

Meetings: Tuesday 12 Noon

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APRIL IS MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH MONTH

Happy Birthday

Happy Anniversary

Apr 14: Dave & Sharon Rempel

UPCOMING SPEAKERS:

Apr 11: Al Stjernegaard
Port Moody Education and literacy
Global Grant wrap-up Belize

Apr 18:

Apr 25:

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Secretary **Libby** presided.

Guest:

Leslie Michael

Program:

Chamber of Commerce for Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows

Speaker: **Kristi Maier** – Executive Director



Kristi Maier became the new Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce on October 3, 2022.

Prior to becoming the new Executive Director, she served in multiple positions at the Greater Langley Chamber of Commerce, where her latest position was that of Director of Operations. Previous to that, she worked as office manager for a couple of real estate-related firms, as well as a senior conveyancer. She lives in Maple Ridge, and has one son.

About the Chamber of Commerce:

The Chamber of Commerce has served both Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows since 1999. Previously the two chambers acted independently. They were incorporated around 1910, in those days being called a Board of Trade, and are one of the oldest of those organizations in Canada. They were dissolved during World War I, but reinstated thereafter.



The purpose of the Chamber is to foster a thriving, prosperous business community. It represents and promotes over 450 businesses in and around our two cities and region. In addition to having the opportunity to contribute to the community and influence all levels of government, members receive benefits that include nationally negotiated discounts (including discounts on credit cards and gasoline purchases) and educational and networking opportunities of value to the businesses.

Objectives of the Chamber of Commerce include:

- Member promotion, including promotion in the Chamber's newsletter.
- Advocacy, to all levels of government
- Networking, that helps strengthen their businesses
- Education and training opportunities, through educational seminars and workshops

Upcoming Chamber Events:

April 11, 2023 - Budget roundtable with MLA D'Eith and
MLA Beare

April 27, 2023 - Business after-hours networking social

May 16, 2023 - dinner meeting: Lead Vantage

Happy and Sad Dollars and Fines

Despite his FINEST efforts, **Matt** was unsuccessful in arousing our members (except one) to admissions of happy or sad happenings in their lives during the past week.



Duck Race Ticket Sales

Help sell Duck Race tickets (new ones or the ones you have purchased) next Saturday, April 15, 2023, in front of London Drugs between 11:00 am and 5:00 pm. The slot between 11:00 AM and 2:00 PM is currently filled. Contact Libby if you can help out.

This year's committee has a goal of selling 10,000 tickets, so that \$100,000 will help and support local organizations and activities. And remember to buy and promote the sale of 50/50 tickets, sold only online at RotaryDuckRace.ca

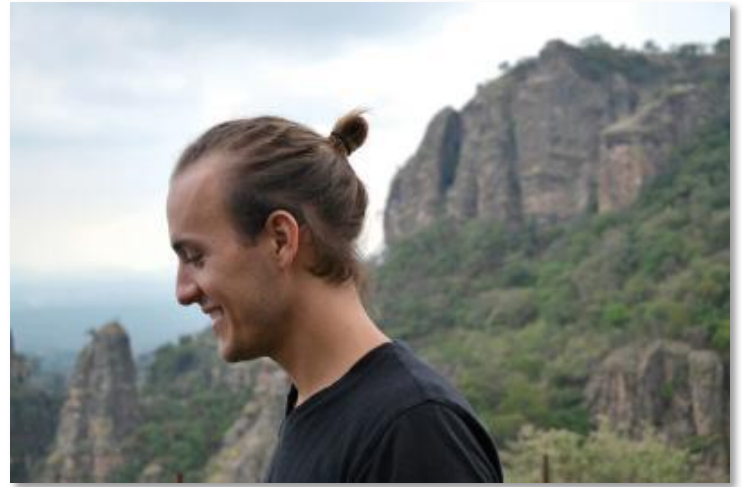
Today's quote: "IF..."



Submitted by Laurie Anderson

Debbie MacRae found on Rotary.org an interesting article. The following is a shortcut.

WORDS FROM A ROTARY GLOBAL GRANT SCHOLAR



"During my time as a Rotary scholar, I learned to look at development differently. We often think of international aid in terms of poverty reduction, and we often see poverty reduction in terms of dollars spent and earned. The anthropology of development aims to analyze global aid in another way. We pay particular attention to how initiatives play out on the ground to determine just what local communities' needs are and how those needs might be met sustainably and, eventually, autonomously. ...

Rotarians understand that to have the most impact, we need to learn from other cultures. As global grant scholars, that's what we aim to do — during our studies, and afterward."

— Levi Vonk, a global grant scholar and later a Fulbright fellow to Mexico

Learn more about Vonk and [his work with migrants in Mexico](#).