

Meetings: Tuesday 12 Noon

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NOVEMBER IS ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH

Happy Birthday

Happy Anniversary

UPCOMING SPEAKERS:

Nov 29:	Mark Vosper BCSPCA	Dec 06:	Nicole McDonald Mayor of Pitt Meadows	Dec 13:	Rotary Club AGM
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LAST WEEK'S MEETING

President Chili presided.

Guests:

Kerri Reid: Mike Davies presented Kerri with a cheque in the amount of \$500 on behalf of **Christmas Haven**. Every Christmas Eve since 1998, a group of community minded volunteers have organized the free, non-denominational, and wheelchair accessible Christmas dinner, to promote a sense of belonging and camaraderie for those who don't wish to be alone during the Christmas season. The event welcomes families, seniors and individuals who are seeking a connection to the community at this time of the year. This year Christmas Haven will be held at the ACT from 5 PM to 8 PM. No reservations are required.



Lidy Kok, on behalf of the **Pitt Meadows Garden Club,** presented our club with a cheque in the amount of \$1,000 to support the Starfish Pack Program. Lidy and Ineke Boekhorst share the position of President of the Garden Club. Some members of the Garden Club noticed the article in the paper that the Starfish Program was in dire need of funds, and wanted to give the Garden Club's annual donation towards the Starfish Program.



(Lidy and her husband Ron started Amsterdam Greenhouses in Pitt Meadows, which business is now run by their son.)

The Garden Club is a group of gardeners with varied interests, large or small gardens, who meet together for a horticultural education and social fun on the third Monday of each month



(except in July, August and December) at the Community Church on Harris Road. Membership is only \$35 per person or \$50 per couple. (Ineke and Peter are members.)

At today's meeting we had no speaker, but we enjoyed socializing together.

Happy and Sad dollars included:

Ineke was happy that she, with daughter Marjolein, Libby, Debbie and Laurie attended the District Foundation Dinner which was held on November 16, 2022. An inspiring talk was given by filmmaker Alison MacLean, a Rotary Peace Scholarship Alumni, who recounted her work in Afghanistan.

The former South Surrey resident was in Afghanistan for four separate media embeds with the forces of six NATO countries during the past decade – putting herself in serious risk, much of it for her feature-length documentary passion project *Burkas2Bullets*, celebrating the Afghan women who chose to become part of the police and the military in the fight against Taliban and ISIS-K forces. Since the democratic government was ousted by the Taliban, the plight of anyone who worked with Western humanitarian organizations, journalists or military personnel over the past 20 years – particularly women and children – has become dire, MacLean said. She is now doing everything she can to find safe passage for Afghans fleeing their homeland.

Laurie was happy to have “happy birthday” sung to him on his 80th birthday, happy that at least he is not as old as President Joe Biden, and happy that his children haven’t taken away his car keys - but not so happy to remember that on his 21st birthday John F. Kennedy was assassinated.



Fine Master Mark Vosper raised some Doha by fining anyone who didn’t know the capital of Qatar, as well as other trick questions associated with the FIFA World Cup Tournament.

What is the name of McDonald’s new World Cup-themed hamburger?

Answer: “the Qatar pounder”.



Submitted by Laurie Anderson