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## JANUARY IS VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH

### Happy Birthday

### Happy Anniversary

Feb 2: Eric & Urma Mollema

### UPCOMING SPEAKERS:

Jan 31: Sam Lewindon & Theo Rathonyi  
Maple Ridge PROBUS Club

Feb 7:

Feb 14:

### LAST WEEK'S MEETING

This January 24, 2023 meeting was held in the basement room of the Legion Hall on 224<sup>th</sup> Street and Brown Avenue, as a test run for a possible new location for our regular Tuesday meetings. The January 31<sup>st</sup> meeting will be back at the Meadow Gardens Golf Course when there will be a discussion about a possible move back to Maple Ridge town centre.



President **Chili** presided.

#### Guests:

**Laurel Hickman** and **Alex Pope**

#### Happy and Sad Dollars included:

**Dave Macpherson:** as the Christmas season is a very busy time for the Salvation Army, Dave was happy that he survived Christmas. The local Salvation Army has now moved its temporary administrative offices to #2 - 23315 Dewdney Trunk Road, which has tripled their space.

Our **President-Elect Brenda:** will be going to PETS next month – more particularly know as “Pacific Northwest Presidents-Elect Training Seminar”, to be held from Friday to Sunday on Feb 17-19, 2023.

Did you know that this seminar includes Districts **5010, 5020, 5030, 5040, 5050, 5060, 5080, 5100, 5110, and 5400?** Brenda is going to arrive on Thursday night so she won't miss the session that starts at 9:00 AM on Friday morning.

**Libby:** had a great holiday in New Zealand and Australia.

**Ineke:** was happy to have Libby back, and congratulated the **Golden Ears Sunrise Rotary Club** for starting a **Rotary Interact Club** (for ages 12 to 18).

**Sharon** has started her aqua-fit classes, so she will now be singing along with Willie Nelson:



*In the pool again  
Just can't wait to get in the pool again  
The life I love is making splashes with my friends  
And I can't wait to get in the pool again*

Sharon also says she has a “big number” birthday on January 27 (would that be 70??).

**Eric:** recently moved into his new digs, but was kept in the dark for a day as their power got cut off (through no fault of his own).

#### Paul Harris Recipient

**Eric Mollema:** was presented (by Mike Davies) with a Rotary Pin with 3 sapphires, meaning that this is Eric's 4<sup>th</sup> Paul Harris recognition.



Program: Ken Holland, that's Who's Who



Ken is one of a minority of individuals who was actually born in British Columbia. He was born in Burnaby, and has lived in Surrey, Langley, Abbotsford, and now Maple Ridge, which he has called home since 2002.

For about 37 years he has been in the custom home design business, and is the owner of **Ken Holland Designs**.

Ken has been an active Rotarian and community volunteer. He is also one of the few persons who can honestly say, "Belonging to Rotary almost killed me". He took a trip with Rotary to Guatemala to work on an International Service Project where he caught a virus or infection that attacked his heart. He was told that he would be on dialysis for the rest of his life, which the doctor told him was only supposed to last another five months. In October 2017, after being denied an operation by five other doctors, Dr. Jamil Bashir operated on his heart at St. Paul's Hospital in Vancouver and saved his life.



[**Acknowledgement:** This and the other pictures of Ken were inserted here without Ken's permission, knowledge or consent.]

Ken was on dialysis for 1½ years. In December 2018, Ken's dialysis was finally taken out. (Ken has said that, "if it wasn't for the love, strength and determination of everyone around me, chances are I wouldn't have made it". [We think, however, that it also had a lot to do with his own inner strengths and determination, as demonstrated by the picture below.]



Ken is currently the **District Assistant Governor for our District Area "M"** (which includes the Mission Midday, Mission Sunrise, Golden Ears Sunrise, Haney, and Meadow Ridge Rotary Clubs). He was a member and past president of the Haney Rotary Club before we were fortunate enough to have him join our club.

As a community worker and volunteer, he looked after Grade 11 students with the YES Program. (YES is an acronym for Youth Employment Service, which is a business led collaboration with the government that seeks to reduce youth unemployment across private and public sectors.) For six years he was a director on the Chamber of Commerce serving Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows, and served two years as its President. For four years he was on the advisory design panel for Pitt Meadows. He also served on the Downtown Maple Ridge Business Improvement Association Safety and Security Committee, and as a member of the Downtown Enhancement Project-Public Liaison Committee. He has even been seen making eye contact with Christmas shoppers while ringing a bell for the Salvation Army Christmas Kettle Campaign.



Club announcement from Adrienne: Mark your calendars!

On **Friday, February 10, 2023**, our Club will once again enjoy a Valentine meal and social hosted by Mark and Pauline Forster. [And rumour has it that Ken doesn't like cabbage rolls, so no cabbage rolls, please!]

**Submitted by Laurie Anderson**