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JUNE IS ROTARY FELLOWSHIP MONTH

[Happy Birthday](#)

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UPCOMING SPEAKERS:

June 13: Ineke Boekhorst Report on International Convention	June 20: No regular lunch meeting. Instead there will be an outside Fireside at Matt's. Starting at 5:30 pm	June 27: No regular lunch meeting. Instead "30 plus Year" Anniversary Celebration and Installation
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LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Brenda Jenkins presided.

Guests: **Jim Michals** (former club member)

Happy and Sad Dollars

We were happy to welcome **Lynda Lawrence** and **Dave Macpherson** back.

Treasurer **Walter** reminded everyone, going to the June 27 Anniversary/Installation Dinner, to eTransfer to him the money for your tickets right away.

Adrienne was happy that she and **Warren** went camping on the weekend, but unhappy that they had to experience certain undisclosed inconveniences that Warren had to attend to. (Were they any of these???)



Rotary Committees and Duties

Rotary's ideal of service is based on the **Five Avenues of Service** outlined by Rotary International, and each avenue of service is under the direction of one of our Club Directors. Those directors are:

- Club Service (Adrienne Dale),
- Vocational Service (Mark Vosper),
- Community Service (Mike Davies),
- International Service (Ineke Boekhorst) and
- New Generations Service (Sharon Kyle).

In lieu of a speaker, **Libby** called upon Committee Chairs and members to give a brief description of the five main Rotary Avenues of Service and of the various club committees that carry out the projects and duties under their direction. Club members are asked to become involved in and volunteer for at least one or more project committees in the coming Rotary year of July 2023 to June 2024.

Club Service

Club Service is responsible for the proper functioning of the club and its internal activities. It organizes various fellowship functions, including firesides, annual camping, the walking group, pub nights and other club social and fellowship functions. It arranges for club speakers and programs at our regular meetings, and the setting up of the club meetings (with such things as location, microphone, podium), and appointment of Sergeant at arms.

Community Service

Each year the Club gets funds from the government through the gaming grant (usually in the neighbourhood of about \$20,000) and this service committee receives requests for funding from various community organizations and decides what grants will be given out. Those that are over \$2,000 are first approved by the Executive. The service committee gives weight to what the directors of the club want to support in its year. It helps develop and implement service projects in our local communities of Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows.

International Service

International Service gets involved in International Projects to serve the needs on an international level, either actively (through hands-on projects in other countries) or passively (providing funds or other assistance to projects in other countries). Regular committee meetings are held (three or four per Rotary year) to put together an annual budget and goals of the Committee. The main goal is to complete the proposed international projects, as set out in the annual budget by the international service committee.

New Generations Service

New Generations involves itself with young people. In this regard, it is responsible for the Student International Exchange Program, where incoming and outgoing students go to school and live with host families during the school year in another country. Rotary has recently instituted an exchange program called STEP (which stands for Short Term Exchange Program) where students go for a short term of about one month and stay at each other's homes. New Generations also arranges for young people ages 18 to 25 to go to RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, an intensive leadership experience organized by Rotary clubs and districts) and young people ages 13 to 18 to participate in YAIL (Youth Adventures in Leadership, a leadership program that is designed to give participants the opportunity to develop leadership skills). It also encourages and helps the Rotaract Clubs.

Vocational Service

Vocational Service is involved in youth education and development. In previous years, in our Club this included the program where about 4,000 young people receive picture dictionaries, and about 2,000 children were introduced to the 4-Way Test in grade 4 elementary schools in our area. It looks after the Clubs bursary program (this year, 17 applications were received and 9 were approved). It has also in the past conducted mock interviews for employment.

Each on the Five Avenues of Service have several sub-committees that work under these four Avenues.

These include:

Membership Committee has as its purpose the attraction and retention of new members.

History Committee works with the Maple Ridge Museum and Historical Society in keeping records for our club. During the last couple of years, it has been involved in the production of a book celebrating 30+ years since our club's organization, and the organization of the Anniversary Dinner to be held on June 27, and the invitation to former club members to attend that event.

