in her premises. October 8-15 is Community Chest Week.

Pres. Libby Nelson, quoting her late husband, said "put it in your will – you won't feel a thing".

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Pres. Libby pulled the 7 of Spades.

President's Closing Quote for the Day:



Submitted by Laurie Anderson