



Meetings: Tuesday 12 Noon, Virtual Meeting

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## NOVEMBER IS ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH

### Happy Birthday

### Happy Anniversary

Nov 26: Matt & Lynda DeBruyn

### UPCOMING SPEAKERS:

Nov 30: Malcolm Kennedy  
Foundation Month Presentation

Dec 7: Bev Harrington  
District Governor's Visit

Dec 14:

### OUR CLUB LAST WEEK'S MEETING:

President **Patrick Dobbyn** presided.

#### Guests:

(In person) **Michael Seymour** - who is organizing a cleanup of facemasks that have been left around the community.

(Via Zoom) **Leslee Lucy** - a member of the Merritt Rotary Club



Leslee Lucy spoke to us briefly about the flood situation in her town of Merritt.

The population of the town itself is about 7,000 people, with about 15,000 people living in the taxing area. Approximate 100 Homes in Merritt were completely destroyed and about 100 were damaged but repairable. The hospital in Merritt was not

damaged by the flood but because of lack of services had to be evacuated. When services are back, then the hospital will open up again.

Some residents (including Leslee and all other members of the Merritt Rotary club) were fortunate enough to be living in areas around Merritt that were not affected by the flood. Some homes in the flood area are now okay and residents are able to return. Some homes that were damaged are in need of repair, but once that is accomplished then they will be able to return (this is the group where the current need is most urgent). And some of the homes were completely destroyed.

The Merritt Rotary club is setting up a separate bank account to collect donations with the money being used as the Club sees fit depending on the needs in the community. When that bank account is set up, we will be notified in the event that we wish to send money. They will also work with an outfit called Samaritan's Purse which is coming to help in the community.

[Their website says: *Samaritan's Purse mobilizes specialized staff and equipment as well as hundreds of volunteers when natural disasters occur on Canadian soil. We provide emergency aid and help with cleanup in the wake of severe wildfires, floods, hurricanes, tornados, and more.*]

#### Happy and Sad Dollars and other news:

**Ineke:** The fundraiser held last weekend at FreshCo (where we buy the food for the Starfish program) raised approximately \$1,150 which was shared equally with the Food Bank and the Starfish program. In addition, a lot of food was donated (about half a truck full); and one Rotarian donated enough money for two backpacks, and the Casino donated \$750.



Also we have the **CHRISTMAS PLANTS** with all the proceeds going to the Starfish Program. Please see the last page of this newsletter for the Christmas Plants order form.

Or download the order form [Here](#)

**Deborah:** She starts a new job with an insurance company at the end of this month and will be working from home.

**Patrick** noted that **Ineke** started her new job as president of the Home Town Heroes Society, which is looking for volunteers to serve on their several committees.

**Matt** passed on the news that the final total of donations from the vaccination cards netted the whopping amount of \$943.88 !

**Mark Vosper** (the new president of the Chamber of Commerce serving both Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows) advised that the chamber will again be giving out Business Excellence Awards, and that in honour of this year's nominees a Nominee's Luncheon will be held at the Golden Eagle Golf Course on December 3 between 11 AM and 2 PM. All are welcome to attend. Presentation of the awards will be at an event to be held on February 5, 2022.

## The bottom line:

Whereas:

- A. In lieu of our usual President's Quote, a couple of "a (animal) walks into a bar" jokes were offered by two of our illustrious members, and whereas
- B. our members attending the meeting via Zoom could not hear most of the goings on at the meeting due to continued technical difficulties, and whereas
- C. one such Zoom member suggested (without the benefit of knowing whether or not they were fit to be printed) that they be repeated in this bulletin so he/she could know what all the noise was about.

Now therefore - you asked for it - :

*A bear walks into a bar.*

*He says to the bartender, "I'll have a ...um...a...ah.....a beer.*

*The bartender responds, "what's with the big pause?" The bear holds up his arms and says, "always had 'em".*



*A giraffe, a deer, a duck and a skunk walk in to a bar, and they ordered drinks. The end of the night rolls around and the waitress asks who is going to pay the tab.*

*The skunk says he can't pay because he only has one scent.*

*The duck says he can't pay because he only has one bill.*

*The deer says that she had a buck on her last night, but won't have any doe until spring.*



*Finally, the giraffe says,  
"That's okay. The high balls are on me."*

**Submitted by Laurie Anderson**

## Latest News:



**Ineke with RI President Shekhar Metha in Manila!**



# Christmas Plants for Starfish Packs!

The Meadow Ridge Rotary Club presents  
our Annual Festive Christmas Fundraising Event,  
with 100% of profits to the **Starfish Pack** Program!



These fabulous plants, provided at cost by Maple Ridge Florist, come with a handmade Christmas card for easy gift giving ..... just sign your name on the card and you're done!

*P/U or Delivery in Maple Ridge or Pitt Meadows December 7 or later.*

*(Plants may not be exactly as shown)*



## 7" Snowstar Glitter planter

**\$30.<sup>00</sup> ea**  
**or \$25.<sup>00</sup> ea, when**  
**buying 3 or more**



## 4" Tree with lights

**\$17.<sup>50</sup> ea**  
**or \$15.<sup>00</sup> ea, when**  
**buying 3 or more**



## 2" Mini planter

**\$12.<sup>50</sup> ea.**  
**or 4 plants for \$45.<sup>00</sup>**



## 10" x 5" Willow Sleigh

**\$60.<sup>00</sup> ea.**  
**or \$55.<sup>00</sup> ea, when**  
**buying 2 or more**

(Taxes included; receipt provided for your records if required)

**ALL proceeds to Rotary's Starfish Pack Program!**

(Print form or save it and fill out in Acrobat Reader)

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Name: .....

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Date required: .....

1 or 2 Snowstar Glitter Planter for \$30 ea. .... x \$30 Total: \$ .....

3+ Snowstar Glitter Planters for \$25 ea. .... x \$25 Total: \$ .....

1 Mini Planter for \$12.<sup>50</sup> ea. .... x \$12.<sup>50</sup> Total: \$ .....

4 Mini Planters for \$45 .... x \$45 Total: \$ .....

1 or 2 Trees with micro lights for \$17.<sup>50</sup> ea. .... x \$17.<sup>50</sup> Total: \$ .....

3+ Trees with micro lights for \$15 ea. .... x \$15 Total: \$ .....

1 Willow Sleigh Planter for \$60 .... x \$60 Total: \$ .....

2+ Willow Sleigh Planters for \$55 ea. .... x \$55 Total: \$ .....

**Total number of plants:** ..... Please pay: \$ .....

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