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## JULY IS THE FIRST ROTARY YEAR'S MONTH

Today (July 10):

Next Week (July 17):

Happy Birthday	Happy Anniversary
July 10: Eric Mollema	

## CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Sun. July 22	5:00 PM	House Concert with Robert Campbell and Cailin Green	Dave Rempel's home: 10607 277 St. Maple Ridge
August 12	11:00 AM	Rotary Duck Race – race at 1 pm	Maple Ridge Park

## RI PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



One year ago, your Rotary International Board of Directors adopted a new vision statement, reflecting our aspirations for our organization and its future. It reads, "Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves."

That simple sentence distills so much of what is essential about Rotary. We **unite**, because we know that we are far stronger together than we could ever be alone. We **take action**, because we are not dreamers, but doers. We work **to create lasting change** that will endure long after our involvement has ended – **across the globe** and **in our communities**. And perhaps most important of all, we work to create change **in ourselves** – not just building a better world around us, but becoming better people ourselves.

A quotation attributed to French writer Antoine de Saint-Exupéry goes: "If you want to build a boat, don't begin by collecting wood, cutting boards, or assigning tasks. Begin by awakening in the souls of your workers a longing for the vast and boundless sea." Each of us came to Rotary because we had a longing – to have an impact, to make a difference, to be part of something larger than ourselves. That desire, that vision for a better world and our role in building it, is what drives us in Rotary. It's what made us become members, it's what motivates us to serve, and it's what led me to choose our theme for this Rotary year: *Be the Inspiration*.

I want to see Rotary *Be the Inspiration* for our communities by doing work with a transformational impact. It's time to start moving forward, by removing the barriers that are holding us back. Let's make it easier to make adjustments in our clubs or start new clubs that suit different needs. Let's work to strengthen Rotaract and smooth the transition from Rotaract clubs into Rotary. Let's give all Rotarians the flexibility to serve in the ways that work best for them, so that every Rotarian finds enduring value in Rotary membership.

Truly sustainable service, the kind of service we strive for in Rotary, means looking at everything we do as part of a larger global ecology. This year, I ask all of you to *Be the Inspiration* for sustainable service by addressing the impact of environmental issues on our work. The environment plays a key role in all six of our areas of focus, and that role is only becoming greater as the impact of climate change unfolds. It's time to move past seeing the environment as somehow separate from those six areas. Clean air, water, and land are essential for healthy communities – and essential for the better, healthier future we strive for.

*Be the Inspiration* – and together we can, and we will, inspire the world.

**Barry Rassin**  
President 2018-19



## LAST WEEK'S MEETING



**The beginning of a new Rotary year!** And the first meeting of our new **President Clint Callison!** (If The President Of The United States is the POTUS, is our President Of The Rotary the POTROT? Just asking!)

Keeping with the tradition of our last two club presidents, are president's quote for the day (and the first for the year) is as follows:

**IT'S OKAY IF YOU  
DISAGREE WITH ME.  
I CAN'T FORCE YOU  
TO BE RIGHT.**

Finemaster for the day: **Ineke Boekhorst** fined everyone in attendance who hadn't driven 4500 km within the last three weeks. (Only Peter got out of that one!).

Happy bucks (no Sads today):

**Matt Debruyne:** Firstly, he's going camping with his grandkids (but didn't take up the offer of Mike Davies to add a couple of Mike's grandkids to the trip).

Secondly, the illustrated school dictionaries have arrived, and will therefore be ready to give out to the grade 4 students in September and October.

Thirdly and Fourthly, he wished to thank Brenda Jenkins, Deborah Hyslop and Sharon Kyle for attending to give out bursaries granted by our club.

**Ineke Boekhorst:** had five happy bucks (she could probably have given 10 sad ones, with a broken side mirror on the camper, a hundred km detour, mosquitos, lack of water and bathroom facilities at the Montréal campsite, etc., but instead gave all happy ones). She and Peter drove all the way to Toronto in their motorhome for the Rotary International Convention held in Toronto. The event had great speakers, including Laura Bush who talked about Rotary, as well as Prime Minister Justin Trudeau who announced that the Canadian government would be donating \$1,500,000 to "End Polio Now".

We hear that, next year, **Ineke and Peter** are driving to Hamburg, Germany for the next RI Convention. (Saves on shipping!) We also heard that Peter must have been a fan of the "Red Green Show" - remember that favourite bit of TV Canadiana, where the title character was is a handyman who tries to find shortcuts to most of his projects, trusting most of his work to duct tape? Peter fixed that broken side mirror on their camper with a bit of that "handyman's secret weapon". As Red Green (and now Peter Duchthorst ) used to say:



The club approved a donation of \$10,000 to the purchase of a vehicle for Alouette Addictions plus up to \$2,000 for proper signage on the vehicle advertising Rotary. The club also approved \$20,000 towards the building of a playground for disabled children. President Clint pointed out that one of our goals this year is to make Rotary more visible in the community, and to do so we must spend a little money making sure that our donations are recognized by proper signage. Only if people know about what Rotary does in the community will we be able to attract new members.

Program:

In lieu of a speaker, the club was asks to give feedback to Clint about what they wanted the club to accomplish this year, and Clint also gave his thoughts about that topic. Some of the suggestions from our President and the members included the following:

- All club members should do their "thumbnail sketch" or bio about themselves and their business to put up on the video screens in our meetings so that visitors will know a bit about our members when they visit the club.
- Members are asked to volunteer on club committees that they want to be on - only if we are doing what we have a passion for will we find satisfaction in being Rotarians.
- Put on a big push to sell all of the Duck Race tickets - we could make \$100,000 for the community.
- Think big and join with other clubs in our Area for a major fundraising project (another club in our district did that and brought in over \$1 million in revenue).
- Try to establish a Maple Ridge Pitt Meadows Rotaract Club, and in order for that to be successful we would have to come up with some money to support them. Establishing a Rotaract Club in our area would not only be a great service to the community, but it would also be the source of future club members.
- Have more hands-on service projects (like the Clubs participation in the RCMP hamburger sales event to help the RCMP raise money for the Special Olympics).
- Encourage each member of the club to put on or arrange for one speaker throughout the year, and have speakers that are more connected to our community

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**Laurie Anderson** strikes again (he didn't find the Queen, so was that a strikeout?)

Our own POTUS's final quote for the day:



Submitted by **Laurie Anderson**