

Meetings: Tuesday 12 Noon

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MAY IS YOUTH SERVICE MONTH

Happy Birthday

May 22: Ineke Boekhorst

Happy Anniversary

UPCOMING SPEAKERS:

May 16: Michael Von Dop
Fire Chief of Maple Ridge

May 23:

May 30: Sharon Kyle
Who's Who

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Brenda Jenkins presided.

Guests:

Allan Stjernegaard, Assistant Governor

As we had no speaker for today's meeting, **Al Stjernegaard** was called upon to tell us about his Port Moody Rotary Club, and their various projects and fundraisers. They join with the other Rotary clubs in their area to put on a Ribfest that is held in July each year, and is one of their biggest fundraisers.

Ribfest started in 2015 and is held with volunteers from the members of other Tri-Cities Rotary clubs as well as hundreds of volunteers from the community. It is estimated that roughly 50,000 visitors attend the festival over the three days each year, with about 35 to 40% of those people coming from outside of Port Moody. There is live music over the three days and a "Fun Zone" with entertainment for children and families.



Ribfest

Another project which that club has been involved in for a number of years is their Shred-a-Thon which they have once year, just after tax season. Like our club, they also operate a Starfish program.

Ineke Boekhorst and **Laurie Anderson** were called upon to talk about their impressions of the District 5050 Conference which was held May 5-7, 2023. **Brenda Jenkins, Dave Rempel and Ken Holland** also attended from our club. Keynote speakers at the event were Nadine Mross Pankratz, Keith Carlson, Al Jubitz, David Suzuki, Stephanie Cadieux, and Rotary international director Drew Kessler.

Happy and Sad dollars included Kudos for the District 5050 Conference, to see Brian Bekar back from his sojourn in the south, and to the Boy Scouts who sold \$1,000 worth of tickets for the Duck Race.

Announcements:

Executive planning meeting for the coming Rotary 2023-2024 Year will be held at the office of Brenda Jenkins Tuesday, May 16, at 5:30 PM.

A quote for the Day



Submitted by Laurie Anderson