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## JANUARY IS VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH

### Happy Birthday

Jan 13: Matt DeBruyn

### Happy Anniversary

### UPCOMING SPEAKERS:

Jan 17:

Jan 24:

Jan 31:

### RI PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Rotary recently surveyed our members and found something that should be unsurprising but still caused many of us in Rotary leadership to sit up and pay attention: The single most important factor in member satisfaction is the club experience. How at home you feel in your club, how rewarding club meetings are, and how engaged you feel in service projects.

I have seen this firsthand across the Rotary world this year. When members feel an emotional connection to their club, they cannot imagine leaving. And that connection is often forged in "Rotary moments," when people feel that special connection to the people around them and the impact of their service. Our Imagine Impact Tour is all about shining a light on those Rotary moments and encouraging our members to tell their stories.

But there's something else that makes an enormous difference in building and sustaining that connection. It's the comfort and care of our members — both Rotarians and Rotaractors. As my Rotary friend Todd Jenkins says, "People can't see how you think, but they sure can see your actions."

We are in the relationship business, and if we take care of each other — genuinely show concern for each other — then we will make friends for life, and we will do anything to widen that circle of friendship.

The question is: How do we live with our eyes wide open and do the things that really matter? We do this by taking time for each other, actively listening to one another, and treating every Rotary member as equally valuable — no matter how long we have been a member or what position we hold.

People like me in Rotary leadership can offer all kinds of advice about how to make your club experience more valuable. But what's most important is for everyone in every Rotary club to speak up and listen to one another. We should never be afraid to share with our fellow Rotary member what we expect to get out of our membership and have an open discussion about how to make that happen.

To lead a Rotary club is to invite such dialogue and to be willing to try new approaches. Good leadership is giving it away. Propping others up. Allowing others to feel the victory.

I have one last request for club leaders. We still need to do more worldwide to increase our female membership. It's up a bit this year, but I know we can and must do better. Rotary is growing again. As I write this, we're just a handful of members away from surpassing 1.2 million Rotarians again. So let's redouble our efforts to bolster our clubs with great new members, then keep them for life by providing comfort and care.

**Jennifer Jones**  
President 2022-23

## LAST WEEK'S MEETING

President **Chili** presided.

### Guests:

**Alex Pope**, Executive Director of the Fraser North Farmers Market Society, and Business/Software Consultant, guest of Ineke.

**Dr. Nageswara Kolla**, Physician and Surgeon, guest of Chili.

**Laurel Hickman**, outreach housing manager for Alouette Addictions Services.

### Happy and Sad Dollars:

**Mark Forster** - sad to report that his mother now has to be cared for in a care facility.

**Ken Holland** - during the last few weeks including the Christmas holidays, he has had to move not only his house but also his office and undergo some hand surgery, but is now happy that is all behind him.

**Ineke Boekhorst** - visited **Doris Gagel** who is now in Holyrood AgeCare Manor, and suffering from dementia. Doris joined our Club immediately after it was Chartered over 30 years ago. Ineke was also sad that her plans to meet her daughter Marjolein in Florida had to be cancelled. Marjolein is attending a Rotary training session in preparation for her year as District Governor for Rotary District 5060.

**Lynda Lawrence** - happy for her trip to Hawaii during the Christmas holidays, and sad to learn that during her absence the Friends in Need Food Bank was broken into with several interior doors broken and laptops and a safe stolen.

**One (male) lawyer** – spent Christmas holidays in Mexico and, while avoiding the violence of the drug cartels, did not avoid Montezuma's revenge.



**Clint Callison** is looking forward to moving into his new office premises.

**Brenda** has tested zero for cancer.

### Starfish Program for local Schools –

**Ineke** reported that starting now until the end of the school year the School District will pay for one half the cost of this food program. There is an increased demand for the food packs, with the total number now up to 250, serving 23 different schools within School District 42.

The Haney Rotary Club - will not be participating with the Wine Fest or the Duck Race this coming year. **Jesse Sidhu** will now be the president of that club which will be holding future meetings in the upstairs meeting room of Chances in downtown Maple.

### Change of venue for January 24 meeting

Our own Meadow Ridge Rotary club will be meeting at noon on Tuesday, January 24 at the Legion Building situated on the corner of 224 Street and Brown Avenue, as a test run to determine if our club members wish to move our weekly meetings to the town core.

**Submitted by Laurie Anderson**