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Happy Birthday	Happy Anniversary
July 10: Eric Mollema	

UPCOMING SPEAKERS:

July 5, 11:30am at PM Airport: Tour and Lunch at Pitt Meadows Airport	July 12:	July 19:
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RI PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Every month since I joined Rotary, I've looked forward to reading this magazine, especially the opening essay from our Rotary president. I'll admit that as much as I appreciate a digital copy, I still revel in the tactile sensation of sitting down and leafing through the glossy pages. They are a treasure trove of photos and memorable stories about our great

organization — the one we all know and love. I have learned so much over the years about service projects and lives that each of you have transformed.

As a communications professional, I have longed for the day that our stories were a regular part of mainstream media and that our flagship magazine might populate doctor's offices, coffee shops, or anywhere else people sit, wait, and browse. It's great that Rotary members are better informed about all we do, and wouldn't it be that much better if more people knew our stories.

All this was top of mind as I thought about our plans for promoting Rotary worldwide in the upcoming year. Over the next 12 months, we are going to shine a light on projects that put Rotary service on display to the world, and we are going to do it strategically. Nick and I will focus on some of the highest impact, sustainable, and scalable Rotary projects from our areas of focus in what we call the Imagine Impact Tour.

We are inviting top-tier journalists, thought leaders, and influencers to use their channels to help us raise awareness by reaching people who want to serve but have not yet realized they can do it through Rotary.

But there was another important issue to consider — our carbon footprint. I take seriously Rotary's emerging leadership position on environmental issues. The example set by our members during the pandemic is fundamental to how we carve out our future.

That means we will harness digital technology to tell these stories — we will be tweeting, posting, and "going live" to anyone who will listen. We must consider our environment, and part of that means not always traveling but continuing to connect in meaningful ways as we have for the past two years.

Of course, we are social people, and we still need to be together. We simply need to be more mindful of our decisions and think about how we get together just a little bit differently. For example, if we travel to visit a project, we will plan successive visits in neighboring areas.

So, what are your stories and who can help tell them? I hope you might consider your own Imagine Impact efforts — your story might be something you can promote just as easily on social media or during a Zoom call. Think about ways to showcase notable projects in your clubs and districts.

We all feel the impact that Rotary service and values have on us. Now it's our opportunity to share that feeling with others.

Jennifer Jones
President 2022-23

MEADOW RIDGE ROTARY INSTALLATION – JUNE 28, 2022

The reception was held at Meadow Gardens Golf Club and the following Rotarians and guests were in attendance:

Ken Holland,	Chili, Chinni and Miya Yalamanchili,
Matt & Lynda DeBruyn,	Adrienne & Warren Dale,
Dave Rempel,	Brenda Jenkins,
Libby Nelson,	Mike & Gladys Davies,
Eric Mollema,	Mark, Pauline & Corinne Forster,
Ineke & Peter Boekhorst,	Walter Volpatti,
Roger Powley,	Clint Callison,
Deb Hyslop,	Lynda Lawrence,
Raj Chinna	

(President Haney Club)



Adrienne presented Chinni and Mark's Mum with flowers.



Guests of Chili's: Kolla Nageswara Rao, Mandip Tehran, Daya Narayanappa, Ravi Vanukuru, and Sandeep Nimmagadda

Our Master of Ceremony was Eric Mollema who started off with a joke "Invisible man marries Invisible Woman, Children no where to be seen".



Brenda was thanked for bringing Rotary cupcakes and Ineke was thanked for making chocolates for each table.

Another joke: "How many insects in real estate?" Tenants.

We had a nice buffet dinner followed by the awards presentation which was led by Adrienne. She advised that they have done away with the hardware for the awards as Ineke has at least a wheelbarrow full, and that donations will be made in each award recipient's name to the Club's Rotary project they wish to support.

The first award was special award for Laurie Anderson for the time spent recording our meeting notes for the Flasher.

The second award went to Peter Boekhorst for twenty one years of producing the Flasher and keeping our club history.

The third award was for Ineke Boekhorst for all she does for Rotary including StarFish, WineFest, Duck Race, International Committee, and so much more. Ineke is truly the epitome of Rotary.

The next award was to our own Citizen of the Year, Matt DeBruyn, for his work with Warren on the 500 vaccine cards they produced for seniors in our community during Covid.



The Rotarian of the Year Award was given to Lynda Lawrence.

Mike Davies then presented the following Paul Harris Awards, some of which he designated as "Paul Harris in Waiting" as the pins have been ordered but with supply chain issues haven't been received:

- Mark Forster
- Laurence Anderson (5th Paul Harris)
- Clint Callison
- Debbie MacRae
- Lynda Lawrence



Ineke then introduced club member Ken Holland, who is also this year's ADG for District 5050, who then announced and installed the new members of this year's Executive Committee:



President Chili Yalamanchili, Vice President Brenda Jenkins, Secretary Libby Nelson, Treasurer Walter Volpatti, and Avenues of Service Directors: Ineke Boekhorst, Mike Davies, Sharon Kyle, Adrienne Dale and Matt DeBruyn.

Eric welcomed the new board which he said looked a lot like the old board but with new ideas. He then asked Lynda to do the introduction of our new President.

Lynda told a brief story about meeting Chili in the Bella Vita one Friday night and talking to him about Rotary. He was interested in attending a luncheon meeting. Lynda invited him to come to lunch on Tuesday and then acknowledged that she had had a bit of tequila that particular night. On Tuesday she was contemplating if she could make the meeting and realized in the back of her mind that there was a reason she needed to be there. That was the day Chili first came to our Club, and in a very short period of time has taken on the formidable role of Club President. Lynda said she's very proud of him and knows he will step up and lead our Club to great heights in the next year.

Chili then gave his Presidential speech. He told us that he is very taken by the respect that Rotary and the Club Presidency has provided him over the past couple of months that he has taken on the role. He advised that his goals are to grow our membership, create community awareness of Rotary, increase our fundraising goals to support StarFish and the other important programs our club provides. Working together with the other clubs to reach our fundraising goals. He is looking forward to some fellowship events and wants to get the club together for a Sunday afternoon cricket match (to watch) with a BBQ. He told us that Chinni is at the end of her treatment program and he will now be ready to step into his Presidency.

Brenda Jenkins gave the final toast of the evening, and a quote by Mother Teresa:



"Never travel faster than your Guardian Angel can fly"

Submitted by Lynda Lawrence