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## MARCH IS WATER AND SANITATION MONTH

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### UPCOMING SPEAKERS:

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### LAST WEEK'S MEETING

President **Chili** presided.

Guests: (apart from cheque presentations)

**Leslie Michael** (current member of the Haney Rotary Club)

**Debbie Nosworthy** (better half of our speaker for the day)

**Warren Dale** (a director of the Maple Ridge Community Foundation)

Cheques Presentation by the Club:

**Mike Davies** (Community Services Chair) presented a cheque in the amount of \$500 to Shea Henry, Executive Director of the Maple Ridge Historical Society, to support the Music on the Wharf event that is held over the summer each year, and organized by that Society. This fun event has been held at the Port Haney Wharf since 1997, and the Historical Society selects bands and performers to entertain the residents and visitors.



The performances are held every two weeks on Mondays from July 10, 2023 to August 21, 2023; and more specifically on July 10, July 24, August 14 and August 28. The concerts begin at 7:30 PM and are over by 9 PM. Admission is free (but donations are appreciated). Bring a lawn chair!

Rotary Foundation Moment:

**Laurie Anderson** read the following message from **Jack Rae, District Foundation Chair**, entitled: **HOW DO GLOBAL GRANTS MAKE SUSTAINABLE CHANGE IN THE WORLD?**

*One remarkable aspect of The Rotary Foundation is that opportunities for significant projects exist wherever there's a need*

— in large countries and small ones, in metropolitan areas and rural ones. Global grant projects are built on international partnerships, and those collaborations can take many forms. A district in Canada may be the international sponsor, with a U.S. district as the host sponsor. A club in France could sponsor a global grant project in Germany. The need, not the location, determines the project. Here's another example: Rotary clubs in Honduras and the U.S. worked together on a global grant project to provide eye care to people in Honduras. Members from both clubs provided vision services through local clinics. They evaluated more than 1,200 people and gave prescription eyeglasses to 600. A local nongovernmental organization will continue to provide glasses and medications to people who need them. What does this mean for the community? Better eyesight can lead to better educational or occupational opportunities, which can mean a better quality of life for people. Clubs around the world use these grants from the Foundation to make long-term, sustainable change. Every club has the opportunity to do this, one project at a time.

Program: The Maple Ridge Community Foundation – **Kevin Nosworthy**

**Kevin Who?** [Full Disclosure: Although no *curriculum vitae* was offered, the following information was provided by 'reliable sources' whose identity will remain undisclosed.]

Kevin is the new president of the Community Foundation, and a former member of our own Rotary Club [with his most life-changing experience, and fondest memory as a Rotarian, no doubt being his acting as the Secretary when Laurie Anderson was president in 2003 – 2004].

Kevin was the founder of the Avanti Planning Group where, in 2001, they began marketing the Chamber of Commerce Group Insurance Plan, and in June 2004 purchased the marketing rights.



Debbie worked in the business [and was no doubt the reason for Avanti Planning Group winning 5 different recognitions of Marketing Excellence, as well as an Outstanding Achievement award from the local Chamber of Commerce]. Kevin and Debbie have recently retired [whereupon they purchased a motorhome into which they can happily flush all of their hard-earned retirement savings while gallivanting around the country until they come to their senses].

### Kevin's Presentation

**Kevin advised** that the Community Foundation was founded in 1976 by the workers of the city of Maple Ridge, with donations from the workers being made by way of payroll deductions. It manages a permanent endowment in order to respond to emerging and changing community needs. This allows it to be able to provide a vehicle and service for donors with varied interests and at various levels of charitable giving. The Maple Ridge Community Foundation accumulates capital through gifts from individuals, families and businesses. The annual investment income on this capital is granted to charitable organizations in Maple Ridge that address needs in education, health, recreation, the environment and the arts. The Foundation has a \$1.3 million endowment, and since 1976 the Community Foundation has given out \$998,075. This year, it will exceed the \$1 million mark.

The Foundation holds **3 main events** throughout the year.

### 1. Annual Fundraising Dinner and Citizen of the Year Awards Presentation

This Award has **three categories**:

- (a) Youth Award
- (b) Under-40 Award (now called the Teesha Sharma Memorial Award, named after the young woman who was honoured with this award in 2018, and who lost her life shortly after being presented with this recognition).
- (c) Lifetime Achievement Award. (**Ineke Boekhorst, Matt Debruyn, Bob Shantz and Betty Levens** from our Club have been past recipients of the Citizen of the Year Award).

### 2. Golf Tournament

This year will be the 10<sup>th</sup> annual year for this event, that will be held on June 20, 2023 at Meadow Gardens Golf Club. [Kevin says that although there are three categories of Citizen of the Year awards, there is only one category or skill level for the Golf Tournament, viz, "no golf skill required" – just don't wear blue jeans.]

### 3. Annual Granting Ceremony

At this event, the Community Foundation gives out cheques to a wide range of registered charities committed to building a better Maple Ridge, and the recipients are given the opportunity to tell their story.

### Community Chest and Dancing in the Ridge

The Community Chest is an arm of the Maple Ridge Community Foundation, but is not funded from its endowment fund. Since 2016, this program has contributed to 11 families who were faced with challenges that had the potential to be insurmountable. These aren't always large calls for help, but calls that may have been unanswered were it not for this fund. It is given out to

individuals in need to help them over a one-time financial crisis. It has a maximum limit of \$1000. Kevin gave the following as a possible example of a grant from this Fund: An individual has a car that needs fixing, but doesn't have the money to pay for it. Without a car, he or she cannot get to work and earn a living, and without an income they would become homeless. The Community Chest does not give the money directly to the recipient, but will arrange to have their car fixed, and pay the cost of the repair directly to the mechanic.

One of the fundraising events designed to provide financial assistance to the Community Chest Program is the second annual "Dancing in the Ridge" event scheduled for November 2023 at the ACT Theatre. This "Dancing with the Stars" styled event will consist of eight couples and teams, judged by local celebrities. This event raised \$30,000 last year.

### Cheque Presentation to the Club



The Maple Ridge Community Foundation presented a cheque in the amount of \$5,750 in support of the Starfish Pack program.

Happy and Sad dollars included:

**Libby** – Duck Race Tickets are now being sold, and Libby was happy to note that Ken Holland has already sold a book. Each ticket cost \$10, and there are 10 tickets in each book. Race Day is Sunday, August 13, 2023. ["Know your limit. Play within it". But that mantra does not apply to how many tickets you can sell!]

**Clint** - was sad to report that his cousin Erin has passed away from cancer.

**Kevin** - reported that **Mark and Linda Vosper** (who are currently visiting Japan) were saddened to learn that their dog had died.

**Warren** - was extremely happy that Adrienne has stuck with him so that they were able to recently celebrate their 30 years together.



**Laurie** - was happy to give kudos to the Community Chest program which (when you sign up) provides you with large plastic bags to put in bottles, milk cartons, and other recyclable containers, together with identification stickers/labels that let the depot know whom to give the money to. All you have to do is to drop off the bag when it is full to one of the three Return-It depots, and the depot will forward the money to the community chest to help fund that program.

**Submitted by Laurie Anderson**