

Meetings: Tuesday 12 Noon, Bella Vita Restaurant

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## NOVEMBER IS ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH

Today (Nov 28):

Next Week (Dec 5):

| Happy Birthday | Happy Anniversary |
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## CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT EVENTS:

| Date         | Time      | Event   | Venue  |
|--------------|-----------|---|--|
| Tue. Dec. 12 | Noon      | AGM & Election of Officers  | Bella Vita Restaurant  |
| Sat. Dec. 16 |           | Rotary Christmas Party  | Clint & Cheryl Callison – <a href="#">10145 247B St, Maple Ridge</a> |
| Sat. Dec. 16 |           | CP Holiday Train  | <b>Train arrival</b> - Haney: 7:30 PM Pitt Meadows: 8:45 PM          |
| Tue. Jan. 9  | 12-1:30pm | Speaker is RI Vice President <b>Dean Rohrs</b> .  | Meadow Gardens Golf Club, Pitt Meadows                               |
| Feb. 9-11    |           | Presidential Peace Building Conference<br><a href="https://environmentandpeace.com">https://environmentandpeace.com</a> | Hyatt Regency Vancouver  |

## LAST WEEK'S MEETING

President Libby's quote for the day:

*"I always say what I mean, but I don't mean to say it out loud"*

Guest Rotarian:

Our guest was **Larry Taloni**, from the Clayton Valley / Concord Sunrise Rotary Club, north east of San Francisco.

He exchanged club banners with our president.



He says that he always likes to visit other Rotary clubs, and has been to meetings in such faraway places as China and Greece. Larry told us a little bit about his Rotary Club, which has 55 members. They have "very noisy" meetings and lots of activities, including "hands on" community service projects.

- One project (which they call the "Clunker Program") is to get old cars donated. They have a club member who fixes these up and then they are sold. They make somewhere between \$90,000 and \$125,000 a year on this project alone.
- They have sponsored an eye surgeon for the past three years, and this doctor has, for example, gone to Zambia where he restores people's sight.
- They sponsor a cancer clinic in Mexico by getting used hospital equipment and donating it to a cancer center in Mexico. They have donated over \$150,000 worth of equipment.
- They also sponsor a clinic in Kenya which operates two weeks out of the year.
- Like our own club, they are involved in the local food bank. Larry himself is in charge of supervising this program which includes "hands on" packaging of various food products. By donating their time, they have saved approximately \$550,000 in wages which would otherwise have had to have been paid over the last 13 years to do this job which they are doing.
- They also go to the homes of seniors and other shut-ins and do home repairs.
- They are also actively involved in Interact.

## Happy and Sad

As it is close to the American Thanksgiving, **Dave Rempel** was thinking what he has to be thankful for. When his mother left Eastern Europe, the authorities were going to send the family to Paraguay, but his mother insisted they go to Canada. David is very thankful about that.

**Lynda Lawrence** was participating in a program to introduce her to formal membership in the Catholic Church, and was supposed to remember and repeat six words. Although one could say she passed with only a 50% average (i.e., she could only remember three of the six words) she is still in the program.

**Ineke Boekhorst** was happy to enjoy the company of **Libby and Sharon Kyle** as they went to the Foundation Dinner, which is an annual event put on by district 50-50.

**President Libby** said that Ineke made up a great basket which was auctioned off to raise money for the Foundation. (Did we hear Libby say, couple of weeks ago, that if Ineke hadn't volunteered to do it, she herself would have found the task too daunting?)

## Pin Presentation:

President Libby presented **Mark Forster** with Paul Harris +1 pin, in recognition of his contribution of \$2,000 to the Rotary Foundation.



**Lynda Lawrence** was our Fine Master, and had some fun educating us with a bit of Rotarian trivia, such as the following:

- 1 What is the greatest distance from Chicago that a Rotary pin has been displayed?

Answer: the moon. Astronaut Buzz Aldrin, an honorary Rotarian of the Rotary Club of Spring Lake - Brielle where his father was a member, planted a Four-Way-Test pin on the moon when he landed Apollo 11.

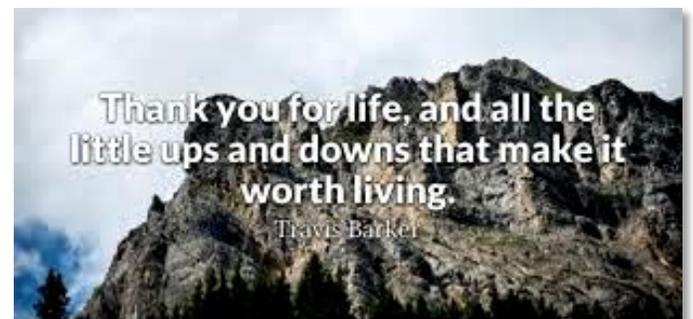


- 2 What is the largest annual public relations project of Rotary clubs in the United States and Canada?

Answer: the Rotary float in the Rose Parade which is seen by between 250-million and 1-billion people every year.



## President's closing thought for the day:



Submitted by Laurie Anderson