

Meetings: Tuesday 12 Noon

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UPCOMING SPEAKERS:

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LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Chili Yalamanchili presided at his first regular Meadow Ridge Rotary Club meeting of the year.

The first order of business was that **Laura Dilley** on behalf of **Dillon Consulting Ltd.** presented a cheque to our Club in the amount of \$2,500 in support of the **Starfish Pack Program**.



Sharon Kyle presented a bursary cheque in the amount of \$1,000 to **Emily Jakeway**, who graduated with top honours at the **Maple Ridge Fire and Rescue Youth Academy**. The Youth Academy gives students in grade 10 or 11 instruction on personal protective equipment, basic firefighting skills, maintenance and upkeep of the Fire Hall, and equipment/firefighting apparatus along with CPR, first aid, fire prevention and public education. This bursary will help her to further her post-secondary education.

Wine Fest Grants

The 2022 Rotary WineFest Committee, chaired by **Dave Rempel**, consisted of **Claire Viktora, Sharon Kincaid, Lynda Lawrence, Brenda Jenkins, Debbie MacRae, Chili Yalamanchili, Dave Rempel, and Ineke Boekhorst.**



Wine Fest proceeds in the amount of \$10,225 (including one being presented on July 19) were distributed to various community organizations, as follows:



Ernie Daykin received \$1,000 on behalf of the **Maple Ridge Community Foundation** that supports local non-profits in many areas, including food security, seniors, education, children and youth among other things. It has been serving the community for over 45 years, and last year gave out grants in excess of \$70,000.



Emily Eil received \$1,000 on behalf of the **Rotaract Club of the Fraser Valley**, particularly in recognition of the work by **Phoenix MacLaren** on the local committee formed to assist displaced people from the Ukraine. This Rotaract Club is a group of dedicated students and young professionals who strive to create local and global change. (In 2019, Phoenix received the Rotary Medal of Honour from Rotary International President Barry Rassin for her outstanding service, as well as her hard work in doubling the membership of Rotaract in District 5050.)

Ineke Boekhorst received \$1,725 on behalf of the **Starfish Pack Program** operated by the Meadow Ridge Rotary Club. These funds will cover three backpacks full of food each week for an entire school year. Approximately 160 packs are distributed every week to supply food for children over the weekends. Approximately \$81,000 is needed to fund this program.



Doug Sabourin received \$500 on behalf of **Alouette Addictions**, to help support the grades 6/7 drug awareness project. 100% of the cost of operating Alouette Addictions comes through donations. They offer outpatient treatment programs for adults and youth who are affected directly or indirectly by addictions and substance abuse.

Major Dave Macpherson, the new leader as at June 1, 2022 of the **Maple Ridge Salvation Army**, received \$500 for the "**Sonia's Cradle Project**". This program provides assistance to new mothers (or grandparents looking after grandchildren) needing clothing, small furniture, diapers and food for babies and toddlers.

Dave took over from Mark Stewart (who took a new position in Winnipeg), and brings



with him almost 2 decades of experience in social services. Dave and his wife Lisa have served as officers in the Salvation Army for over 19 years, beginning their careers in Toronto, and then moving to be pastors in New Westminster where they ran shelter, transitional housing, and community service programs.



Heather Walker received \$500 on behalf of **Alicia's Wish & Youth Advocacy Centre**, a program of Community services, which helps youth in the community who have experienced or witnessed physical, emotional or sexual abuse.

Alicia Erenli received \$1,000 on behalf of **Foundry Maple Ridge**, to support the youth wellness Centre, which provides local young people between the ages of 12 and 24 years and their caregivers' access to mental health and substance use support, in a safe and informative place.



Susan Carr received \$500 on behalf of the **Maple Ridge Child Development Centre**. These funds will support the Centre's Early Intervention Program which serves families of children who have confirmed or suspected developmental delays or disorders, until they enter school.



