

Meetings: Tuesday 12 Noon

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SEPTEMBER IS BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY MONTH

Happy Birthday		Happy Anniversary
Sep. 26: Laurel Hickman	Oct. 2: Clint Callison	

UPCOMING SPEAKERS:

Sep. 26: Duck Race Cheque Presentations	Oct. 3: Darlene Slevin & Russ Brummer Maple Ridge Community Festivals	Oct. 10:
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LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Brenda Jenkins presided.

Guests:

- Chantelle Olsson-Chang**, Director of Donor Relations, Maple Ridge Christian School (who was one of our speakers last week).
- Alyson Westra**, Director of Community Engagement, also from Maple Ridge Christian School.
- Ivana Michaels**, wife of Leslie Michaels.
- Raj Talasi**, who has now attended several meetings.

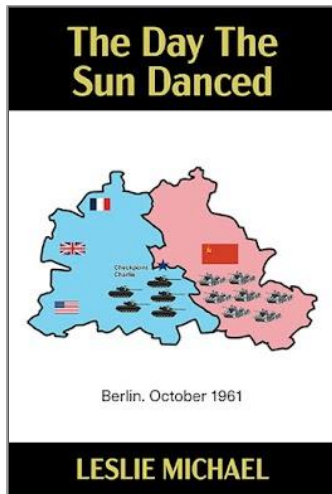
Program: Leslie Michael

on the topic of his recently published book "The Day the Sun Danced"

About Michael (taken from the internet):

Born, baptized, and raised a Catholic, author Leslie Michael is, to this day, a practising Catholic. His life-long Catholicism led him to a deep interest in the teachings and politics of the Church. This ultimately got him especially invested in questions surrounding the "Miracle of the Sun", with its startling anti-Russian message. In addition, he desired to address the role of the Catholic Church in World War II and the cynical way it was used for religious, political and personal agendas.

His first book, "The Angel with a Broken Heart", published in 2010 is based on Ancient history. It vividly describes the incredible battle for heaven between Michael, the Archangel and the magnificent Lucifer, the "Bearer of Light" and the "Shining Star of



Dawn." Having lost that battle and cast down from heaven, Lucifer, now Satan, vowed vengeance. The book is not about the goodness and mercy of God, but how cunning, diabolic and evil Satan is.

The following is a summary of Michael's book as found on Google:

In 1917, in Fatima, Portugal, the Virgin Mary appeared to three illiterate, peasant children. She showed them a vision of hell and warned that if Russia was not converted and consecrated to Her Immaculate Heart, that country would spread its errors around the world. The last apparition on October 13, 1917, was accompanied by a strange event: the sun danced in the sky! Before an estimated seventy thousand people gathered in an open field, it zigzagged overhead and appeared to be rushing toward the crowd. There was no screaming, no panic and no stampede. Scientific instruments around the world, failed to record this terrifying event. It became known as the "Miracle of the Sun." More than a century has passed and the Vatican has yet to proclaim it a miracle. Nevertheless, these apparitions with its anti-Russian message were shamelessly used by the Catholic Church as a rallying war cry against Russia and its purported godlessness.

Part religious-political treatise, but mostly, history, **The Day The Sun Danced** traces the history that for centuries, saw Christians slaughter fellow Christians across Europe -- the cradle of Christianity, in the firm belief, that God was on their side. From the time of the Crusades to Martin Luther's nailing of his ninety-five theses, to the Holocaust, to World War II, the Cold War and beyond, author Leslie Michael pays special attention to the role Christianity played in the rise of Hitler. Pope Pius XII was not Hitler's Pope. He firmly believed Jews were the architect of their own misfortune. Instead of accepting Christ as their Lord, they murdered him -- and Hitler was taking good care of them. Pius XII had his own agenda. Godless Communism was not his sole concern.

He agonized over the division between the Roman Church and the Eastern Orthodox Church. It was his fervent hope that "Operation Barbarossa" the Nazi Invasion of the Soviet Union, joined by several Eastern European nations, would form a "Christian Crusade" that would wipe out those godless communists and faithless Jews from the face of Europe. That country would be conquered, converted to Catholicism and consecrated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, thus fulfilling the promises of the Blessed Virgin Mary at Fatima -- and seeing Pope Pius XII emerge as the Supreme head of all Christendom.

Happy and Sad dollars included:

Matt noted that the Maple Ridge Christian School is one of the five Independent Schools within and part of School District 42, and that they participated in our club's 4-Way Test presentation that our club made to grade 4 students.

President Brenda reminded us again that every Friday the brave and fun-loving members of our club (both male and female) will meet for dance practice every Friday to practice for our entry in the "Dancing in the Ridge" Competition to be held on November 23, 2023 at the ACT – from 6:30 to 7:30 PM at the Centre Stage dance studio at 20121 – 115A Avenue, in Maple Ridge.

Laurie's son suffered a traumatic and painful experience when was attacked and chewed on by an out-of-control German Shepherd police dog as he stepped outside of his bank a few nights ago.

Alex advised that the Haney Farmers' Market (which he manages) will now be going all year long, with arrangements having been made to hold the event during non-summer months at the Golden Ears United Church at 22165 Dewdney Trunk Rd.

Club Business and Announcements



Ineke announced that the **Home Town Heroes** dinner will be held again this year on Oct. 11 at Maple Ridge Secondary School. Tickets are \$60 per person, but if you don't want to go to the event you could donate \$60 and buy a ticket for an athlete to attend. They are also looking for silent auction items to help with their fundraiser.

This year they are honouring Payten Smith, a Maple Ridge raised world champion wrestler.

(Ineke works with this program as the Chair.)

Dave Rempel is ready for us to come and enjoy **frisbee**, food, friendship, fellowship and fun at his property on Sunday September 24.

(but you should probably leave your dog at home).



"Next time be more careful when catching the flying disk"

Today's Quote:



Submitted by Laurie Anderson

CLUB CALENDAR:

Sep 16 - **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!