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## NOVEMBER IS ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH

**Today** (Nov. 6): Club Assembly

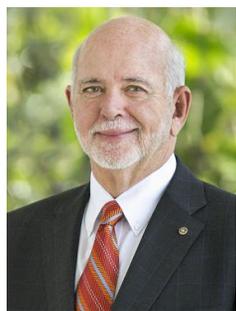
**Next Week** (Nov. 13): **Cass MacLeod and Jeff Bright** from Royal LePage - The two men advantage

Happy Birthday		Happy Anniversary
Nov. 10:	Brenda Jenkins and Scott Payne	

## CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Nov. 28	10am-4:00pm	Selling our Christmas Plants at RM Hospital	Ridge Meadows Hospital
Dec. 11	Noon	AGM & Election of Officers 2019/20	
Dec. 16	5:00pm	Christmas Party at Adrienne's	<a href="#">10295 248 St, Maple Ridge</a>

## RI PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



One early June, more than 30 years ago, I had a business trip scheduled to Las Vegas. I had been a Rotarian for about six years, and I thought of myself as an active member: I attended every meeting, I'd served as club secretary, I knew everyone in my club. But for me, Rotary was very much a community organization. It connected me to Nassau and perhaps even to the Bahamas — but no farther.

I had never given much thought to Rotary beyond the Bahamas, and it had never crossed my mind to travel to a Rotary convention. But that spring, I realized that my trip to Las Vegas would coincide with the Rotary International Convention and thought, why not? I sent in my registration and paid my fees, never suspecting that the experience would change my life.

When I walked through the doors of that convention, I was stunned. It was one thing to know that I was part of a global organization with over a million members around the world. It was something else altogether to stand there in the middle of it. I went to every general session, looked in at every booth at the House of Friendship, and learned about projects that I hadn't even known you could do in Rotary. That convention didn't just open my eyes. It opened my mind. It inspired me to completely change the way I saw Rotary, what Rotary could do for me, and what I could do through Rotary. That inspiration has stayed with me ever since — and is renewed every year, at every Rotary convention.

In June 2019, Rotarians from all over the world will converge in Hamburg to Capture the Moment at the 110th Rotary International Convention. Many, like me, will have been coming to conventions for years; many others will be coming for the first time. Whether they're looking to connect with old friends, to find inspiration for a new Rotary year, or simply to see what Rotary is all about, each of them will find their own moment in Hamburg.

Hamburg is a port city that connects Germany to the world and that has been an economic and cultural hub for centuries. It's a wonderful place to visit — to stroll the shores of the city's lake, take a boat trip on the Elbe River, dine out, hear great music, and explore fascinating museums. It's also the ideal place to kick off a European vacation.

If you're a regular convention goer, you absolutely won't want to miss out on the friendship and inspiration you'll find in Hamburg. And if you've never been to a convention, please consider this my personal invitation. Register at [riconvention.org](http://riconvention.org) by 15 December for the best rate — and let this convention *Be the Inspiration* for your Rotary journey.

**Barry Rassin**  
 President 2018-19



## LAST WEEK'S MEETING

### Invocation by Matt DeBruyn:

*Rotary International played an important role at the creation of the United Nations. At the organization conference of the United Nations held in San Francisco in 1945, United States delegation invited Rotary International to appoint consultants. Eleven prominent Rotarians served in this capacity with resulting influence on the humane aspects of the charter. In particular, Article 71 of the United Nations Charter attests this influence.*

*How sad it is to see that after 73 years little has changed. Wars and hate still tear countries and people apart, and as recently as a couple of days ago we saw 11 people, while peacefully practicing their religion, killed out of senseless hate. May Rotarian International remain strong and continue to fight poverty and hunger, and promote health and peace across the world.*

### President's Quote for the Day:

Whether it's the best of times  
or the worst of times, it's the  
only time we've got.

Art Buchwald

### Cheque presentations:



**Valerie Patenaude** received a cheque in the amount of **\$500** on behalf of the Maple Ridge Historical Society, to support their **Music on the Wharf** program. This event has now been going for 20+ years, and increases in popularity every year. This year 60 or more bands applied to play at the event.

**Tracy Klassen**, Communications Manager, with Canuck Place in Abbotsford, received a cheque in the amount of **\$1,000 in support of counselling services**. Tracy advised that Canuck Place was opened in Vancouver in 1995, and in Abbotsford in 2014. Canuck Place serves 728 families in British Columbia and the Yukon. The Abbotsford building has five family suites and nine rooms for children. It is centered around a home environment.



### Special guests:



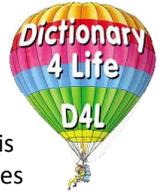
Matt DeBruyn introduced special guest **Janet Smith**, along with **grade 4 students Rae-Lynn and Danika**.

Janet is the District Helping Teacher (Intermediate Literacy & Aboriginal Education Librarian) in SD42 - Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows. Rae-Lynn and Danika are two young girls who received our illustrated dictionaries.

Rae-Lynn thanked the club and said that the dictionaries help her with her school projects.

Danika thanked the club and said that it helps her learning a lot.

Matt reminded the club that this program was started as a result of Ineke seeing these dictionaries at a Rotary Conference and brought the idea home to the club. In the first year 1050 dictionaries were given out and this year there were approximate 1200 dictionaries distributed. Not only do the dictionaries go to grade 4 students in public schools in SD42, but also to St. Patrick's and the Christian School.



Janet is looking forward to this program being repeated next year. She said it is really important for the children to know that someone, who does not even know them, cares enough to give them a gift. Janet's personal passion is literacy and she is very enthusiastic about this program.

### Happy and Sad:

**Doris**, just happy to be here; **Eric**, for dragging **Matt** to the shooting range; **Urma** for getting her degree after four years; and **Mark Vosper** for this year's successful Oktoberfest which was just held to raise money for Hospice. And last but not least, **Ineke** for a 45 minute telephone call she got as a result of the polio ad in the local newspaper from a person who was not aware that polio is still a threat (and who might even be interested in investigating Rotary).

### Program - Membership:

Our program was devoted to a discussion about ideas and suggestions for attracting new club members. **Mark Forster** and **President Clint Callison** suggested that the Club President along with one or two other club members would make personal contact with various members of the community to invite them to join the club and to explain to them the advantages of joining our service club. Clint advised that an appointment with a possible prospective member would be made beforehand (they would not just drop in uninvited). The club broke into groups and came up with names of prospective members. Anyone in the club that can think of other possible prospective members is asked to give their names to Clint or Mark.

### Closing quip for the day:

Laughing at your own  
mistakes can lengthen  
your life.  
Laughing at your wife's  
can shorten it!

Submitted by Laurie Anderson