



Meetings: Tuesday 12 Noon, Virtual Meeting

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## AUGUST IS MEMBERSHIP & NEW CLUB DEVELOPMENT MONTH

### Happy Birthday

### Happy Anniversary

Aug 4: Patrick Dobbyn

### UPCOMING SPEAKERS:

Aug 3: None

Aug 10:

Aug 17:

### RI PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



I wish each of you and your families a great Rotary New Year! Together, let us make it the best year of our lives, by making it a year to *grow more and do more*. Let this be a year of changemakers, and let us begin with our membership.

That is precisely why the Each One, Bring One initiative is so important. During this year, I urge you to dream of new ways in which Rotary can

expand its reach into your community and therefore the world. If each member introduces one person to Rotary, our membership can increase to 1.3 million by July 2022. So, let's just do it!

Imagine the change we, as Rotary members, can make when there are so many more of us! More people to care for others, more people to *Serve to Change Lives*. Think of the impact we can have through *grow more, do more*. More members will enable us to embark on bigger and bolder service projects. And each of us can also continue to serve in our own personal ways, responding to needs in our communities.

The beauty of Rotary is that service means different things to different people around the world. One element, however, that we can incorporate into all of our service initiatives is *empowering girls*. Unfortunately, even in this day and age, girls and young women face disproportionate challenges all over the world. We have the power to lead the charge for gender equality. Empowering girls and young women to have greater access to education, better health care, more employment, and equality in all walks of life should be embedded in every Rotary project we launch. Girls are future leaders, so we must ensure that we help them shape their future.

The biggest gift we are given is the power to touch a life,

To change, to make a difference in the circle of life.

If we can reach out with our hand, heart, and soul,

The magic will start to happen as the wheel begins to roll.

Let's turn the wheel together so all humanity thrives,

We have the power and the magic to *Serve to Change Lives*.

These are challenging times, and I compliment each of your efforts in grappling with COVID-19. No challenge is too big for Rotarians. The bigger the challenge, the more passionate the Rotarian. Look at what we can do when we take on a colossal challenge such as eradicating polio. Look at the millions of lives we improve by strengthening access to water, sanitation, and hygiene. Look at what we do every year to promote peace in places where it seems unimaginable. Our basic education and literacy programs have nation-building impact.

This year, let us challenge ourselves to do more such projects and programs that have national reach and impact. This year, let us *Serve to Change Lives*.

**Shekhar Mehta**  
President 2021-22

## OUR CLUB LAST WEEK'S MEETING:

President **Patrick Dobbyn** presided.

### Program: Ineke Boekhorst – Starfish Pack Program

**Ineke Boekhorst** reviewed with us the working of this program during the past year, including changes that were necessary as a result of COVID, and what we need to decide to do going forward. Originally, the backpacks were filled and then returned by the students to the school. This year during COVID a new pack (bag) was used which was kept by the students and not returned. The Burnett Fellowship Church previously picked up the food, packed the bags and delivered them to the schools. This was all stopped as a result of COVID. For a few months we issued gift cards that the families could pick up and use at Save On Foods, but it was found that this program was not workable. On some occasions the cards were used to buy cigarettes and or alcohol, and it was felt that the money was not going directly to feed the children in many cases. Effective September 2020 the club (Ineke) purchases the groceries and takes them to the Food Bank, who provided us with temporary space to pack and deliver the bags. 6 to 8 Members of our club pack the bags every week and deliver them to the schools.



## What's in a pack?

- 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 2 dinners, 2 snacks and 2 pieces of fresh fruit – more than enough to cover the weekend.
- We offer 4 different menus for “regular weeks” + 2 different “holiday menus” for long weekends(or school breaks)

The cost works out to \$575 per student per year. Each pack for a regular menu cost \$14, but \$20 for a holiday menu.

A discussion followed, about our options for the future. Should we continue to do it ourselves, or get another community group to do it and bear the cost, or have another community group handle it and we just pay the cost? The general consensus was that it is a most valuable program and our club should make sure that it continues to serve our communities. Having the use of a pickup truck to collect the food would be of great assistance. Ineke is going to contact the Burnett fellowship church to see if they still wish to be involved, and to what extent they are able to do so, and report back to us.

### Happy and Sad dollars

**Roger's** grandson was three years old today, July 27. He has had a few surgeries in his young life but is doing well today.

## Which schools are participating?

- Presently 11 elementary schools in Maple Ridge + 4 elementary schools in Pitt Meadows
- Adding 4 highschools in September 2021

The cost of the food for each pack was \$14. Once the packs are delivered to the school it is not up to us to determine who receives them. Rather, it is the principal or healthcare worker in the school. The number of packs required by each school sometimes varies and is adjusted weekly.

## How much funding is required annually?

- Depends on how many kids we serve ea. week
- 4445 Starfish Packs distributed 2020/2021 schoolyear
- Approx. annual budget for 2021/2022 schoolyear is **\$70,000.00**

## How are Starfish Packs funded?

- Online donations through “Canada Helps” – [www.Starfishpack.com](http://www.Starfishpack.com)
- Local residents – (some made a monthly commitment)
- Local businesses and offices
- Community fundraising activities

## Happy 3rd Birthday



to the little  
shining star  
of our family

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**Eric** had a good trip camping in Boston Bar. “There was nothing to do there but sit under a tree” - so it must have been relaxing.



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**Clint** enjoyed his vacation at the cottage owned by Centra Lawyers (Eric and Adrienne et al) at the Cottages at Cultus Lake (a vacation package which Clint purchased at a Rotary Fundraiser).



**Ineke and Peter** are moving to their new home in Mission this coming Friday. They are sad to leave their home in Pitt Meadows where they lived since 1988, but excited to move into the new premises.



**Eric**, as fine master, played for us a video of Beatles Music with fines for those who could not 'name that tune' and the year it was first played (but it was not a great challenge because the answers were on the screen!).



### Club Meeting Place

Commencing on Tuesday, August 3, our club will be meeting **in person** (on a temporary basis until a permanent venue can be found) at the Meadow Gardens Golf Club. The plan is to also have a Zoom connection (our speaker will join us via Zoom), but as many members as can meet in person are encouraged to do so.

### Today's Quote:



Submitted by Laurie Anderson