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## JANUARY IS VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH

**Today** (Jan 23): **Installation of new member, Brenda Jenkins**  
**Matt DeBruyn** - Who's Who

**Next Week** (Jan 30): **Hannah Nelson** - exchange student experience

Happy Birthday		Happy Anniversary
Jan. 27:	Sharon Kyle	
Jan. 28:	Mike Davies	

## CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Feb. 9-11		Presidential Peace Building Conference <a href="https://environmentandpeace.com">https://environmentandpeace.com</a>	Hyatt Regency Vancouver
Feb. 10		Valentine dinner at Mark and Pauline Forster's house	<a href="#">11439-234A St., Maple Ridge</a>
May 8-12		District Conference	MS Eurodam

## LAST WEEK'S MEETING

### Be the Inspiration

**President Libby** advised that Rotary International **President-elect Barry Rassin**, a member of the Rotary Club of East Nassau, New Providence, Bahamas, unveiled the 2018-19 presidential theme, *Be the Inspiration*, to incoming district governors at Rotary's International Assembly in San Diego, California, USA. "I want you to inspire in your clubs, your Rotarians, that desire for something greater. The drive to do more, to be more, to create something that will live beyond each of us."



### President's Quotable Quote



### Valentines Social and Dinner

Our club will be meeting at **Mark and Pauline Forster's** house for a Valentine dinner on **February 10, 2018**. Mark your calendars!

### Happy and Sad

**Laurie Anderson** advised that **Greg Lane** has agreed to put his name forward as a Rotary member. Happy news for Greg is that today January 16, he and his wife had a new baby girl (their second).

**Lynda Lawrence** enjoyed a vacation with her dad in Maui.

**Matt DeBruyn** said that the four-way test program in the schools may be postponed because some of the students are going on a trip to Québec.

Upon hearing that, **Eric Mollema** had a sad dollar for the kids having to go to Québec.

**Ineke Boekhorst** was happy to advise that **Centra Lawyers** (in which our own **Eric Mollema** and **Adrienne Dale** stand tall) donated \$525 to the Starfish Pack program.

### Speaker: Belinda Carlaw - Coldest Night of the Year

Belinda is the new fundraising coordinator for the Maple Ridge Salvation Army, having been on the job for only four weeks. Prior to joining the Army, she worked for seven years for the Woman Care Pregnancy Center in Maple Ridge. She has been a Maple Ridge resident for 30 years and has four children.



Belinda encouraged us all to participate in some manner in this fundraising event, either by collecting pledges and participating in the Walk, or simply by donating funds. Last year the Walk raised \$16,000 for the Army's charities, and Belinda's goal this year is \$25,000.



Last year **Ineke and Peter together with Lynda Lawrence** braved the cold, and this year they will be doing it again, and are looking for our support (see Ineke's email below). Belinda manned one of the Salvation Army Christmas buckets for a couple of hours when it was below freezing during Christmas, and noted how cold she felt. Imagine being on the street all night for weeks at a time. The Salvation Army raises funds for the hungry and provides food hampers, clothing, and other necessities for those in need. Last year the Salvation Army prepared 60,000 meals, gave out 22,000 school lunches, 89 food hampers and helped 481 families.

As for the Coldest Night of the Year walk itself, one can choose a 2, 5 or 10 km walk. The captain of each "team" is responsible to raise money. It cost \$25 to enter, but if the team raises at least \$150 the fee is waived. Also, each participant gets a tuque, touque or toque (you pick).

This year's event will be held on February 24. Mark it on your calendar.

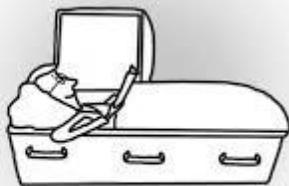
#### 50-50

The big winner of the Ace of Spades was **Laurie Anderson**.

President Libby's closing quote:

**"ALWAYS READ  
SOMETHING  
THAT WILL MAKE YOU  
LOOK GOOD  
IF YOU DIE  
IN THE MIDDLE OF IT."**

- P. J. O'Rourke



#### A note from Ineke and Peter

Dear friend,

On February 24th, I'm participating in the **Coldest Night of the Year**, a winter walk fundraiser that supports the hungry, homeless, and hurting in my community. I'm walking for some friends of mine who I'd love to introduce you to.

*When I began volunteering at the local foodbank, I met John. He's been dealt a hard hand in life – he grew up in the foster care system and has struggled with mental health issues and addiction throughout his adult life. John has been working hard to gain control over his circumstances and has recently enrolled in Salvation Army Ridge Meadows' (SARM) vocational skills program. Once he graduates, he's hoping to be accepted into SARM's work placement program. He told me he has more hope for his future than ever before.*

All of this was made possible through SARM, which is raising support through the Coldest Night WALK this year.



#### **So, will you sponsor me?**

You can donate to my cause through the link below – give securely online using a credit card or Paypal, and you'll receive a charitable receipt immediately.

Click [Donate](#) or paste following link into your browser:

<https://secure.e2rm.com/registrator/TeamFundraisingPage.aspx?teamID=789494&langPref=en-CA>

Or, write a cheque and send it to me – either way, your donation will make a huge difference in the lives of those who benefit from SARM's great work.

**Thank you**

Submitted by Laurie Anderson