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SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

DECEMBER IS DISEASE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT MONTH

Happy Birthday

Happy Anniversary

UPCOMING SPEAKERS:

Dec 14: No Speaker AGM – Rotary Club of Meadow Ridge	Dec 21: No Speaker Fellowship and Gift Exchange	Jan 4:
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OUR CLUB LAST WEEK'S MEETING

President **Patrick Dobbyn** presided.

VISITORS: Assistant Governor **Allan Stjernengaard**
District Governor **Beverly Harrington**
Andrea Newman from Chances Casino



Speaker: District Governor Beverly Harrington

ABOUT BEVERLY HARRINGTON
(DISTRICT GOVERNOR FOR 2021-2022)

Bev grew up in San Mateo, California, and lived in the same house until she left for college with a stay-at-home mom and a dad who worked two jobs to provide for her and her three brothers. It was a happy time with summers spent camping and water skiing. After returning from a year in Austria as an exchange student, she attended the University of California, Berkeley, until marrying and starting a family. Bev and her husband Dick live in Burlington, Washington. They have a blended family of four adult children and nine "grands" and three wee "greats."

Bev joined Rotary in 2005 due to its focus on Service Above Self and the opportunity to join with others to make a difference locally and internationally. She is a graduate of the Rotary Leadership Institute and served as her club's president in 2016-2017. Because "Doing Good in the World" requires financial resources, she is a member of the Paul Harris Society and a Major Donor of The Rotary Foundation.

Early on in her career, Bev was a credit union CEO. Over the years she was the Director of Finance for a high-tech company in Seattle, Business Manager/Accountant at the Seattle Girls School, and Chief Financial Officer at the Pacific Northwest Trail Association in Sedro Woolley.

She also served as the Manager of the Burlington Chamber of Commerce, taking it from a box of records without an office to a full-fledged operation. She has owned and is still active working in her own business since 1988, Skagit Auto Licensing, providing vehicle titling and licensing services to the local community for the State of Washington. In 2007 she obtained a Career & Technical Education Certificate from the State of Washington and was the initial instructor of the Academy of Finance at the Northwest Career & Technical Academy.

Service has been a life-long endeavour since being trained as a Development Educator by the World Council of Credit Unions and USAID. Bev has served on the Burlington City Council, the Washington Credit Union League, the Credit Union National Association, and as a volunteer financial consultant in the Gambia, West Africa. In order to learn more about her community and its needs, she completed Leadership Skagit in 2016.

Bev developed the Rotary Youth Engaged in Service (YES) program in 2007 to involve high school youth in local and international service. She was a Group Study Exchange Team Leader to Ecuador in 2009. She has served on the RYLA committee, co-chair of the District Vocational Committee, and was the 2019 District Conference Chair. She is a recipient of Rotary International's "Service Above Self" award.

Some of Bev's Presentation

Bev congratulated our club on its various projects, including our contribution of **ShelterBoxes** (made by the contribution of individual club members) and our vaccination card project worked on by **Matt DeBruyn and Warren Dale**.

In order to obtain and retain members, she encouraged us to talk to our friends and associates about Rotary. She, herself, joined Rotary after being warmly welcomed into the club in Burlington, and seeing an ad in the local paper stating "women welcome". We often don't talk about Rotary enough, she said.

One of the projects of her club was to join with other organizations within the community (such as the Chamber of Commerce, Kiwanis, etc.) and do a project together. [Ineke noted that our club also does that, such as our Senior's Christmas Dinner, working with the Salvation Army, the Senior's Society, and other community sponsors.]

Bev stated that one way to get to know people better (including fellow Rotarians) is to enhance our "ties that bind" by asking about the other person. She passed out cards to everyone that had a question on the back, such as "if you only had 10 more years to live, what would you have wanted to have done differently?", or "when is the last time that you laugh so hard that tears came to your eyes?", or "what is the most adventuresome thing that you have ever done in your life?". Each club member had to go to at least two other persons in the room and ask them the question that was written on the back of their card.

Bev commented that she was very impressed with our Rotary International President **Shekhar Mehta**, and found him to be a very inspiring person.

She encouraged us to attend the District 5050 Conference which will be held May 13-15, 2022 and referred us to the District Website:

Register now for the reimagined District Celebration at the beautiful Semiahmoo Resort in Blaine, Washington, May 13-15, 2022. Registration is now open. Rotary Connects Changemakers on Saturday and Sunday with presentations by the inspirational Jordan Harrison and the founder of Days for Girls Celeste Mergens. You won't want to miss the exciting International Bazaar, or the Saturday evening gala entertainment by the Killer Keyz Dueling Pianos. Pack your casual beach attire and celebrate being together again with your Rotary friends.

In keeping with the tradition of District Governors asking the presidents of the clubs that the DGs visit to give them a name of a club member whom the DG may recognize for club leadership and service, President Patrick gave the name of **Laurie Anderson**.



Bev presented him with a "Serve to Change Lives" medallion (which he was surprised to receive!).

During the meeting, **Bev** also presented one to **Matt DeBruyn** with the request that he send in an article about the **Vaccination Cards Project** that can be placed in the Peace Arch Journal. (See Matt's article below.)

President Patrick thanked Bev for coming all the way across the border to visit our club, and advised her that our club would make a donation in her name to the Rotary Foundation in honour of her visit.

Announcements

It is now official that **Ken Holland** will be the first **Assistant Governor in the new Area "M"**, which encompasses the three Rotary clubs in Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows, as well as the Rotary clubs in Mission.

Ineke introduced **Andrea Newman** from **Chances Casino** in Maple Ridge, who presented a cheque from the Casino in the amount of \$750 towards the **Starfish Pack** program.



Ineke thanked Andrea, and noted that it would pay for the food supplied to one more hungry student (and then some) for one full year.

Ineke reminded us that our club will again be working with the Salvation Army to provide a **Senior's Christmas Dinner** to seniors in the community (together with a gift bag) on Christmas Eve, and drivers will be needed on that day between 11 AM and 3 PM. Volunteers will also be needed between December 18 and December 23, to help in the food preparation, putting the gift bags together, and even dishwashing, so contact Ineke if you can help out.

Sharon and Ineke will be getting together with the **Rotaract Club** to make cards, and put together Christmas stockings. If anyone has stockings that can be used for this purpose, please advise Ineke.

(No holes, please)



Presidents Quote:



Submitted by **Laurie Anderson**

**Rotary Club of Meadow Ridge – a hands on project –
Vaccination Cards for Seniors**

One night in late October, Matt DeBruyn, a long time member of the Rotary Club of Meadow Ridge, received a call from Warren Dale, whom Matt calls “the best non-member-Rotarian he knows”.

During the day, they had been talking about how happy two elderly friends of Matt had been with the laminated, wallet sized BC proof of vaccine cards that Warren had made for them. So much better than the big pieces of paper!



When Matt answered the phone that night, Warren said: “I have an idea for a great Rotary project: how about offering **wallet sized laminated proof of vaccination cards for all the seniors in Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows, at no charge?**” Matt loved the idea, sent out emails and contacted the local newspaper.

The demand was overwhelming, and during the next three weeks they made, and mostly hand delivered, laminated cards for more than 400 (!) seniors.

People were so thankful that many donated to the cause. Eventually, the donations outstripped the expenses to such an extent that the project resulted in a special unexpected donation to the Meadow Ridge Club’s Starfish Pack Program of almost \$1,100.