

Sharon has completed successful corrective laser surgery to one of her eyes, and the other one is being done in October. (She is also no doubt happy that her better-half, aka “seeing-eye pooch Ron”, is visiting with her today to guide her around.)

Laurie spent three relaxing days visiting some close friends in Sammamish, Washington (located south east of Seattle near the town of Issaquah).

Mike has some sad bucks. His grandson took part in a BMX race and went head (and heels) over the handlebars and fractured his hip, resulting in him now being on crutches for the next eight weeks during the new school year.



Adrienne and Warren are happy to be back from their trip to “hot” Florida.

Leslie Michaels spent a week in Kelowna, but had to cut the trip short because of the nearby forest fire. He also said something about finishing the ‘*Molto vivace*’ Minute Waltz in 59 seconds, but unfortunately your recorder was unable to catch the joke because of deficit hearing! Perhaps this was it:



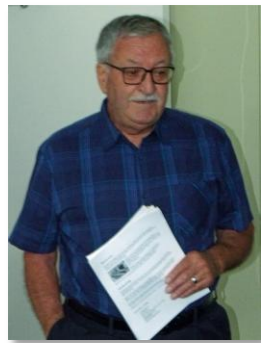
Program: Rotary World Help – Dan Gallant



About our Speaker

Dan Gallant is the Transport and Warehouse Manager/Director of Rotary World Help.

He is a native of Prince Edward Island, and worked across Canada for the Toronto Dominion Bank for 35 years starting when he was 18 years old; his final stop was the Lower Mainland. He has been a Rotarian since 1980 and, after he retired 22 years ago at the age of 53, he learned about Rotary world Help (“RWH”) through some friends in the club, and thought he could make a difference.



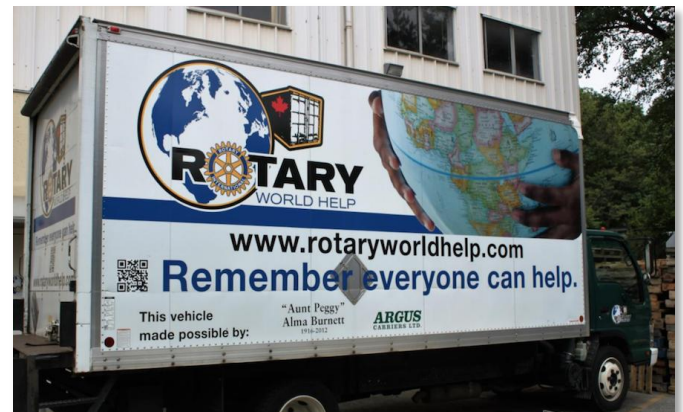
RWH is run by Rotary Clubs in British Columbia. It is aimed at collecting and distributing medical equipment and supplies, dental, optical, education and sports equipment and relief supplies to international recipients in need. It started in 1992 when District 5040 sent a delegation of Rotarians to the former Soviet Union to assist with establishing the first Rotary Club in Kiev in the Ukraine. The delegates saw the terrible state of the medical facilities and decided to find a way to help.

In 1993 Vancouver club Rotarians organize the first shipment of medical supplies and equipment to Kiev, and two members and their wives went to Kiev to oversee the distribution of the supplies. They convinced the Vancouver Rotary Club to carry on the project as an international service project. By 1997 they realized that the project was becoming too big for one club, and Rotary International sanctioned the creation of the World Help Network which was incorporated as a society and received registered charity status from Revenue Canada. Membership is made up, not of individual Rotarians but, of Rotary Clubs that pay \$10 in fees for each member in the club to cover the administration costs. (Thus, for our Meadow Ridge Rotary Club with 30 members it would cost \$300 per year to join and support the organization.) In 2012 they shortened the name to **Rotary World Help** and adopted their current logo. RWH has 43 member-Clubs, including the Golden Ears Sunrise Club in maple Ridge. Some of the member-Clubs are passive, and some are actively involved working at the warehouse and other ‘hands-on duties.

As of 2022, RWH had shipped 430 containers having an estimated value of goods shipped of \$150,600,000. It has shipped to 63 countries and has helped an estimated 13.5 million people in the process.

RWH is now so well-known that the hospitals, dentists and care facilities contact the organization with the request that they take the used equipment and supplies off of their hands. If WRH did not exist, most of it would end up in a landfill. For example, the Fraser Health Authority replaced 400 beds over the winter that were received by RWH. After Covid, they were overwhelmed by hundreds of pallets masks, gloves, swabs, etc. Other equipment they receive includes x-ray machines, dental chairs and ventilators. Although medical equipment is mainly what the deal with, they also handle computers and books. A few years ago, they arranged to ship five fire trucks to El Salvador. They average 15 to 18 containers shipped per year. They are not first responders, although with the war in Ukraine, they helped to get 14 containers shipped to that country in a hurry, including 10 X-ray machines.

RWH operates out of a warehouse located on part of the grounds that was Riverview Hospital, in Building P - 2601 Lougheed Hwy., Coquitlam, BC. They now own their own truck, which is driven by a non-Rotarian volunteer.



Their ongoing goal is to increase the number of clubs which are members and the number of donors. It costs about \$10,000 to ship a container.

RWH can be reached at www.rotaryworldhelp.com.

Club Announcements:

Dave Rempel advised that there will once again be a **Frisbee Golf** social at his home on Sunday, September 24, 2023.



"It's the Promised Land!"

Guests will arrive between 3:30 and 4:00 o'clock, and the Frisbee golf game will begin at 4 o'clock. The barbecue will commence at 6 PM.

Dave says to mark the event in your calendar - for the four Fs: fellowship, fun, food, and friendship.



English Pointers giving pointers

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 in Fort Langley

Sep 16 - **Charity Cricket Game** (per Chili)
at Selvey Park in Whonnock

Sept 23 **Gala Event to Donate Cricket Game proceeds MR Rotary**

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

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

Oct - **Hometown Heroes**

Oct 24 - **End Polio Day**

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!