

Meetings: Tuesday 12 Noon, Bella Vita Restaurant

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FEBRUARY IS PEACE AND CONFLICT PREVENTION/RESOLUTION MONTH

Today (Feb. 12): **Libby Nelson** - Who's Who
Next Week (Feb. 19):

Happy Birthday	Happy Anniversary
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CALENDAR OF CLUB EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Feb. 15	6 pm	Valentine dinner at Mark and Pauline Forster's	11439 - 234A St. Maple Ridge
Apr. 11-14		District 5050 Conference	Tulalip Casino & Resort
Apr. 27	7 pm – 9:30 pm	Rotary Wine Festival	ValleyFair Mall
Jun. 21		Installation of 2019/2020 Executive	

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Guests: **Gordon and Mary Robson.**

Presidents Quote:



Happy and Sad:

Ineke Boekhorst has booked for the Rotary International Convention to be held in Hamburg Germany, and encouraged others to take the trip. It says on-line:

The multi-faceted port city invites you to the Rotary International Convention from June 1st through June 5th, 2019. Use this opportunity to get to know Rotarians from around Germany, Europe and the world! Help shape the future of Rotary and become inspired during the conference. The Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg has a long and rich Rotary tradition: the first German Rotary club was founded in Hamburg in 1927. The "Gateway to the World", tradition meets modernity, the Elbe Philharmonic Hall – all this is Hamburg. And so much more. Visit us in 2019 and we can explore this global city together.

Walter Volpatti was sad to report that **Mike Davies** fell and broke his wrist;

Urma Mollema was proud to report that her two children are entering law school.

Libby Nelson was bored to report that she had watched the Super Bowl.

Program - speaker **Keesha Rosario** - Ridge Meadows Youth Impact Summit ("RMYIS")



Keesha, who is a past president of the Haney Rotary Club, first heard of Rotary as a teenager in Ontario when she received a \$1500 bursary from the London, Ontario Rotary club, and was named citizen of the year; however, she still really didn't know what Rotary was. When she moved to Maple Ridge she went to speak on behalf of the Big

Brothers and Big Sisters to the Haney Rotary club, and ended up joining Rotary.

There is no question that Keesha's passion is helping youth. And although her club raised money to help worthy causes, she wanted to "do something" to impact youth instead of just writing cheques. Therefore she founded RMYIS in 2014 Co-Chaired by Jen Baillie

The Ridge Meadows Youth Impact Summit all started with the Founder's Cup Charity Foundation deciding to allocate funds for the intention of making the biggest difference to the largest group of youth in the two communities of Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows possible. RMYIS's Chair, Keesha Rosario, being a local Rotarian, spent years watching the difference that the Rotary International program "Rotary Youth Leadership Awards" commonly referred to as RYLA made on young adults. She then decided to propose that this large event could be done on a smaller more community based scale and make a very large IMPACT in the local area. It was with that proposal that the Ridge Meadows Youth Impact Summit was born.



Participants of the Ridge Meadows Youth Impact Summit were grouped with a Facilitator(s). These Facilitators are past participants of other Rotary Youth programs (such as RYLA and YAIL) that are willing to volunteer their time for the summit and help guide the participants through the weekend. The first summit participants were trained and lead by the team of Head Facilitators Jordan Yeo and Chantal Broughton. Chantal and Jordan acted as hosts for the weekend ensuring that everything followed their precise schedule, while supporting the facilitators.

Speakers and activities will cover a variety of topics, such as:

- Leadership fundamentals and ethics
- Building confidence in yourself to achieve your dreams/goals
- Networking and team/personality dynamics
- Communication skills and impacting others
- Problem solving and conflict management
- Community and global citizenship

Attendees will gain valuable awareness of what authentic leadership is. They will understand how easy it is to be a more balanced individual with a positive enthusiasm for personal growth and community service. They be prepared to make enlightened decisions in all areas of life.

The following questions are frequently asked by potential attendees:

How much does it cost to attend RMYIS?

There is no cost to the participants who attend RMYIS. All the costs are generously covered by the Founders Cup Charity Foundation with additional support of the Haney Rotary club and a collection of the community. This includes the cost of food, accommodation, registration cost for the summit and transportation to and from Loon Lake.

Can I bring my cell or laptop?

This is a technology free weekend! Cell phones, Androids, iPhones/iPads or any other internet device are not permitted during the program. Parents / Guardians will be able to contact the Camp Office and, if necessary, cell numbers will be given out in the event of an emergency.

What if I am already a self-assured Leader?

As a Leader you know that leadership, like life itself, requires constant nurturing and learning. Participants come from a background ranging from extreme shyness to confident, outgoing involvement in their school and community.

What if I am "not" a self assured leader?

This is the perfect experience for you! By attending this program you will gain the tools and the self assurance that will propel you into the ranks of a true leader.

Keesha told us about the "Legacy Panel" made up of mayors, councilors, school trustees and the MP. Youth are asked to discover a community issue and then advise how they are going to solve it. They present their findings to the Legacy Panel, so that the youth can create solutions to community problems that impact themselves. Instead of just meeting yearly, they have quarterly meetings to keep contact between the attendees.

Keesha also advised that it costs approximately \$275-\$295 per student to attend. These costs include buses, registration, website, accommodation, food, shirts (which are normally sponsored) training for facilitators, creation of manuals, and recruitment by such methods as posters and social media. Between 50 and 70 students attend and there are between 12 and 14 facilitators. There is a first aid attendant on-site as well as a doctor. The total event costs approximately \$22,000.

Closing Quip for the Day:



I'm at an age where

**my mind still thinks I'm 29,
my sense of humor suggests I'm 12,
where my body keeps asking
if I'm sure I'm not dead yet.**

Anyone relate?

Submitted by Laurie Anderson