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JULY IS MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH MONTH

Happy Birthday

Happy Anniversary

UPCOMING SPEAKERS:

July 18: Clint Callison "How Critical Illness Coverage Works"	July 25: Katerina Pogrebinsky Rotary Experience in Ukraine	Aug. 01: Mark Vosper My trip to Japan
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LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Laurie Anderson presided.

Guests:

- Raj Talasi** (guest of Leslie)
- Les Hall** (honorary member of a Rotary club in UK - now living in France)
- Maddie MacRae** (Debbie's grand-daughter)
- Breanna Myden** (outgoing STEP student) and her mother Michelle
- Charlotte Basso** (STEP student from France)

This year's Wine Festival fundraiser event generated approximately \$19,000.

Of that total, \$11,000 was allocated by the Meadow Ridge Rotary Board and Membership to various local organizations, and today those proceeds were given out to the recipients. Ineke introduced the representatives of the recipient organizations and David Rempel handed over the cheques to the representatives, each of whom then gave a brief description of their organization's activities.



Wine Fest Recipients:

Friends in Need Foodbank (\$1000) and Starfish Pack Program of the Meadow Ridge Rotary Club (\$5,000)

– Representative **Evan Seal**, General Manager of the Foodbank.

The School Snack Program is an important aspect in the overall student "food security" chain; food "sharing" baskets with snacks, such as granola bars, fruit cups, fruit, etc, are provided at school office (reaching about 2000 kids weekly). Students can help themselves to anything they like/need (forgot their lunch, didn't have breakfast, etc.)



The Starfish Pack Program is a MAJOR Community Food Security program that supplies food for school children over the weekend (presently up to 300 packs are distributed weekly).

Maple Ridge Community Foundation (\$500)

– In the absence of board member Warren Dale, **Adrienne Dale** accepted the cheque on his behalf.

MR Community Foundation is a public foundation that works to make it easy by providing ways to connect donors with causes that matter in their own community. These funds will go towards a community project of their choice.



Alouette Addictions (\$500)

– Representatives **Laurel Hickman**, Manager of the Outreach Program, and **Katelyn Ross**

For a grade 6 and 7 Drug Awareness project.



Maple Ridge Arts Council (\$500)

– Representative **Lindsay MacAuley**

For the Arts Council's General Fund Program, that supports youth art classes, school workshops, and access to performances at the ACT for kids, adults and seniors who would otherwise not have access to live cultural events.



Alisa's Wish Child and Youth Advocacy Centre (\$500)

– Representatives **Tamara Williams**, Child and youth advocate, and **Deanna Shymkiw**, abuse prevention worker.

This Centre helps youth in the community who have experienced or witnessed physical, emotional or sexual abuse.



Foundry Maple Ridge (\$500)

– Representative **Kim Dumore**

For their youth wellness program, that assists local youth with mental health and addiction issues.



Ridge Meadows Child Development Centre (\$500)

– Representatives **Laura Ribiero**, Executive Director, and **Susan Carr**

For their Early Intervention Program, serving families of children living in Maple Ridge or Pit Meadows, who have confirmed or suspected developmental delays or disorders, until they enter school.



Ridge Meadows Education Foundation (\$500)

– Representative **Laurence Anderson**, Director

To assist with extracurricular school programs in school district 42, such as the purchase of musical instruments, drama, outdoor activities, and the purchase of such things as scooter racks. These extracurricular programs encourage our youth to stay in school and experienced a fuller, richer and more rounded education.



Ridge Meadows Canoe and Kayak Club (\$500)

– Representative **Alex Dimitriev**, coach

To help this local paddling club, that operates from Whonnock Lake.



Maple Ridge Secondary School PAC (\$500)

– Representative **Grant Frend**, Principal

To pay for much needed new jerseys for the school's basketball team.



Salvation Army Ridge Meadows (\$500)

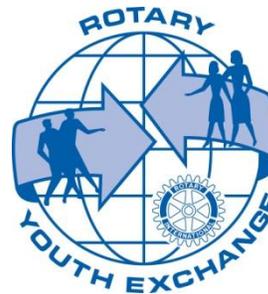
– Representative Dave Macpherson (unavailable)

For a program of their choice providing assistance to the vulnerable persons in our communities of Maple Ridge and Pit Meadows

Under the leadership of Sharon Kyle, our New Generations Chairperson, our club is actively involved in the Short Term Exchange Program (known as STEP).

As explained on the District 5050 website:

STEP is a short-term, family to family exchange program. A STEP student is paired with another student in another country. The students live together with one student's family for the first half of their exchange, then switch to live together with the other student's family for the second half of the experience. STEP exchanges can last for several days up to several months. Most STEP exchanges occur in the summer, but they may occur at any time of the year. Although each student is asked where they would like to go on exchange, the key to a successful STEP exchange is the successful matching of students and families. Thus, STEP applicants must agree to an exchange wherever Rotary is able to locate a suitable match. An applicant must be aged 15 to 19 years, and unlike the Long Term Program, is permitted to have graduated from high school. Travel arrangements are the sole responsibility of the families involved. If accepted into the program, there is an administrative fee payable of approximately \$2,000 US which covers administration and training costs. This program is fully funded by the student and their parents.



Sharon introduced **Breeanna Myden**, who is the outgoing student from our community, and **Charlotte Basso** who is the incoming student from France. Breeanna's mother Michelle Myden was also in attendance.

Sharon presented our Club Banner to Charlotte.

Both students spoke briefly to our club. Breeanna has been in a French immersion program, and indicated that she would like to come back to our club to speak to us about her visit, and to help our club in one of our projects.

Happy and Sad Dollars included some sad dollars from Mark Forster who stated that Pauline's mother suffered a stroke while visiting their home and passed away.

Submitted by Laurie Anderson

Club Business/Announcements:

- Email to Laurie from time to time the dates of any club events, meetings, etc. so we can publish them each week in the 4-Way Flasher.
- A reminder to club members to buy online 50/50 tickets to support the Duck Race.
- Marking your calendars August 11 starting at 4 PM where we must gather to stick numbers on the rubber duckies in preparation for the duck race which will be held on Sunday, August 13 from 11 to 2 PM
- This coming Sunday, July 16 at 4 PM will be the District Installation gathering to be held at Tulip Town which is situated in Mount Vernon.
- August 25th District GOLFUN Day at Homestead Farms Golf Club in Lynden, WA

Upcoming Club Events:

July 18 at 5:30pm Executive Meeting by zoom.

July 20 Duck Race Meeting.

July 27 at 5:30pm Pub Hub at TBD.

August 11 at 4pm – Duck numbering party at Brenda's place: ALL invited - with friends! Pizza dinner will be provided. Help urgently needed!!

August 12 10-2pm Rotary Garage Sale ("Boot sale"). Please bring items to donate to club meetings, Ineke can PU, or bring to our club meetings.

August 13 11am to 2pm Duck Race at Maple Ridge Park: ALL urged to help as some members are away that weekend. Come before 11:am.

August 15 at 5:30pm Executive Meeting by zoom.

August 27 starting at 2pm "Sip and Nibble with a View" at Adrienne's home – OUR CLUB

September 4-11 Rotary Camp Weekend at Fort Brae Campground at Fort Langley