

Meetings: Tuesday 12 Noon, Bella Vita Restaurant

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SEPTEMBER IS BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY MONTH

Today (Sep. 11): Former CKNW reporter **George Garrett**

Next Week (Sep. 18):

| Happy Birthday | Happy Anniversary |
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| Sep. 17: Adrienne Dale | |

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT EVENTS:

| Date | Time | Event | Venue |
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| Sep. 7-9 | | MR Rotary Camp-Out | Fort Camping – Fort Langley |
| Sep. 19 | 6:30pm | Duck Race Cheque Presentation | Meadow Gardens Golf Club - 19675 Meadow Gardens Way, PM |
| Dec. 16 | | Christmas Party at Adrienne's | 10295 248 St, Maple Ridge |

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

President Clint opened the meeting and Adrienne gave the invocation. Deborah led both anthems (thanks)!

Guests:

- Ilaria Raveggi, from Scandicci, a town located 7 km from Florence, Italy. Her daughter is going to high school here, staying with a local family. All are invited to Clint's house tomorrow evening for a glass of wine.
- Gord and Mary Robson joined us today as well.

Announcements:

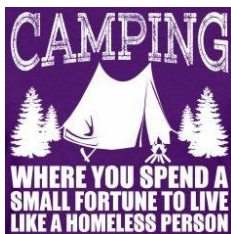
- Annual dues are still, er, due. Despite Walter's impoverishing fines of a few weeks ago, there are still some recalcitrants in the crowd.
- Fourth annual campout at Fort Langley is coming up quickly.

Clint's quote: Camping is a way to spend a fortune looking like you are poor.

Chef Eric is cooking up some African cuisine on the Saturday night.

Let Adrienne know if you are wanting to come, even if just for the Saturday evening.

- December 16th is the Christmas party at Adrienne's.



Happy/Sad:

Ilaria gave us a favourable review of the forward looking nature of Canadian culture and how she hopes that Europe and Canada can become closer. We must hurry though, as the Atlantic Ocean has continued to widen by 6-10 inches per year for the last 200 million years. We had a great photo op at the close of the meeting as President Clint exchanged flags.

Mark Forster gave some cryptic comments about some kind of budding industry. Didn't quite get it being temporarily lost in a mellow brain fog and very hungry so you will have to ask him about it.

Less difficult to understand, Lynda Lawrence is back with us and happy to be here today.

District Governor Linda Murray's Address

Linda is originally from LA, but has spent most of her adult life in Washington State and has been active in Rotary for more than 20 years in a variety of roles.

This year the motto of Rotary is "Be the Inspiration" making a bigger, stronger, more relevant club.



Goals for District 5050:

- She wants to combine continuity with change to keep the club moving forward and changing with the times. She recommends a visioning program every 5 years. This is now a 2 part exercise. Phase 1 is data collection from a diverse group of the club and followed by a collation into a usable document to track progress.
- Enhance membership experiences through more fun! People are attracted to people who are having a good time. Most rotary clubs do bring in new members annually, but they also lose people. By having more fun, perhaps the exit will become a road less travelled.
- District help is available! RLI is now the Rotary Learning Institute. The mandate has changed slightly to include education as well as leadership. Two sessions are offered aimed first at new Rotarians to teach them all about Rotary.



- The DG will help with developing Rotaractor/Intereactor clubs – many of these young adults go on to become great Rotarians. Doubling the number of Rotaractors to 500,000 is a goal of the RI president.



- Rotary Foundation is looking to increase membership awareness and understanding of its function and use at the club level. It would be great to double the number of "Every Rotarian Every Year" clubs.
- The district is looking for interested people to take facilitator workshops and go on to assist clubs with visioning etc.
- The Foundation dinner this year will be in Bellingham and the speaker is a polio survivor. The district conference is in Washington again at a resort in Puyallup. Lots to do and hear including aboriginal art exhibits, Boeing tours, shopping etc.

DG Linda's final suggestion: lead by example and passion – and have some fun!

Induction:



Scott Payne was inducted today. Scott is a local lawyer and is keen history buff and squash player.

At the end of the meeting President Clint exchanged banners with our guest Ilaria Raveggi from Italy:



A Meadow Ridge Club banner for a Club Scandicci banner.

Submitted by Patrick O'Brien