

Meetings: Tuesday 12 Noon

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SEPTEMBER IS BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY MONTH

Happy Birthday	Happy Anniversary
Oct 02: Clint Callison	

UPCOMING SPEAKERS:

Sep 27: Lisa Couture North Fraser Therapeutic Riding	Oct 04:	Oct 11:
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LAST WEEK'S MEETING

President **Chili Yalamanchili** presided.

Speakers and guests: **Mary Robson** and **Ksenia Belyaeva**

Topics: **Friends in Need Food Bank** ("FINFB") - **Mary Robson**



The FINFB is an affiliated member of Food Banks BC and Food Banks Canada which keep FINFB informed of the changes in need across the country. The numbers of re-registrations and new registrations have been on the increase this year which can be attributed to the cost of living and rate of inflation. FINFB has seen a significant growth in new families who have immigrated to Canada and have chosen Maple

Ridge/Pitt Meadows as their new home. As an example, 44 Ukrainian families have chosen our community in their resettlement. The client base of FINFB is 30% seniors and 27% children under the age of 18.

Not only does the FINFB prepare hampers of non-perishable food staples which are given out each month, but its clients can also attend once a week to receive perishables which include produce, dairy, meat, etc. and which may include household items and personal care items. The perishable product comes from its **Perishable Food Recovery Program**, which is now picking up from 7 of the 8 Major Grocery Stores in Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows. This program not only diverts food from landfills, but also results in savings of CO2 emissions. Non-perishable products that are not given out to clients of the food bank are given as farm feed to local farmers which also reduces the amount going to compost, and farmers love the fresh farm feed.

Another program of FINFB is the **School Meal Snack Program** which provides food to almost every school in School District 42. The schools place weekly orders with the food bank which delivers the orders at the beginning of each week. Each school determines what their need is and what type of meal programs they provide to students in need. There are more than 3,000 students benefiting from this program on a weekly basis. (A grant from Breakfast Club of Canada in the amount of \$119,000 fully funded this program for the 2022/23 school year.)



The FINFB's **Thanksgiving Food Drive** will be held on September 24, 2022. In 2021 a total of 16,975 pounds of food was collected. Since 2011, this food drive has collected more than 100,000 pounds of food. This annual event, which was started in 2008 by members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, supports local food banks across the Lower Mainland, including our FINFB.

Maple Ridge Language School - Ksenia Belyaeva

Ksenia is a Ukrainian refugee who recently moved to Maple Ridge.



She is a professor from the Kharkiv University in Ukraine and an ESL teacher. She is the principal of the Maple Ridge Language School which is offering English language lessons to Ukrainian refugees, with Golden Ears United Church providing the location for the classes. Volunteers are needed to babysit the children while their mothers attend the classes. Most of the refugees are women and children, as

the husbands and fathers were required to stay and help fight the Russian invasion. When the program was started two months ago there were 4 attendees, and now there are 27 persons attending the classes. The school is looking for monetary donations to help fund the program.

Hometown Heroes Dinner

Ineke Boekhorst, who is on this committee, reminded members that the banquet will be held on October 12 at Garibaldi high school which is the school where three of the new candidates graduated.



Support your local Hometown Heroes Program
Meadowridge Sports Heroes Society

HOMETOWN HEROES Night

October 12, 2022
Doors open at 6 pm | Dinner at 7 pm
Garibaldi Secondary School Notre Bistro
\$60 adult / \$30 youth

A Fun Night out for a great cause!

Help us Honour these amazing recipients for the following years

2020 - Brian Malfesi & Sara Hopkins
2021 - Maggie Coles-Lyster
2022 - Jaycee Affeldt

Tickets available at
Maple Ridge Leisure Centre (11925 Haney Place)
Customer Experience
jacquiemont@shaw.ca 604-329-2682

www.mapleridge.ca /2191/Hometown-Heroes

The Hometown Heroes Society is sponsored by the city of Maple Ridge, the city Pitt Meadows, School District 42, and our Meadow Ridge Rotary club. Several club members bought or donated tickets for the event which cost \$60 for adult guests and \$30 for students. It is significant to note that 12 Olympian athletes came through the school system in our community.

Happy and Sad Dollars:

Ineke, Mary Robson and Ken Holland were sorry to hear of the passing of **Chris Duyvestyn**, as well as **John Bale**, both members of the Haney Rotary Club.

We just learned that on Sep 3rd Stan Wade, past president of the Meadow Ridge Rotary Club, passed away. A Celebration of Stanley's life will be held on Oct 9th from 1-4pm at 18 Pastures Golf Course, 29110 Matheson Ave. Mission, BC, V4S 1B5
www.missioncityrecord.com/obituaries/stanley-paul-wade-stan

Treasurer **Walter** reported that we are close to getting our annual gaming grant.

Brenda stated that 65% of our Oktoberfest tickets have been sold.

Chili and Eric thanked **Matt** for his years of service as chair of the Vocational Services Committee (Matt is retiring from our board effective Nov 1st, when he leaves for his winter retreat in the south of the USA).

Sharon's man Ron will soon be home after a successful hunting trip (and Sharon says Ron will bring the deer back fully dressed and ready to put in the freezer).



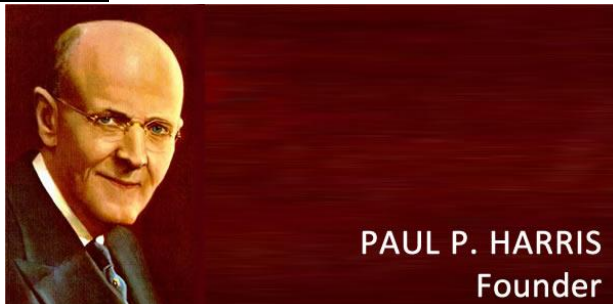
Bill started to suspect that Larry was not the experienced hunter he claimed to be.

Lynda: let it be known that Mary Robson has become a grandmother again with the arrival of a new baby to Gordon Jr. and his wife.



Libby was happy for the contribution of items collected by our club members for distribution by the Maple Ridge Non-Judgmental Recovery Society.

Today's Quote:



"WHATEVER ROTARY MAY MEAN TO US, TO THE WORLD IT WILL BE KNOWN BY THE RESULTS IT ACHIEVES."

- PAUL P. HARRIS

Submitted by Laurie Anderson