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## AUGUST IS MEMBERSHIP & NEW CLUB DEVELOPMENT MONTH

Happy Birthday	Happy Anniversary
Sep 03: Dave Rempel;	Sep 02: Debbie & Fraser MacRae

### UPCOMING SPEAKERS:

Aug 30: Jennifer Baillie Albion Community Centre	Sep 06:	Sep 13:
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### LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Secretary **Libby Nelson** presided.

#### New Member Induction

Our club was very happy to have inducted our second new member of this Rotary year (the first being Aimee Robson), **David Macpherson**, the new leader of Salvation Army ministries in Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows. His sponsor was **Brenda Jenkins**, and he was installed by our Assistant Governor **Ken Holland**.



#### About our newest member:

Both **Dave Macpherson and his wife Lisa** have been with the Salvation Army for more than 20 years, and were ordained as Officers together in 2003. They began their careers in Toronto and then moved on to be pastors in New Westminster where they ran a shelter, transitional housing, and community service programs. They were both Area Commanders overlooking the Ministry Units in different regions throughout British Columbia, and retired (for a few hours) before taking on their new job in Maple Ridge in June 2022, replacing Mark Stewart who took a new position in Winnipeg in April.



They had a three-year placement at the Salvation Army BC Divisional Headquarters, where they were in charge of all youth programming for the province of BC. Then the Macphersons moved to Nanaimo to run a facility (much the same as Ridge Meadows). Dave was executive director of Nanaimo's New Hope Centre, which holds 30 emergency shelter beds, 12 transitional housing units, and a full community service program. For the last four years, the Macphersons have been area commanders for the Salvation Army BC Division, overseeing 17 facilities, three emergency shelters and the number of Thrift Stores.



Program: The Salvation Army Maple Ridge - David Macpherson, Speaker

As stated on the website, "The Salvation Army is, firstly, an evangelical part of the universal Christian church, whose mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination." David's talked to us about the various programs offered by the Salvation Army in Maple Ridge, which may be summarized as follows:

1. **Red Kettles** - 2022 will mark its 32<sup>nd</sup> season in Ridge Meadows with donations being used towards our community meals, community service and youth programs. In each of 2020 and 2021 this program raised over \$100,000, and David's goal is to double that amount in 2022.
2. **Sonia's Cradle Program** - this program provides proper food, clothing, and basic necessities such as diapers and formula for babies and toddlers of single mothers or fathers, seniors with custody of the grandchildren, working families trying to make ends meet, new immigrants, and parents and/or children with disabilities.
3. **Camp Sunrise** - operates as a summer camp for children by the Salvation Army in British Columbia, and is located near the ferry terminal at Gibson's on the Sunshine Coast.
4. **The Emergency Shelter Program** - includes 30 beds for individual adults (19+), 8 for women, and 22 for men. It provides essential services that meet the guest's immediate need for accommodation, nutritious meals, and basic hygiene.
5. **Genesis Transitional Housing Program** - under contract with BC Housing, 55 men and women are sheltered at the Maple Ridge facility. This program is dedicated to helping those living with mental illness, addiction and homelessness by providing a safe, drug-free environment to live and strengthen vital life skills.
6. **Bagged Lunches for School children** - together with the Rotary Club of Haney, they provide over 27,000 bag lunches to schoolchildren throughout School District 42 each year. Ridge Meadows Ministries' staff and volunteers prepare each bagged lunch in their kitchen, and then volunteers deliver each lunch to the school offices where they are distributed discreetly to students by school staff.
7. **Emergency Food Hampers** - are provided for people who are not yet receiving assistance from the local food bank, are experiencing an emergency such as a natural disaster, and unexpected financial hardship, or are struggling to make ends meet.
8. **School supplies** - in partnership with local businesses and organizations, it collects and distributes backpacks filled with school supplies to over 350 students, with the demand climbing each year.
9. **Free community lunches** - meals are prepared each day for anyone who wishes to attend for lunch, with no questions asked.

Happy and Sad Dollars included:

**Eric** – is happy his daughter has passed her Bar exams (and said he didn't mean the liquor kind).



" THE REASON I COULDN'T MAKE IT AS A LAWYER IS I COULDN'T PASS A BAR. "

Announcements and Club Events

Adrienne reminded the club of the fellowship camping event to be held at the Fort Langley campsite on September 9-11. On Saturday, September 10 there will be a camp supper to which all members and families are welcome to attend

(and where they can enjoy munching on Eric's barbecued lamb).



Name Tags

Libby asked that any members wanting new name tags let her know as soon as possible (so she can put the order in when ordering name tags for our new members).

Ridge Meadows Ukrainian Welcoming Committee

At least two volunteers are urgently needed to look after children (whose ages range from 18 months to 11 years of age) while their Ukrainian parents attend English classes on August 26, 29 & 31 and September 2 from 8:45 am to noon. Two of the current volunteers will not be available on these dates as they will be on holidays. These English classes are making a great difference to these folks, giving them confidence and helping them navigate this upheaval in their lives. If you can help, contact Mary Robson.

The English classes program: The Welcoming Committee has sponsored the start-up of the English Language School for August and September. The instructor is an English Teacher with a diploma of Doctor of Philosophy from the University of Karazin Kharkiv where she had been teaching English to Ukrainian students. The program is proving to be very successful with more than 20 Ukrainians attending. They anticipate the numbers to continue to increase.

### Starfish Pack food program

Lynda Lawrence has generously offered to donate five Starfish Packs. Ineke has a proposal for a fundraiser for this program, which has been successful in the Kelowna Rotary Club. She will investigate it further and report back to the club in due course.



### Presidents Quote for the Day



**Submitted by Laurie Anderson**