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APRIL IS MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH MONTH

Today (Apr 3):
 Next Week (Apr 10):

Happy Birthday	Happy Anniversary

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Apr. 15		Club Picnic	
May 8-12		District Conference	MS Eurodam
June 23-27		Rotary International Convention	Toronto, On

RI PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



At the 1990 Rotary International Convention in Portland, Oregon, then President-elect Paulo Costa told the gathered Rotarians, "The hour has come for Rotary to raise its voice, to claim its leadership, and to rouse all Rotarians to an honorable crusade to protect our natural resources." He declared a Rotary initiative to "Preserve Planet Earth," asking Rotarians to make environmental issues part of their service agenda: to plant trees, to work to keep our air and water clean, and to protect the planet for future generations.

President Costa asked that one tree be planted for each of the 1.1 million members that Rotary had at the time. We Rotarians, as is our wont, did better, planting nearly 35 million trees by the end of the Rotary year. Many of those trees are likely still flourishing today, absorbing carbon from the environment, releasing oxygen, cooling the air, improving soil quality, providing habitat and food for birds, animals, and insects, and yielding a host of other benefits. Unfortunately, while those trees have kept on doing good for the environment, Rotary as a whole has not carried its environmental commitment forward.

That is why, at the start of this year, I followed Paulo Costa's example and asked Rotary to plant at least one tree for every Rotary member. My goal was to achieve a good beyond the considerable benefits that those 1.2 million (or more!) trees would themselves bring. It is my hope that by planting trees, Rotarians will renew their interest in, and attention to, an issue

that we must put back on the Rotary agenda: the state of our planet.

Environmental issues are deeply entwined in every one of our areas of focus and cannot be dismissed as not Rotary's concern. Pollution is affecting health across the globe: More than 80 percent of people in urban areas breathe unsafe air, a number that rises to 98 percent in low- and middle-income countries. If current trends continue, by 2050 the oceans are expected to contain more plastics by weight than fish. And rising temperatures are well-documented: Global annual average temperatures increased by about 2 degrees F (1.1 degrees C) from 1880 through 2015. That this change was caused by humans is not a subject of scientific debate, nor is the likelihood of vast economic and human disruption if the trend continues unchecked. The need for action is greater than ever – and so is our ability to have a real impact.

As past UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon put it, "There can be no Plan B, because there is no Planet B." Our planet belongs to all of us, and to our children, and to their children. It is for all of us to protect, and for all of us in Rotary to make a difference.

Ian H.S. Riseley - President 2017-18

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Guests: **Irena Shantz** and **Valerie Patenaude**

Presidents quote for the day:

"April Fools" Day is the one day when people critically evaluate news items before accepting them as truth"

Cheque presentation:



Our cheque in the amount of \$500 was donated to support the 14th annual **Adstock Music Festival**, and accepting the cheque on behalf of Adstock was **Adam Rayburn** who started the event in 2006.

When Adam Rayburn turned 18 years old, he decided to celebrate by putting on a music concert in his backyard in Maple Ridge. The concert mostly consisted of a "couple of awkward teenagers hanging out," said Rayburn. But now, 14 years later, it's turned into an annual free alternative music event that draws hundreds of people to Memorial Peace Park each summer.

The festival Adstock — a wordplay on Rayburn's name and Woodstock — aims to give local youth a chance to pursue music and to perform a variety of genres like punk, ska, metal and even noise.

"It's an opportunity for the youth to come and check the festival out, but also we always make sure, at least half our bands are local, youth talent to give them their kind of first show and first start, and hopefully launch some careers."

Upcoming events:

- March 30 - the first edition of the Rotary Page will be in the News.
- April 7 - District Training Assembly -
- April 15 - Club picnic
(members are allowed to wear their longjohns).

Mike Davies confirmed again that the club has as much as \$40,000 to contribute to a worthwhile project (which would include \$10,000 from a district grant if we are able to get one). Mike said one of the things we should strive for is that it be an everlasting program (as the club does not have the means or resources to keep it going on a constant basis, and we should try to partner with someone – such as the City or School District 42, who could maintain it). Club members should expect an email in the near future giving more details and requesting suggestions.

Happy and Sad:

Brian Bekar is happy that his wife can now drive again.

Mark Vosper is happy that the Hospice Pub Night had good support, resulting in \$3,500 being raised.

Lynda Lawrence threw four dollars in the kitty- a sad one because Glenn MacDonald (a supporter of the Friends in Need Food Bank) passed away; another loonie [maybe a happy or maybe sad dollar] because her father accepted an offer on the

sale of his Hawaiian condo; a happy dollar because her 90-year-old father is coming from Hawaii to visit her for the first time in Maple Ridge; and a happy dollar because she is getting baptized into the Catholic church this coming weekend.

Program - Valerie Patenaude - the third chapter in the archaeological dig at the Mary Hill Bypass

As our members know, Val works for the Maple Ridge Museum, and is by training an archaeologist, who was in charge of the archaeological survey in or about 1979, which was performed over a period of three summers before the bypass was constructed. Valerie's talk was the third given to our club about that dig.



The location was at the point where the Pitt River flows into the Fraser River, and at the approximate point to the south of where the Shell station is currently situated. She recalls that they were fortunate in having the "Logodi" house (which the government expropriated for the right of way from people by that name) as their field office, as it was one of the worst summers for constant rain during the whole process. (As one person, at the time, put it, the "storm clouds went from British Columbia to Japan").

As with the previous digs, the process started by digging a trench so they could begin examining the walls of the trench for evidence of early settlements. One interesting thing which they found was small holes in the ground which had been surrounded by rocks, which they surmised had been used to hold up polls for shelters. They knew the rocks were not natural because there were not natural rocks in the area where they were digging, and they had to be brought in from some other location. After excavating a larger area, they found numerous holes which had apparently been dug into the ground, which they marked very carefully with markers and kept detailed measurements, but were never able to reconstruct for certain exactly how they were used. They concluded that over many hundreds if not thousands of years, the same area had been used by early peoples to construct shelters, possibly out of mats and movable polls that could be transported on canoes or boats to tis fishing site. They were able to find material that allowed them to carbon-date the period of excavation at between 3500 years and 4500 years ago.

50/50:

Deborah Hyslop won the four of clubs (maybe the club was a sham rock that was left over from St. Patrick's Day).

President's quip for the day:

Notice given at a farmers Easter egg hunt: remember if you find any eggs with steam coming from them, they are not chocolate eggs.



Submitted by Laurie Anderson