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NOVEMBER IS ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH

Happy Birthday	Happy Anniversary
Nov 10: Brenda Jenkins	

UPCOMING SPEAKERS:

Nov 08: No Regular Meeting! Fireside – Fellowship at Jim's Pizza – 6 pm	Nov 15: Ms. Yamamoto Former exchange student	Nov 22:
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RI PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Being asked to *Imagine Rotary* can seem like a big, heady exercise, but the most important element of it is something quite small, even personal.

Not too long ago, Rotary members were expected to perform our acts of service quietly. I understood and appreciated the thought behind that — humility is a wonderful trait, and we should continue to nurture it in other ways.

But keeping Rotary to ourselves has a cost. And by sharing our Rotary moments, we are being generous with others and giving them an opportunity to understand the impact of Rotary.

It brings to mind that wonderful aphorism that poet Maya Angelou was known for: "People will forget what you said. People will forget what you did. But people will never forget how you made them feel."

So how do we make people feel Rotary? The best way is to share our Rotary moments. We have all had them — when the ordinary collides with intention to create something extraordinary.

Some people have those Rotary moments the first time they go to a meeting. For others, finding such a moment can take years, perhaps when seeing the joy in the eyes of someone we serve. Or in hearing from another member something that hits close to home.

As Nick and I share this journey, we are amazed at the work you are performing and the lives that are transforming. Throughout the year, I'm going to share with you the sights and the stories that made those tours meaningful for us.

I hope you can do the same in your corner of Rotary. It can be something you share in meetings or on social media. For the most savvy and ambitious, it could be an event you publicize through local media. Even telling your stories to friends has impact.

We need ambassadors for Rotary's message and our dreams for a better world. The best ambassadors are our members. The more you share stories — and share them from the heart — the more you encourage others to partner with us, to join us, and to stay.

To give you just one small example, in the months ahead, I will be turning over this column to Rotary members who will share their personal stories as they relate to diversity, equity, and inclusion in our organization. It's important that we hear these stories directly from the people who experienced them as a way of feeling the importance of DEI for the future of Rotary.

In everything we do, what people feel about Rotary will shape our future. I can only imagine what you will inspire through the stories you'll tell.

JENNIFER JONES

RI President, 2022-23

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

President **Chili** presided.

Guests: (apart from our DG)

Moti Bali - honorary member of the White Rock Rotary Club

Ron Langley - honourable partner of Sharon Kyle

Today's meeting was the official visit of our District Governor Srinivasan "Raj" Rajagopal

DG Raj was introduced by Assistant Governor Ken Holland:



Raj was born in the south of India. He has a Bachelor of Civil Engineering degree and Masters in Hydraulic Engineering (India) and a Masters in Mechanics and Hydraulics (USA). He came to Canada in 1973 and now lives in White Rock. He is retired but still provides worldwide assistance in subjects of his expertise.

Raj has extensive experience at senior levels in the World Bank, United Nations Specialized Agencies, and the private sector. His experience includes working on sustainable large-scale water resources development and management projects (Irrigation and Hydropower) in many countries including Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cameroon, Canada, China, Ethiopia, Ghana, India, Moldova, Mongolia, Nepal, Nigeria, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Tanzania, Thailand, Turkey, United States and Vietnam.

Raj is a Director of the Sources Foundation in White Rock which operates various facilities to meet the needs of the community. He is a Director of New Bridge Academy, helping to build bridges between the incoming Chinese immigrant community and area residents.

Raj joined the Rotary Club of White Rock in 2014 under the classification of International Water Resources Development and Management, and was club president in 2016-17.

Raj is a multiple Paul Harris fellow and a major donor to the Rotary Foundation. He is Chair of the Canada-Tunisia Inter-Country Cultural Committee of Rotary International. He is also a member of three Rotary Action Groups: Water and Sanitation, Environmental Sustainability, and Honouring Indigenous People.

And DG Raj is also a member of the **Whiskey D.R.A.M. Rotary Fellowship Group [See below]**.

Surprise Presentation

Laurie Anderson was surprised to be receiving from DG Raj, upon the recommendation of the Club President Chili, a recognition for his attendance at club meetings, his writing up of the Club bulletin each week (with Peter as editor), and for other participation in Club activities.



Remarks of District Governor Raj



DG Raj focused on Rotary International's "Imagine" theme, with emphasis on three of Rotary's seven areas of focus: Protecting the Environment, Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution, and Diversity, Equity and Inclusion; and discussed ideas of how we could better pay attention to these areas of focus.

