



Meetings: Tuesday 12 Noon

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MAY IS YOUTH SERVICE MONTH

Happy Birthday	Happy Anniversary
	June 2: Mark & Pauline Forster
	June 4: Brian & Sharon Bekar

UPCOMING SPEAKERS:

May 30: Sharon Kyle Who's Who	June 6:	June 13: Ineke Boekhorst Report on International Convention
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LAST WEEK'S MEETING

President-elect **Brenda Jenkins** presided.

Guests:

Jim Michals- former club member, now living in Alberta, and still involved in his charity work in Poland.

Happy and Said Dollars included the following:

Two very sad announcements:

Chili's wife Chinni passed away yesterday, May 22, 2023. She was only in her mid-40s. Our sincere condolences are extended to Chili and their two daughters Maya and Miya. A funeral service is being held on Thursday, May 25 to which all Rotarians are welcome to attend.

Dave Macpherson's newborn grandson **Wesley Ryan Wiebe** passed away after a 27-day (lifelong) battle with a brain tumor, leaving his surviving mother Jennifer, father Tom and brothers Ben and Theo. Dave sent a message to our club, which included the following: "Thank you everyone for your kindness, prayers, support and love during this time. We are so thankful for the BC Children's NICU and Canucks Place for their exceptional care of our whole family. We will celebrate Wesley's life in the coming weeks."

On happier notes:

Ken Holland has received positive news about his blood tests. His doctor says that "all numbers are perfect". (Ken quipped, "the only thing I did to get that result was to disobey every rule the doctor gave me".)

Mike Davies is completely over his brief bout with Covid, and thanked everyone who had sent to him their cards and best wishes.

Jim Michals was also happy to report that his stage 4+ cancer is now virtually gone.

Clint reported that his father and others are now back in their homes, safe from the forest fire that came close to their property.

Ineke and Peter Boekhorst are back from their trip to Leavenworth, Washington, where they attended the Rotary District 5060 Conference (their daughter **Marjolein** will be the DG of that District this coming Rotary year). Ineke and Marjolein will also be meeting at the Rotary International Conference in Australia.

Alex Pope (Barbara) and **Brenda Jenkins** (Al) are both celebrating their wedding anniversaries on this day May 23. Brenda and Al have been married for 32 years, beating Alex and Barbara's record by five years.



About our Speaker:



Ranjit Kingra is the coordinator and facilitator of Restorative Justice, a program of Maple Ridge / Pitt Meadows Community Services. Her journey into this field and with this program began 18 years ago in 2005, first as a volunteer and then as the coordinator. Ranjit holds a Bachelor of Arts in Child and Youth Care from the University of Victoria. Ranjit facilitates restorative justice circles and conferences, inviting those who have been harmed, those who cause the harm, and the community to engage in dialogue about harm, reparation, accountability, and supports while addressing the needs of all parties. In addition, Ranjit instructs the education and prevention programs of Restorative Justice in embodying the philosophy of Engage, Empower, Support and Restore.

The Restorative Justice Program started out as a Youth Diversion Program in 1994, co-founded by Lola Chapman and others who wanted to divert youth offenders from prosecution in the courts. Seven years ago the Program became part of MR/PM Community Services, and is now open to persons who are at least 9 years of age with no maximum age limit. Restorative Justice is an approach to achieving justice by engaging those who have been involved not only in criminal behaviour, but also in non-criminal, interpersonal conflict or disputes in an inclusive and meaningful way. This approach brings healing to the parties involved by creating an environment for conversation about harm, impact, accountability, and reparation of harm. They meet with the persons who cause the harm and who receive the harm – and sometimes brings the two parties face-to-face.

They take referrals from schools, police, courts, businesses, community, and self-referrals. Examples of incidents for referral include person-related offences, property-related offences, fraud, bullying, sexting (as opposed to just texting), harassment and conflict.

Submitted by Laurie Anderson