

Meetings: Tuesday 12 Noon, combined Real-Virtual Meeting

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JUNE IS ROTARY FELLOWSHIP MONTH

Happy Birthday

Happy Anniversary

UPCOMING SPEAKERS:

June 28 @ 6:00 PM:

Installation of new MR Rotary Board.

July 5:

Tour and Lunch at Pitt Meadows Airport

July 12:

OUR CLUB LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Ineke Boekhorst presided

Guests:

Aimee Robson, guest of Lynda Lawrence



Kim Day, Executive Director, of the Ridge Meadows Recycling Society



Leenane Shiels, Minister of the Golden Ears United Church (and director of the Hospice Society)



Speaker - Leanne Koehn, Community Engagement, of the Ridge Meadows Recycling Society



Leanne Koehn spearheads Community Engagement for Ridge Meadows Recycling Society, a community-based, social profit organization that works in partnership with the City of Maple Ridge to provide responsible waste reduction services, environmental education, and inclusive work opportunities for people with diverse abilities.

Leanne organizes Maple Ridge's annual Celebrate Earth Day festival in April and is the founder of Maple Ridge Repair Cafes, pop-up events where volunteers with repair expertise are available to help fix your torn clothes, broken appliances, jewellery, bikes, and more - for FREE!

Leanne lives with her family in an Arts & Crafts style heritage house in Hammond. The house was built by her grandparents in 1923, and she and her husband have been upgrading and renovating the home to high energy efficiency standards.

About the Ridge Meadows Recycling Society

The Recycling Society is celebrating its 50 anniversary this year. In 1970, **Bob Cordoni**, a member of the local **SPEC** (Society for the Promotion of Environmental Conservation) group, went to the very first Earth Day Celebrations in Victoria. He returned from that pivotal gathering excited about a new idea - recycling. In 1972, recycling began in Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows. Far ahead of many other municipalities, these committed volunteers, including **Beryl Cunningham, Candace Gordon and Julie & Dave Koehn**, forged partnerships with local manufacturers, developed a system to sort and ship recycled materials, promoted the idea of recycling to local residents, and began collecting newspaper, glass, and tin cans in a backyard shed in Hammond.

At that time, most people just threw everything in the garbage. SPEC members worked with the City of Maple Ridge to acquire space at the Cottonwood Landfill to set up the first Maple Ridge Recycling Depot in 1974. Locating the depot next to the landfill was strategic - it was a constant reminder that not everything needed to be thrown away, and it helped educate people about what items were recyclable. In 1976, the depot had grown to the point where volunteers could no longer do it all themselves, and the first part-time employee was hired. The Recycling Society now has 500 visitors a day utilizing their services.

The operation is funded by Eco Fee charges on some of the items consumers purchase. There is an A – Z list of items they accept on their website. In the 1980's they began curb side pickup of recyclable materials. In 1981 the committee members realized that the recycling movement had outgrown SPEC and the Ridge Meadows Recycling Society was formed. In 1987 the GVRD awarded the Society for their significant contributions to recycling. In the 1990s the current Recycling Depot in Albion was built. The custom designed facility enabled the award-winning curbside recycling blue box program to start in 1992. They expanded their Business Recycling program in 1996 and began their Apartment Recycling program in 1999. Over the past 20 years, they have expanded the list of items that can be recycled through the expansion of EPR (Extended Producer Responsibility).

They are involved in the community's Earth Day Celebrations and hold Repair Cafes which are pop up events where you can bring damaged items for repair. There is a Repair Café scheduled for July 23rd at Memorial Peace Park. There will be a major Gala this year to celebrate 50 years of Recycling in Ridge Meadows.

Happy & Sad - **Ineke** made a killing with today's Happy & Sad, which she is looking after in Matt's absence. Some highlights:

Libby - nice to see Chili at today's meeting – with the help of Leenane Shiels, we may have solved part of the Zoom broadcast issue - she forgot her orange shirt today.

Ineke - today is the last StarFish Pack day until September.

Shashanka – he is going to his birth home Hyderabad, India, for a visit.

Sharon - today is the first day of summer and longest day of the year.

Club Business

Reminder: no noon luncheon meeting next week June 28, as **next Tuesday is installation night!**

Next meeting – **Installation of Chili as our new president on June 28th at 6 pm at Meadow Gardens.**

Dinner is \$65. Dress is Smart Casual.

Be sure to come and welcome
Chili Yalamanchili – our new President



Libby reported that the **Membership Committee** met yesterday. As Roger is moving away, we could use one more committee member. Roughly six meetings a year. Committee members are Libby, Deb Hyslop, Ineke and Lynda.



Libby asked that we buy/sell/promote ticket sales for the **Duck Race on August 7th** which will be an online event this year.

The **International Committee** will be considering the request for funding from Jim Michals to help for hospitals in Ukraine.

Ineke advised that we will be doing a **Garage Sale** with the BIA sometime in August, so please check and see if you have any items to donate.



Sharon advised that three students attended Rotary **YAIL (Youth Adventures In Leadership)** this past weekend. Their biggest complaint was that the program wasn't long enough. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the weekend and Sharon will arrange to have them come and speak at an upcoming meeting.

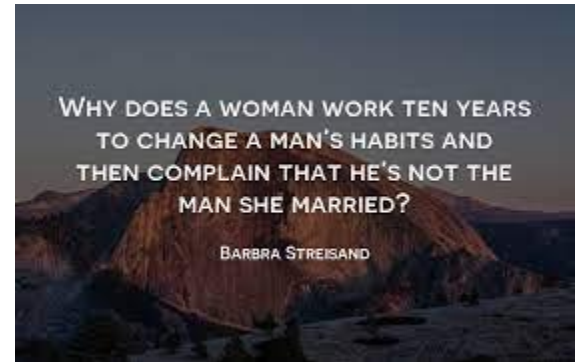
Ineke advised that Freshco has offered to do a **fundraiser for StarFish on Friday July 1st** from 10 am - 4 pm. We will need a few Rotarians to help man the booth between 10 am – 4 pm. Please contact Ineke if you are available.

Ineke is also looking for help on June 24th & 25th from 9 am – 2:30 pm for a **Trauma Treatment program for the local Ukrainian refugees**. She especially needs help between 12 – 4 pm on the Saturday to help feed the kids snacks and read them stories while their mothers are going through the program. Please contact Ineke if you can help. She then read a heartfelt letter from one of the Ukrainian children about waking up to the sound of explosions the day the war started, and there was a picture attached showing him here in BC playing soccer with a big smile on his face.

Mike advised that he has received some pictures and a report on the **Ballantyne Project**, which is included in the following pages.

At a previous meeting we had Dwight Ballantyne talking about this project. You can read about it in Flasher **NL28-36**

Today's Quote:



Submitted by Lynda Lawrence