The Environment:

Our new Rotary International President Jennifer Jones wants Rotarians to focus on the environment this year. Clubs and Districts may now apply for special **Global Grants to support the environment**. Rotary supports activities that foster the conservation and protection of natural resources, ecological sustainability and harmony between communities and the environment. These environmental Grants are intended to address the causes off, and to mitigate, climate change and environmental degradation.

Peace and Conflict Resolution

Says DG Raj, even in quiet neighbourhoods in Canada there is room for peace and conflict resolution, which can be a great help to families.

Diversity and Inclusion

DG Raj gave several ideas regarding this area of focus. He gave as an example the San Juan Islands where many attractions and businesses are mindful of different accessibility needs and have made accommodations for wheelchair access, service animals, and for sensory needs. He also mentioned an experiment of the World Bank where they had employees sitting in a wheelchair all day to do their work. Despite there being many "alpha males and alpha females" working on the job, this experience changed the attitude of about half of the people who found they could not properly do their job. Speaking of inclusion, he noted that there is not one blind Rotarian in the whole of District 5050. "Are we doing things that disabled persons can participate in?Participants don't have to be members of Rotary to participate in our activities.... Inclusion and diversity is not just about race, religion and colour...."

DG Raj noted that the theme for the District Conference this year will be "Imagine a Peaceful and Inclusive World" (May 5,6 &7, 2023). He also noted that while growth of Rotary in North America is falling off, Rotarians in Asia and Africa are growing in number. He stated that Rotary Fellowship Groups are one way to attract and retain, members (e.g., **see Rotary DRAM Fellowship Group above – and below**).

Happy and Sad

Adrienne reminded us that in lieu of next week's regular noon meeting, we are meeting at Jim's Pizza on 224th St. (downstairs) at 6 PM next Tuesday, November 8, where a buffet of pizza, pasta, wings and salad will be served.

Debbie has returned from Europe,

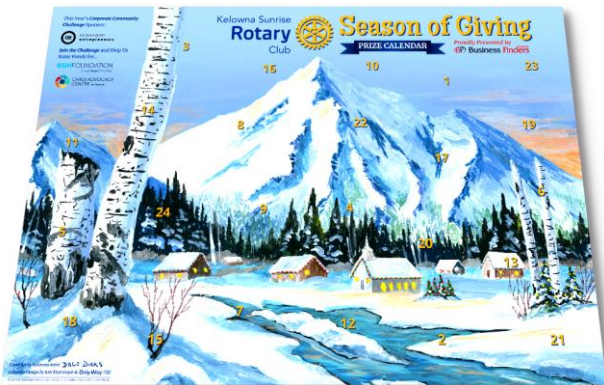
Brad is back from Disney World, and

Ineke has rebounded from trick-or-treating with her grandchildren (disguising herself by wearing a "cat in the hat" headpiece).



Season of Giving Calendar

Ineke showed to us the calendar which is a fundraiser for the Kelowna Sunrise Rotary Club, by which that Club earned approximately \$100,000 last year and is hoping to double that this Christmas season (the goal is \$250,000). If you purchase the "**Season of Giving**" Calendar, you are entered to win prizes of all sizes every day from December 1 to December 24, 2022. To promote the calendar, they are selling the calendars to various businesses, which will in turn give them to their employees for Christmas. The calendars are produced in Germany, and are being sold for \$20 each. Ineke introduced this as a possible fundraiser for our Meadow Ridge Rotary Club. A digital version of the calendar is also now available online. Ineke has a few of these calendars for sale.



FYI - Whiskey - Whisky - Wisky



The initials **D.R.A.M.** [see DG Raj bio, above] refers to Whiskey **Drinking Rotarians And Members** Fellowship, and was established in 2015 so that Rotarians may enjoy a whiskey appreciation fellowship. The Rotary Whiskey D.R.A.M. Fellowship was officially sanctioned by Rotary International in 2016. The aim of this Fellowship is for Rotarians and their partners, who enjoy drinking **whiskey/whisky**, to learn and share with each other information about **whiskies** from different parts of the world.

Do you know the difference between (1) whisky, (2) whiskey, and (3) wisky? To make a long explanation short:

"**Whisky**" (with no 'e') refers to Scottish, Canadian, or Japanese grain spirits.



"**Whiskey**" (with an 'e') refers to grain spirits distilled in Ireland and the United States.

And (compliments of **Mark Forster**) what is "**Wisky**" (with no 'h' or 'e')?



Daffy Duck and Elmer Fudd break into a distillery. Daffy turns to Elmer and says: "Is this whiskey?" Elmer replies, "Yeth, but not as wisky as wobbing a bank".

President's Quote for the Day



Submitted by Laurie Anderson