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**AUGUST IS MEMBERSHIP AND NEW CLUB DEVELOPMENT MONTH**

**Happy Birthday**

**Happy Anniversary**

**UPCOMING SPEAKERS:**

Aug. 22: Dan Gallant Rotary World Help - Container Operation	Aug. 29:	Sep. 5
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**LAST WEEK'S MEETING**

Laurie Anderson presided.

Guests:

**Juan Peñarrieta**, from Peru, visiting his family in Maple Ridge. Jaun spoke about his club in Peru, where he has been a Rotarian since July 18, 2017.



**Zain Kathrada**, who has visited our club three times now, helped out with the garage sale and Duck Race. He picked up eight tables from the Haney Fairgrounds on Friday, kept them overnight at his home, and drop them off at the parking lot location at 8:30 AM on Saturday morning for our Club's car-boot sale. After attending the Duck Race on Sunday with his children, he came back later and picked up the tables and dropped them back off at the Fairgrounds on Tuesday morning. His help was greatly appreciated as we had no Rotarian volunteer with a truck big enough, or time, to take care of this.

Duck Race 2023

**Libby**, Chair of the Duck Race, gave a huge THANK YOU to everyone that helped out in any way with this year's Duck Race. The super effort of the Committee and other helpers produced the best-ever sales of over \$90,000 in ticket sales plus revenue from the games and sponsors.

Short Term Exchange Program (STEP)

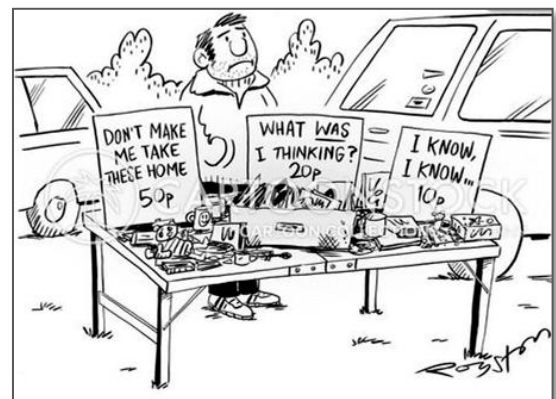
**Sharon Kyle** gave an update on our STEP students. Our two outgoing students are **Melanie Pellicano** and **Breanna Myden**. Under this program, our out-going students stay with the parents of the student from the foreign country, who in turn stay with the parents of our outgoing students.



Melanie Pellicano is currently in Paris and her exchange student from France is **Heloise Mariette**, who is currently staying with Melanie's parents. (Melanie and Helloise both attended our Club on July 25.) Breanna Myden left for France on August 15, 2023 and her exchange student from France is **Charlotte Basso**, who is staying with Breanna's parents.

The Garage Sale (Boot Sale)

**Ineke** reported that the garage sale that was held in the parking lot of the Hospice Thrift Store on Saturday August 12 (the day before the Duck Race) went very well, with almost \$600 in revenue. The remaining unsold items were donated to the Hospice Thrift Store and to Value Village.



**DON'T MAKE ME TAKE THESE HOME**

**Note: Happy and Sad dollars** are an important source of revenue to help pay for our Club's administrative expenses, and without these funds we would be 'in the red' as far as those administrative expenses are concerned. Last year (2022 – 2023) Happy and Sad dollars contributed \$4,409.50 to the running of our Club. All members are therefore encouraged to make some contribution to the Club by participating in this fun activity through which we get to know a bit about the "goings-on" in the lives of our fellow Rotarians.

Today's Happy and Sad Dollars included:

**Sharon** and Ron have had two recent successes: they returned from their fishing trip at one of their favourite lakes where they caught a 7 ½ pound rainbow trout, and Sharon has fully recovered from her cataract surgery. (catatrout and caughtaract?)



**Ken Holland** led a group of youngsters to Guatemala on a Rotary trip several years ago, and recently got to meet the father of one of the young girls who went on that trip.

**Lynda** (who has for many years visited Maui for holidays and family connections) was extremely saddened to hear about the fire in Lahaina, which wiped out the Lahaina Rotary Club along with the rest of the town, and killed over 100 residents. She is hopeful that other members of our club can join with her in donating to Shelter Box or to otherwise assist those who have lost their homes and possessions in this terrible disaster.



**Note:** (Unfortunately, our scheduled guest speaker, **Chris Loat**, was unable to attend today's meeting (due to illness) and to talk to us about ShelterBox.

Chris is a member of the Rotary club of West Vancouver Sunrise. He is also a ShelterBox Ambassador, a ShelterBox Volunteer Council Member, a ShelterBox Canada Regional Leader for BC and the Yukon, and a Past Board Member of ShelterBox Canada.)

**Ineke** wishes to acknowledge the great support and publicity that our Rotary Club receives from the Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows News. They have recently ran in the newspaper an article about our Duck Race, an article advertising the community car-boot sale (in which we participated), and a story of the carwash put on by Chances Casino which raised \$825 for the Starfish program.



Today's Quote:



Submitted by Laurie Anderson

**CLUB CALENDAR:**

Aug 27 - starting at 2pm "**Sip and Nibble with a View**" at Adrienne's home

Aug 31 - at 5:30pm **Pub Hub** at Kingfishers Bar & Grill

Sep 4-11 - **Rotary Camp Weekend** at Fort Brae Campground at Fort Langley

Sep 24 - at 4pm **Frisbee Golf** at Dave Rempel's - barbecue and potluck

Sep 28 - at 5:30pm **Pub Hub** – location to be determined

Nov 18 - **Foundation Dinner** - Bellingham Golf & Country Club

Dec 2 - Pre-PETS - Silver Reef Casino Resort

Jan 27, 2024 - **Grants Management Seminar** - Rotary Fieldhouse, South Surrey

Mar 2, 2024 - **Grants Management Seminar** - Silver Reef Casino Resort

Apr 13, 2024 - **District Assembly** - Kwantlen Polytechnic - Langley Campus - new location!