

Meetings: Tuesday 12 Noon

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SEPTEMBER IS BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY MONTH

Happy Birthday	Happy Anniversary
Sep. 17: Adrienne Dale	

UPCOMING SPEAKERS:

Sep. 12:	Sep. 19: Lynda Lawrence My trip to Greece	Sep. 26: Duck Race Cheque Presentations
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LAST WEEK'S MEETING

President **Brenda Jenkins** presided.

Guests:

- Jim Michaels**, former club member currently living in Alberta, and frequent visitor to our club.
- Susan Pynn**, guest of Brenda.
- Zain Kathrada**, who has visited our club on several prior occasions.

Program: Two Worlds Cancer – speaker: **Rachel Neufeld**



About Rachel:



Rachel is a nurse practitioner with **Canuck Place Children's Hospice** in Vancouver (which is British Columbia and Yukon's pediatric palliative care provider where over 870 children living with life-threatening illnesses and families from five provincial health regions receive Canuck Place inpatient and outpatient care both in home and in hospital).

Since 2015, Rachel is also been a volunteer with **Two Worlds Cancer collaboration**. She is now specifically working with the **Sunflower Network** which is the pediatric arm of Two Worlds Cancer branch, providing pediatric palliative care education and support to countries in South Asia. She has worked with them in

India and Nepal, supporting the growth of cancer and palliative care and those and other regions, such as Sri Lanka.
[About Two Worlds Cancer Collaboration](#)

Rachel said that in regions of South and Southeast Asia, 80% of young people diagnosed with cancer and other serious illnesses die of the illness. In countries such as Canada, approximately 80% of young people with a similar diagnosis will survive. The reality is there are 'Two Worlds' of healthcare. The goal of Two Worlds is to narrow this gap. Their programs directly impact the lives of those living with serious and life-threatening illnesses – helping ease their pain and suffering.

They use a free web-based platform called ECHO that is, essentially, videoconferencing (or virtual telementoring) device. This allows specialists and other healthcare workers in British Columbia to connect virtually with doctors and healthcare workers in third world countries to learn best practices and applying case-based learning to improve outcomes in their countries. By "training a trainer", they are able to greatly increase the number and expertise of health care providers overseas. In this process, they collaborate with hospitals and palliative centres to develop equitable and accessible healthcare programs that improve disease prevention, diagnosis, treatment and palliative and end-of-life care.

One of their successful programs took place in Hyderabad (which is the capital of Telangana, a state in southern India.) The most effective way of combating oral cancer is early detection by oral examination. Whereas people in Canada usually get frequent oral examinations from their dentist, such is not the case in India and other countries. By implementing a program of oral examination, the number of cases of successful treatment of oral cancers was greatly increased.

They are also introducing palliative care to refugee camps in such places as Bangladesh, and Rachel will be going there in November of this year to try to extend palliative care to these camps.

As referred to by Rachel, and as stated on their website:

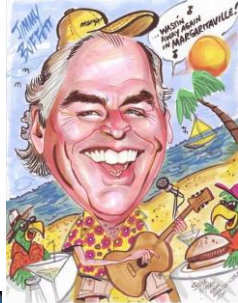
"The Sunflower Children's Network focuses on improving care for children with cancer, HIV/AIDS and other serious illnesses. In South and Southeast Asia, there have been few healthcare professionals trained in children's palliative care. The Sunflower Children's Network addresses this gap through education and mentorship – providing doctors, nurses and counsellors with opportunities to learn and connect with regional and international experts. It allows healthcare professionals to gain valuable knowledge and skills which they can use to improve the care they provide for children with serious or chronic illnesses."

Two Worlds Cancer Collaboration is a Canadian-based charity.

Happy and Sad Dollars included:

Lynda was sad to hear of the passing of Jimmy "Margaritaville" Buffett.

Ineke went with her daughter **Marjolein** on her rounds as District Governor to visit various Rotary Clubs in District 5060, including the **Lake Chelan Rotary Club**, in the State of Washington.



She was impressed with the fact that the Club had purchased a glass pulverizing system that crushes 1 to 2 tons of glass per hour, turning it into a fine sand and aggregate with rounded edges. It was not only a fundraiser, but also an environmentally friendly project to keep glass out of the landfills. The machine cost \$167,000 which they paid for with a \$100,000 grant and the balance raised from the community. The city of Chelan has a population of about only 4,500 people but a club membership of about 70 active Rotarians.

Guest **Jim Michaels** was here in BC to visit his 88-year-old aunt, who asked him how it was that they let him in across the Alberta/BC border. (Maybe she was worried they might not let him back!)

Dave Rempel is busy getting his property ready for the Frisbee Golf social event on September 24th. He is inviting some members from other Rotary Clubs. Mark it on your calendar!



Laurie (with and his sons **Stephen and Jordan**) travelled last week to the Flying U Ranch near 70 Mile House in the Cariboo, where they fulfilled **Lorna's** wish that her ashes be spread at a spot Lorna had specifically designated as her final resting place. (Lorna, who had ridden the same horse – Sandy – at the Ranch for a week each spring and each fall for over 20 years, passed away in 2021 as a result of pancreatic cancer.)

Leslie found himself unable to attend our Rotary **Pub Hub** on August 31 because he had to finish working on an important case he was involved in - that is to say, a 12-pack case of beer he received as a gift, containing a bottle of the brew from each of 12 different countries.



Quote for the Day

The nine most terrifying words in the English language are, "I'm from the government and I'm here to help." -Reagan

Submitted by **Laurie Anderson**

CLUB CALENDAR:

Sep 13 1:00-5:00pm BBQ at Chances Maple Ridge. All money raised is for Starfish Pack

Sep 16th Saturday - **Charity Cricket Game** (per Chili) at Selvey Park, 27000 106 Ave. in Whonnock

Sept 23 6pm - Gala Event at Albion Community Centre, to Donate Cricket Game proceeds to MR Rotary

Sept 24 at 4pm Frisbee Golf at Rempel's – BBQ and potluck

Oct 11 - Door open 6pm; starts 7pm - **Hometown Heroes**
Maple Ridge Secondary School
Tickets \$60, \$25 for students.

Oct 20 - Oktoberfest Hospice

Oct 24 - End Polio Day

Oct 31 - David Lukov - District Governor's Visit

Nov 18 - Foundation Dinner - Bellingham Golf & Country Club

Nov 23 - Dancing in the Ridge competition

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!