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MARCH IS WATER AND SANITATION MONTH

Today (Mar 27): **Val Patenaude**, Maple Ridge Historical Society - Part 3 of local Archaeological Saga

Next Week (Apr 3):

Happy Birthday	Happy Anniversary
March 30: David Riddell	

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
May 8-12		District Conference	MS Eurodam
June 23-27		Rotary International Convention	Toronto, On

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Guest (apart from speaker): Libby's daughter **Caroline Nelsen**

True terror is to wake up one morning and discover that your high school class is running the country.

Presidents Quote for the Day:

Ineke Boekhorst has put together, with the Haney Rotary Club, another Rotary Page in the News. It will be published once a month with each club writing the story line on alternate months. Any club member who is willing to put an add on the page, please contact Ineke.

Mike Davies advised that the Maple Ridge Historical Society is looking for new volunteers to go on the board of directors of the Society. Mike is a director himself. If you are willing to join him on the Board, please contact him.

Happy and Sad dollars:

Irena Shantz, who has been working diligently for the annual Duck Race, displayed the banner which will be used around town to help sell tickets. It shows the sports car which is the top prize (again donated by Maple Ridge Chrysler) as well as the various sponsors of this annual fundraising event.

President Libby Nelsen was happy to have her daughter Caroline visiting our meeting today and thanked Irena Shantz for working with us on the Duck Race.

Mark Forster advised that his mother had a fainting spell while visiting Save-On Foods, and is currently in the hospital for tests. We all wish her the best.

Dave Rempel continues to be very happy to be a Rotarian, and expressed how important it is for us to look on the bright side all the time.

Brian Bekar took up Dave's challenge and gave a dollar.

Program: **Leslie Norman**, Pitt Meadows Museum



Leslie Norman is the curator of the Pitt Meadows Museum, a position which she has held for over 20 years. The Museum is operated by the PM Heritage and Museum Society, which came together in 1978 and incorporated in 1980. Their main role is to be the charitable governing authority of the PM Museum and Archives. Their first task was to set up a Museum in the community, and they accomplished this with a space

in the old municipal hall and soon after moved to a small site in an old house on Harris Road. In 1995 the Society moved into a slightly larger house on Davison Road, having their grant opening on Canada Day of that year. In 1995 they also received their first fee for service under the newly formed joint parks department, and they hired a very part time Curator.

Just three years later in 1998, the Society was on the move again, this time to a permanent home in the Old General Store building at 12294 Harris Road.



The municipality had purchased the heritage building in 1997 and did a restoration over eight months allowing the Museum to open to the public on Pitt Meadows Day in June 1998. The Society has been here ever since and have added to the facility the Hoffmann and Son Machine site in 1999.

The Hoffmann and Son site is a 1930's machine shop. It includes a working forge and a collection of restored stationary engines. The site was donated to the Museum in 1999 by the Hoffmann family, and opened to the public in 2001.



Today, the Museum has a ¾ time curator (Leslie) and three very part time museum assistants. It also takes on up to three full-time summer students each year. Outside of that, it relies on volunteers and contractors working on honorariums to help run its programs and keep the Society functioning.

Leslie spoke to us about the Memories Mapping Project.

This is the Museum's latest project (developed with "BC|Canada 150" grants), which is a revamped website that features a new interactive Community History Map that allows the public to be the recorders of the long past and more recent history of the Pitt Meadows area. You can go on the Museums Website, and click on the map to add your history or explore what others have left.

The map can be found at pittmeadowsmuseum.com/community-map

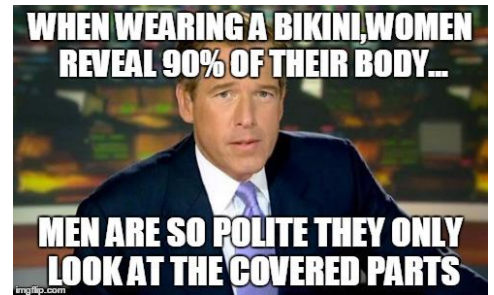
The museum is open:

- Tuesdays: Researchers by appointment only
- Wednesdays: 1:00PM - 4:00PM
- Thursdays: 1:00PM - 4:00PM
- Sundays: 1:00PM - 4:00PM

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Today's winner was guest **Caroline Nelson**, who walked home \$31 richer (minus the \$20 dinner ticket of course).

President's closing quip for the day:



Submitted by Laurie Anderson

The screenshot shows the Pitt Meadows Museum website. On the left is a navigation menu with 'HOME', 'COMMUNITY MAP', 'ABOUT', 'COLLECTIONS', and 'PROGRAMS'. The main content area features a map of the museum area with a red pin marking the location. To the right of the map is a page titled 'The General Store' which contains the following text:

The General Store was built in 1886 on Herring Road. In 1908, it was moved by horses on logs to its current location which is south of the railway on the east side of Harris Road. It was known as Struthers Store and Post Office. The General store is made up of wooden horizontal boards. It has a wooden sidewalk and an upper deck. In 1930c, the owners at the time (the Struthers family), closed the General Store to turn it into a family home. Simultaneously, opening a more modern structure for a new consolidated Grocers Store, just to the south of the building.

The second photo displays the front and side of the store. The gentlemen standing on the deck of the building, near the horse and carriage is presumed to be William Struthers, the shop keeper.

The third photo shows the back of the General Store in 1921. The exterior boxes on the south side possess the Post office, which continues to be in use until 1944, even after the store closed in the 1930s. One of the two men standing outside the front doors may be William Struthers, the store owner.

Details:
 Latitude: 49.225994760129694
 Longitude: -122.68926344811916
 Direct Link: <http://www.pittmeadowsmuseum.com/locations/the-general-store>

At the bottom right of the page is a small photograph of the General Store building.