



Meetings: Tuesday 12 Noon

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SEPTEMBER IS BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY MONTH

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UPCOMING SPEAKERS:

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RI PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Recently, Nick and I spent time in Guatemala, where we met wonderful fellow Rotary members and families who unofficially adopted me as "Tía Jennifer." On the third day, after visiting Patzún in the mountainous western highlands, we set out for Lake Atitlán, which we needed to reach by nightfall. If we took a back road we could get there faster. Locals told us it had just been repaved and assured us, "You'll have no problem."

At first, it was a breeze. We wound through misty-green coffee and corn fields covering the hillside like a patchwork quilt. But at a river crossing, we found a bridge washed away. The only way to continue would be to ford the river in our small bus. There were a few tense moments, but we decided to give it a try and, thankfully, we made it across safely.

This adventure reminds me of two important truths in Rotary. One, we rely on local, on-the-ground expertise to do what we do best. And two, sometimes you have to take uncomfortable chances to reach important goals.

Every day, I am honoured to learn from our Rotary family. Every lesson is an opportunity to grow, and each story adds a chapter to our collective *Imagine Rotary* year.

Jennifer Jones
RI President 2022-23

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Chili Yalamanchili presided.

Guests:

Brad Kirkland, financial manager from Edward Jones in Pitt Meadows.

Malcolm Kennedy, Secretary and President-Elect of the Rotary Club of Coquitlam Sunrise, Chair of the Stewardship Committee of Rotary District 5050, and Past District Rotary Foundation Chair.

Peter Tam, Haney Rotary Club

Cheque Presentation

Jesse Sokol, on behalf of the **Maple Ridge Non-Judgmental Recovery Society**, received a check in the amount of \$2,500. Jesse and Dena Jones spoke to our club and told us about the Society on August 16, 2022.

Paul Harris Recognition

Debbie McRae was presented a Paul Harris recognition.

Program:

The new Albion Community Centre ("ACC")- Speaker: Jen Baillie



Jen's official position with the Albion Community Centre is Recreation Coordinator, Partnership and Development.

The ACC is a 20,000 square-foot, multiuse community Centre located at 104th Ave. and 240th Street, which had its grand opening on June 22, 2022. In 1923, volunteers built the historic Albion Hall on 240th St. which served the surrounding neighbourhood for 88 years. Due to significant cost of repairs to keep the building open, the hall was torn down in 2011. In 2015 the city of Maple Ridge and School District 42 entered into a joint acquisition agreement to acquire the required property to facilitate the joint development of the community centre and the c̄asq̄anel̄ elementary school.

The new facility is designed to be a community gathering place for the Albion neighbourhood, and features:

- The Great Hall, with a movable stage and a built-in sound system. This space can host up to 300 people at a time for events, conferences, plays, and performances, but can also be used for recreational programming. The floors are lined with three courts suited for sports like pickle and badminton.
- The Outdoor Amphitheatre, for outdoor performances and events in the warmer months.
- The full commercial Teaching Kitchen, which provides both culinary programming and for providing food and drink during events.
- A Dedicated Childcare Space, that will offer license care for children 3Y – 5Y, includes a nap room, plenty of windows with a view to the neighbouring elementary school and outdoor covered play area.
- Three large Multi-Use Rooms that are outfitted for a wide variety of recreational, cultural and arts programming.
- A Green Roof, solar panels and other features to help reduce the building's footprint on the surrounding environment.

Club Socials and fundraisers

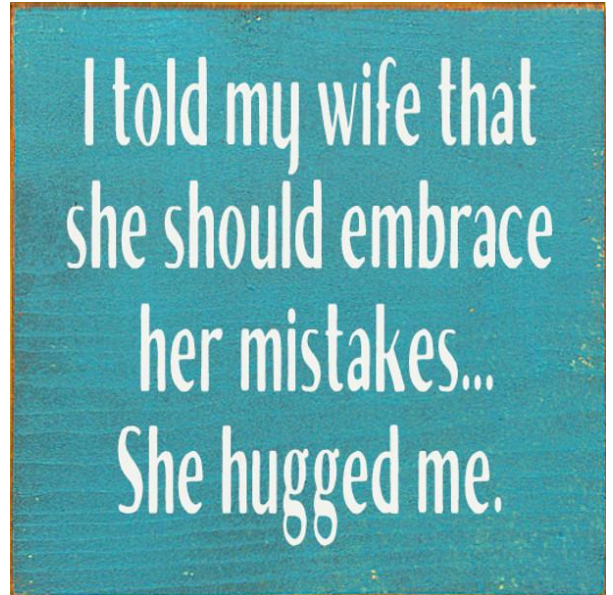
Every Sunday morning walk (9:00 am) along the dyke (parking in lot on Park Lane - off 132 Avenue), followed by tea/coffee at Humble Roots at corner of 132nd Ave and 224th street.

Note: On September 11, the Sunday walk will be in Langley due to the camping weekend.

The annual Rotary Club Campout will be held the week of September 5 – 11, with a few members from the Haney club also joining in. Those who are not "glamping" overnight are welcome to join in the fun Friday evening for games, Saturday morning for a pancake breakfast, Saturday evening for a roast lamb supper, and Sunday morning for a walk.

OktoberFest - remember to sell tickets!

Closing thought:



Submitted by Laurie Anderson