Duck Race Committee organizes this event which is held in August, and raises money for local organizations (as well as our Rotary Club) by giving local organizations and our Club the opportunity to sell tickets and retain 80% of the ticket price. This year 26 groups have signed up to sell tickets and raise money for their organizations. The Duck Race has in the past raised approximately \$80,000 by this event, and has a goal of \$100,000.

Wine Fest Committee is another major fundraiser of the Club and has been in operation now for 21 years. As Chairman Dave Rempel says, "it is now not only a fundraiser but also a community event that gives positive publicity to Rotary". It is contemplated that this year approximately \$13,000 will be donated to local community groups. This event was this year held in the Haney Place Mall, where local wineries and restaurants participated.

Starfish Committee supplies a Starfish Food Pack to School District 42 students in need of food over the weekend. The purpose is to assist with improvement of present food insecurity for our local students, some of whom would otherwise come to school hungry after the weekend. Ineke purchases all the food, and a group of volunteers (Rotarian and non-Rotarian) assist with weekly packing of the Starfish Packs and the delivery of the packs to the schools. The goal is to assist in a serious and unfortunately rising local need to a maximum of 300 Starfish Packs per week. We have in this coming school year, commencing September 2023, sufficient funding in place through government funding and local contributions to complete the \$185,000 cost of this project for the entire 2023/2024 school year.

Public Relations Committee has as its purpose to make sure that the Meadow Ridge Rotary Club receives the recognition and awareness it deserves in the local media and social media. This is done through newspaper editorials/articles, advertising, Facebook and website postings, and attaching and displaying the name of Rotary to those physical facilities that we support. It provides the NEWS with any relevant information, such as donations, fundraising activities, bursaries, and unveiling of Rotary sponsored facilities, etc., and make sure that our social media person(s) receive all information to be posted on Facebook, website, etc.

Its main goal is to create much more awareness within our communities and surrounding region about what Rotary does in order to attract donations and possibly more prospective members who may have a passion for the many activities that our Rotary Club is involved with.

Rotary Foundation Committee has the purpose of educating and training club members about the Rotary Foundation (TRF), and available Foundation programs and opportunities, and thereby encourage club members to participate in Foundation programs and support the Foundation financially. The goal set out by the Rotary Foundation is that every club member should make a financial contribution to the TRF in the amount of \$100 US every year and thereby become a sustaining member; and at a minimum contribute at least \$25 every year and have the club thereby achieve Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY) status. This committee also has the responsibility to educate the Club about what financial grants are available to the Club to support its local and international activities.

Paul Harris Fellow Committee keeps track of those members who have obtained Paul Harris recognitions, and making recommendations to the executive about Paul Harris Recognitions given to non-Rotarians who have been of outstanding service to the Club or their community.

Club Meeting Roster Committee prepares and distributes the weekly meeting agenda and assigns to members various duties, including invocation/inspirational thought, mystery greeter, fine master, Sgt at Arms, room setup/take down, etc.

There are many other tasks that need to be done to keep the Club running smoothly and for which members can volunteer, such as:

Arranging for Speaker's program

Computer set up

Website

Facebook/social media

Each and every member of our Club is asked to decide what area of service they are interested in, and what tasks they are willing to assist with, and to notify our incoming President Brenda and/or Executive in what capacity they are willing to serve to make our Club a success in the coming Rotary year. If there are other things that members are passionate about, please let your ideas be known.

Club Business

There is some money that had been donated to the Community Resource HUB, and not all of it was used for the purpose of purchasing tents to which the Rotary logo was to be attached. **Laurel Hickman** has suggested that those excess funds be used to put a Rotary logo on a van that is used by Maple Ridge Pitt Meadows Community Services. This suggestion was approved by the membership at the meeting.

Quote for the Day:



Submitted by Laurie Anderson

Upcoming events and meetings:

June 15: Duck Race meeting via Zoom at 6:00 pm

June 20: Executive/Board planning meeting via Zoom at 11:00 am

June 20: No regular lunch meeting; instead there will be an outside Fireside at Matt's. Starting at 5:30 pm

June 27: No regular lunch meeting; instead is the Anniversary dinner/installation. Social starting 5:30 pm – Event starts at 6:30 pm

June 29: Pub Hub social 5:30 pm at Black Sheep Pub, 12968 232nd St., MR