

Meetings: Tuesday 12 Noon

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OCTOBER IS ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MONTH

Happy Birthday

Happy Anniversary

Oct 25: Chili & Chinni Yalamanchili

UPCOMING SPEAKERS:

Oct 18: Malcolm Kennedy
Rotary District 5050 Foundation

Oct 25: Chili and Chinni celebrate their
Anniversary – Arranged Marriages

Nov 01: Raj Rajagopal
District 5050 Governor's Visit

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

President **Chili** presided.

Guests:

Max Weselowski and Ron Langley



and



Dollars included:

Firstly, many happy dollars were donated because **Sharon** is back from the hospital (with a few more happy bucks thrown in for **Ron** who has been acting as the chief cook, bottle washer, housecleaner, driver and caretaker while Sharon is in recovery).

Second in line for happy bucks was for all the volunteer effort, and fun, in pulling off the **Oktoberfest** as a joint effort of the 3 Rotary Clubs in Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows, held on October 8, 2022 at the Maple Ridge Equity-Sports Centre.

Brenda even 'spun a yarn' in recognition of Laurie's prowess in throwing up at the Oktoberfest, over the ceiling trusses of the riding arena that is, a ball of twine to hang the decorative banners on; and awarded him with a ball of wool in memory of the occasion.



Ken noted that this is the fifth anniversary of his near fatal heart operation, and he is very happy (along with the rest of us) that he beat the doctor's prognostication, and that he is with us all to enjoy each other's fellowship at Rotary.

Commented **Matt** (our Happy-and-Sad-Dollars-Collector), about today's donations: "The recent Oktoberfest may not have made any money, but the event and all the positive comments about our volunteers' hard work and the joy of having Sharon back in our midst, caused a **larger pledged amount than we have ever had before (I think)**".

Rotary Foundation Committee Notes – speaker **Laurie Anderson**

Debbie McCrae (who is away galivanting in Europe) is our new Club's Foundation Chair for this year, and I am working with her on this committee. With Debbie's enthusiasm, we are going to be more active in giving information to our Club members about the Rotary Foundation.

Our Club's Foundation Committee has reported to our Executive that our goals for this year are:

1. Our goal for donations from members to the Foundation is \$2,750 for this Rotary year. You can donate directly (like Mark Forster does) or through our treasurer Walter (as most of us do). Either way, the money counts toward this goal. All donations are voluntary, but the District would like each member to donate \$135 (\$100 US) each year. Our Club executive expects each member to give at least \$25 so that our club can receive the **Every Member Every Year** recognition from the District.
2. We will arrange 4 presentations to the Club throughout the year on Foundation topics. The first one will be by Malcolm Kennedy, former District Foundation Chair. He is going to come to our club on October 18 to talk to us about District Grants and how and when our Club can apply for them to help finance the projects that we want to put forward.

3. We will attend the Foundation dinner (the District has not set a date for it yet). To encourage other members to attend with us, the Club will pay the tickets for up to 4 members to attend.
4. We will attend the District Grant Seminar (the date for this has also not yet been set by the new District Foundation Chair), and encourage other members to attend this seminar with us.
5. Debbie and/or I will give the club, once each a month at our Club meetings, a 2 or 3-minute presentation/reminder about the status of our goals, and to update our club members about Foundation matters.

Jack Rae is the new District 5050 Foundation Director, and has asked that we share with members the following information about the Rotary's Areas of Focus (in other words, where does Rotary concentrate its efforts). Rotary's most successful and sustainable projects and activities tend to address these causes:

- **Peacebuilding and conflict prevention:** Rotary wants to foster understanding within and across cultures. We train adults and young leaders to prevent and mediate conflict and help refugees who have fled dangerous areas.
- **Disease prevention and treatment:** We educate and equip communities to stop the spread of life-threatening diseases like polio, HIV/AIDS, and malaria. We improve and expand access to low-cost and free health care in developing areas.
- **Water, sanitation, and hygiene:** We support local solutions to bring clean water, sanitation, and hygiene to more people. We work alongside community leaders and educators to make sure our projects succeed in the long term.
- **Maternal and child health:** Nearly 6 million children under age five die each year because of malnutrition, poor health care, and inadequate sanitation. We expand access to quality care, so mothers and their children can live and grow stronger.
- **Basic education and literacy:** More than 775 million people over the age of 15 are illiterate. Our goal is to strengthen the capacity of communities to support basic education and literacy, reduce gender disparity in education, and increase adult literacy.
- **Community economic development:** We work with communities to create opportunities for decent and productive work for young and old. We strengthen local entrepreneurs and community leaders, particularly women.
- **Environment:** We develop projects that conserve and protect natural resources, advance ecological sustainability, and foster harmony between communities and the environment. We empower communities and spur innovation to address the causes and effects of climate change and environmental degradation.

Note:

On Tuesday Oct. 18 Brad Kirkland will be inducted as a new member of our club.

President's Quote for the Day



Submitted by Laurie Anderson