

Meetings: Tuesday 12 Noon

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JUNE IS ROTARY FELLOWSHIP MONTH

[Happy Birthday](#)

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UPCOMING SPEAKERS:

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	July 4:
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LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Brenda Jenkins presided.

Guests:

Zain Kathrada - a recent immigrant from South Africa, who has started up a business selling medical-related supplies.

Reggie Robson - son of Aimee, and the new proud owner of a boomerang which Ineke brought from Australia at the RI Conference.

Ineke auctioned the boomerang and raised \$140 for the Rotary Foundation. Various Club members (including Aimee) paid for the item, and gave it to Reggie.



Happy and Sad dollars included:

Adrienne wasn't happy that she broke her foot, but **Ineke** was happy to be at the RI Conference in Australia. Guest **Zain** (who will also be checking out the Golden Ears Sunrise Rotary Club) was happy to visit us, and **Debbie** was happy to celebrate with her mother her 93rd birthday (the mother's that is, not Debbie's).

Fine Master Eric requested everyone to tell something interesting about themselves, and although he planned to fine any one whom he judged to be uninteresting, everyone got the $\$$ and nobody got fined.

Program: **Ineke Boekhorst's** trip to the RI Convention in Australia [aka Down Under aka the Land of Oz]

The 2023 RI Convention was held May 27 to 31, 2023, in the City of Melbourne, where Ineke attended with her daughter **Marjolein** (the new DG for District 5060) and son-in-law Sean. After a 14-hour flight to Sydney followed by a two-hour flight to Melbourne, she arrived at her destination (but, said Ineke, "on the flight back to Vancouver, I got home before I left - due to the time difference"). Although she left home on June 24 and arrived at her destination 2 days later on June 26, her Air BnB (on the 12th floor with a good view of the city) was only an 8-minute walk from the Convention Centre.



Their AirBnB view



Welcome to the Rotary International Convention

There were signs all over the city welcoming the 20,000 Rotarians to the Convention (which was the most valuable conference ever won by the Australian State of Victoria, injecting over \$88 million into the economy of the Victorian State).

On May 27 they attended the “official opening” of the House of Friendship (HOF) led by **President Jennifer Jones**. The HOF has booths from Rotary clubs all over the world, and draws thousands of visitors daily (both Rotarians and non-Rotarians).



Show me where you're from

They then walked for miles on the “Arcades and Laneways” walk, that had very “European” narrow laneways with many artistic and exclusive stores and patios.

All public transportation was free with your Rotary Convention badge for the duration of the Convention.

They attended a District 5050 dinner hosted by District 5050 DG elect **David Lukov** and his wife **Mary**. Ineke was the

only person who attended the Convention from any of our three Maple Ridge Clubs, but they had a great time with **Sean Hogan, DG Raj, past DG Bev Harrington, Carol Tickelman, Bill and Linda Murray**, and many others.

May 28 was the official Convention opening session with an impressive Flag Parade of all the “Rotary Countries”. They had an outstanding speaker, Australian humanitarian and philanthropist **Hugh Evans**, ending the session with a great concert by **the Tenors**. This was followed by a special “Zones 28 and 32” event hosted by RI Director **Drew Kessler** (the youngest RI Director ever, who also spoke at our District 5050 Conference that was held here in BC in May 2023). Jennifer Jones also spoke about the theme for the Conference which was “Imagine What’s Next”. (Zones 28 and 32 spans two languages, four countries and seven time zones: Bermuda, Canada, France and the United States.)

On May 29 at the Plenary Session there were several excellent speakers, including **Nakeeyat Dramani Sam**, a 10-year-old Poet and Climate Vulnerable Forum Youth Ambassador (“When is now? The time is now!” “You are humankind but you are not kind to your planet”). Ineke attended several Break Out Sessions in the afternoon, and in the evening they were hosted by the Rotary Club of Melbourne where they enjoyed a wonderful dinner and heard an amazing presentation by the Rotaract Club of Cambodia.

The May 30 Plenary Session included as the presenter **Emmanuel Katongole** (a businessman from Uganda and past DG of District 9211, which includes Tanzania and Uganda) whose education through elementary to high school and university was provided by a Rotary Club). He started and owned the largest pharmaceutical industry in Uganda, and his vision is to provide all people of Uganda with affordable medication.

Ineke attended an afternoon breakout session which involved a panel managed by RI Director 2022/2024 **Drew Kessler**. He urged clubs to concentrate on “member experience”, and “not to take away from present members”. Carrying on with the same theme of his talk to our own District Conference in May of this year, Drew got his family heavily involved in Rotary which, he said, has and will change his life and the lives of his children and grandchildren. He encouraged Rotarians to have new and inventive ideas, such as creating a Passport Club or a Corporate Club; and to be bridge builders and be visionaries, and to concentrate on making Rotary clubs diverse and relevant to the needs of our communities, in both membership and ideas. Innovative club models are encouraged (not just “same old, same old”), such as Companion Clubs, with members that are interested in service but not interested in fundraising.

After another visit to the House of Friendship (to buy last-minute “treasures”), they attended another breakout

session, followed by the closing ceremony which was a “fantastic spectacle of music, dance, and lights.



Rotary

Club of Meadow Ridge

Rotary Foundation Moment: EREY

Laurie Anderson gave the following Rotary Moment of behalf of the Foundation Committee:

Our District 5050 Foundation Chair is Jack Rae (who took over this job from Malcolm Kennedy). Jack Rae has reminded us that the last day for donations to the Rotary Foundation to be counted towards the final annual giving total for each of us and our club is June 30, 2023, just a couple of weeks away from now.

The “**Every Rotarian Every Year Program**” has 4 parts or levels:

Firstly, our Rotary District has asked that **Every Member Every Year** donate some amount to the Rotary Foundation. This year, our Club executive asked each member to donate at least \$25. I am pleased to advise that this year we have met that minimum goal.

Secondly, to become what is called a **Sustaining Member**, Rotarians are asked to donate \$100 US funds (or \$135 Canadian) each year. In this Rotary year, 15 out of the 30 members of our Meadow Ridge Rotary Club became sustaining members by giving \$135, so we are halfway there to this second goal.

Thirdly, to become an **Every Rotarian Every Year Club**,

- a) every member of the Club must make “some donation” to Rotary International (which we have achieved) and
- b) the members of our Club as a whole have to achieve a minimum \$100 US (or \$135 Canadian) per capita donation.

We have 30 members, so for this third goal to be achieved, the donations of all 30 members combined must equal at least \$4,050 ($\$135 \times 30 \text{ members} = \$4,050$). This Rotary year, all of our members combined have donated \$3,605, so to date we are short only \$445 Canadian of becoming an Every Rotarian Every Year Club.

Fourthly, to become a **Rotary Sustaining Member Club**, every member of the club must become a Rotary Sustaining Member.

At today’s meeting, it was proposed that the proceeds from Ineke’s auction of the boomerang (which amounted to \$140) go towards the \$445 shortfall, leaving a balance of \$305. We are therefore asking at least 16 members to give Walter \$20 for this project - Walter will send in the \$445 right away from the Club’s funds (so we can meet the deadline), and collect the \$20 from the members after the fact.

Submitted by Laurie Anderson



Beautiful Melbourne skyline



“Solving some of the world’s most complex and pressing problems takes real commitment and vision. Rotary members believe that we share a responsibility to take action to improve our communities. Join us, so that we can make an even bigger impact – together. We are People of Action.”

Upcoming events and meetings:

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