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## NOVEMBER IS ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH

Happy Birthday	Happy Anniversary
Nov 7: Aimee Robson	

### UPCOMING SPEAKERS:

Nov 01: Raj Rajagopal District 5050 Governor's Visit	Nov 08: <b>No Regular Meeting!</b> Fireside – Fellowship at Jim's Pizza – 6 pm	Nov 15: Ms.Yamamoto Former exchange student
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### LAST WEEK'S MEETING

**Brenda Jenkins** presided.

Guest: **Max Weselowski**



and Dollars included:

**Matt** (not to mention Lynda) was very sad (not to mention mad) that Matt parked Lynda's car and forgot to close the sunroof during a heavy rainstorm.



**Walter** happily went to an Elton John concert. (FYI - Throughout his career, John has recorded a total of **464 songs**, most of which are written by him and BernieTaupin).



**Mike** was unhappy to report that Gladys fell on some stairs and hurt some ligaments. (Maybe whatever Sharon had is contagious?).

**Adrienne** was very happy about the successful and fun "Charcuterie and Wine Social" that was held at **Mark and Pauline's** home last Saturday - with special kudos to Mark's barbecued roast and rum cake.

**Lynda** was sad to report that **Aimee's** car was struck by a careless driver, but happy that Aimee was in a Range Rover which probably saved her from serious injuries.

(Apparently the loaner car that Aimee got was so small that it made her family feel like they were ...



**Ineke** and several family members enjoyed some 35° heat at Disneyland.

Today's Program - reports from our executive:

**Mike Davies - Community Services, Paul Harris Committee, and History Committee:**

So far this year, our club has supported various community events including Music on the Wharf, the Caribbean Festival, the Agricultural Society, and the Maple Ridge Sports Heroes Society.

\$10,000 was also paid to the Community Resource HUB for the purchase of tents (located at the Ridge Church), where the homeless can shower, eat, and even get community service referrals.



The Friends In Need Food Bank received \$9,000.

The Non-judgemental Recovery Society and the Maple Ridge Street Outreach Society each receive \$500. Our club is also donating \$600 to reserve a table at the Salvation Army Dignity Breakfast, where 8 of our members will attend.

Each year the club presents a "Paul Harris" recognition to an outstanding member, as well as a deserving non-Rotarian. Members also receive a Paul Harris if they donate up to \$1,000 cumulative. Mike pointed out that club members can transfer their recognition points to another member to help them gain a Paul Harris or to top up what they need to receive the recognition.

In 2020 our club was planning to celebrate its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary, but that was postponed due to COVID. Former club member Scott Payne assembled a commemorative book for the occasion, and that book is now being completed by Eric, with help from the other members of the committee (Mike and Laurie). When the anniversary celebration is held, the completed book will be available to each club member and past presidents and others, showing the history of the club since its inception.

### Walter Volpatti – Treasurer

Our club is looking after several different funds, including, the funds of the Maple Ridge Foundation (which is registered as a charity and can give tax receipts), the Ridge Meadows Ukrainian Welcoming Committee funds (being looked after for that non-Rotarian Committee - although some of our club members are on it), and the Gaming Account (the funds of which come from the BC government Lottery Corporation that has rules about what those funds may be used for).

### Matt Debruyn - Vocational Services

Matt says there are two areas of focus when dealing with vocational service, and one is ethics (in business and generally) and the other is vocational skills that can be used on the job. About 15 years ago (when Matt was still Vocational Service Committee chair) our club started giving bursaries, with the emphasis on need and not on scholastic achievement as the deciding factor as to who receives them. Matt recommends that this program be continued.

Matt introduced the 4 Way Test in elementary schools about 10 years ago, with members of his committee going into the schools and coming up with various scenarios that introduced an ethical question, and then help the children decide upon a course of action by applying the 4 Way Test principles to the problem. This program was eventually discontinued due to waning interest on the part of school teachers and management.

Our club also give out 3,600 illustrated dictionaries to elementary students, but this program was also discontinued (due in part to the attitude that no one uses books anymore).

### Ineke Boekhorst - International Services and other programs she is active in:

Ineke participated in two international trips for Rotary, one to Nicaragua where she and Peter helped build a kitchen attached to a school, and one to Russia when she (together with David Rempel) went there to visit orphanages that we supported as an international project.

Other International projects that our club has participated in included:

- purchase of hippo water rollers (i.e., large water containers that can be rolled along the ground), so that women in remote parts of Africa would not have to carry water jugs on their head over long distances.
- a water project in South Africa, and
- the purchase of Shelter Boxes by our club members



Ineke has attended 15 Rotary International Conventions and highly recommends that each club member should do at least one during their lifetime. A lot of ideas about projects can be obtained from those Conventions. (The next one is in Melbourne, Australia).

The following is just a sample of the many fundraising projects that Ineke has been involved in:

Wine Festival

Garage Sale

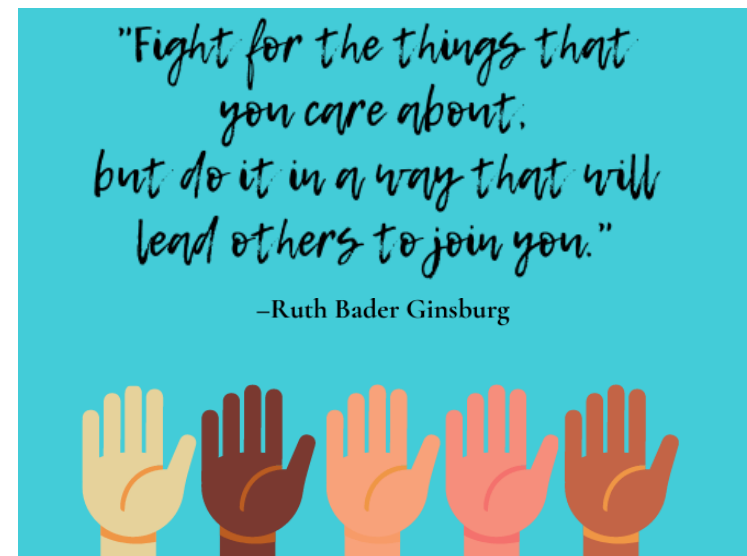
Shelter Box

Starfish Packs

World Polio Day (see ad in last week's newspaper, paid by club members)

Ukrainian Welcoming Committee  
(Aimee is starting up a "GoFundMe")

### President's Quote for the Day:



Submitted by Laurie Anderson