Joanne Leginus received \$500 on behalf of **MR/PM Community Services**, to support their seniors' drivers program. This program provides volunteers who drive seniors to doctors appointments, cancer treatments, etc., for which the volunteers receive only small amounts to compensate for their gas, parking, car maintenance, etc.



David Rempel received \$500 on behalf of the **Ridge Meadows Education Foundation**, to assist with extra-curricular school programs in School District 42 (such as musical instruments, scooter racks, outdoor activities, drama, etc.).



The Foundation exists at arm's length from the SD42 Board of Education and has three directors appointed from the Board and the remaining directors being appointed from the community at large. Among its other duties, it safeguards and administers endowment funds for the purposes to which they were intended, establishes and administers bursaries and scholarships, and provides funding to initiate, enrich and expand School District 42 programs.

Evan Seal received \$500 on behalf of the **Friends in Need Foodbank** to support the School Snack Program, which is an important aspect of the overall student "food security" chain. Food "sharing" baskets with snacks, such as granola bars, fruit cups, fruit, etc., are provided at the school offices (reaching about 2000 kids weekly), so students can take healthy



snacks at any time of the day when they are needed or wanted (such as when they have forgot their lunch, didn't have breakfast, etc.).

Don Mitchell received \$1,500 on behalf of the **Ridge Meadows Seniors Society**, which lost their gaming funding this year (\$70,000) and needs funding assistance to provide seniors meals at no or very low cost.



On July 19 a cheque in the amount of \$500 will be presented to **Lindsay MacAuley** or other representative of **Maple Ridge Arts Council**, in support of its Arts' Angels Program, which provides tickets to stage performances at the ACT for children, adults, and seniors who would otherwise not have access to live cultural events.

Happy and Sad Dollars:

Ineke has several things to be happy about this week. Firstly, to be part of the committee to raise the money from the Wine Fest which were given to the various community organizations today. Secondly, **Ineke and Peter** attended at White Rock to see in person our new Rotary International President Jennifer Jones. Thirdly, the Hometown Heroes program now has 42 Heroes who went through at least part of their years in our local education system, whose posters are displayed in all schools in School District 42 to inspire young athletes in our community.

Brenda was happy to introduce **Dave McPherson**, the new leader of the Maple Ridge Salvation Army. He had what could not really be considered a long retirement, as he retired on May 31, 2022 and started with the Maple Ridge Salvation Army on June 1, 2022. In addition, it was alleged that Brenda had visited Burlington Ontario where she made purchases on her credit card in the amount of \$2,100, but Brenda is happy that the credit card company straightened that out when they were told that some fraudster had somehow used her credit card number.

Our President Chili was happy to have presided at our Rotary meeting for the first regular meeting of the new Rotary year, but was especially happy that his wife **Chini** has now completed her chemotherapy treatments.

Fine Master – Ineke

All club members had to pay a dollar for each of the following questions that they failed answer:

1. What is the name of the new Canadian first female Rotary International President?
Answer: Jennifer Jones
2. What is her presidential theme for 2022 – 2023?
Answer: Imagine Rotary
3. If you didn't pay yet your Rotary duties for the new year, you owe a dollar.

Club Business

Duck Race: due to the Covid-19 outbreak, the Duck Race will go virtual on August 7, 2022. Be sure to buy your own tickets and spread the news to family and friends who can purchase tickets online until noon August 7, 2022 at rotaryduckrace.ca. After you have purchased one or more duck race tickets, you can also participate in the 50-50 draw. The deadline for purchase of tickets is Sunday, August 7 at 12 PM. The draw date is August 7, 2022 at 6 PM.

Hometown Heroes Banquet

This banquet will be held on October 12, 2022 at 6 PM at the Garibaldi High School. Tickets will be \$60 for adults and \$30 for youth. There will be four new Hometown Heroes this year. We are looking for sponsors who will pay for one or more youth tickets that can be given out so that no one will be disappointed because they do not have the funds to attend.

Today's quote:



Submitted by Laurie Anderson