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OCTOBER IS COMMUNITY ECONOMIC AND DEVELOPMENT MONTH

Happy Birthday	Happy Anniversary
Oct. 14: Brad Kirkland	

UPCOMING SPEAKERS:

Oct. 10:	Oct. 17:	Oct. 24:
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LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Brenda Jenkins presided.

Guests (apart from speakers):

Raj Talasi
Zain Kathrada
Keesha Dorosz

Program: BC Summer Games

Speakers (R to L):



Laura Butler has taken on the job of President of the Maple Ridge 2024 BC summer games. She is also the Executive Director of the Ridge Meadows Hospital Foundation. She has worked for over 20 years in the not-for-profit sector and therefore has considerable experience in event planning and community engagement. She studied Fundraising & Marketing Management at BCIT, has earned Advanced Toastmaster Bronze recognition, and has an associate degree in Early Childhood Education. She presented at the 2012 International Conference on Fundraising and was a finalist in the 2021 Business Leader of the Year category awarded by the Ridge Meadows Chamber of Commerce. She has been a citizen of Maple Ridge for 30 years and is passionate about this community. She is excited to be part of the BC Summer Games team working to make the 2024 Games memorable and successful for the athletes, for the volunteers, and for the community.

Ernie Daykin is the Vice President of the Maple Ridge 2024 BC summer games. He has served on the Maple Ridge Council for 12 years, including six years as Mayor. He can trace his family roots in Maple Ridge back to the 1870s, and is passionate about giving back to the community through volunteering and not-for-profit work. He owned and operated Windsor plywood, a local building supply business in Maple Ridge, for 24 years alongside his wife Judy. He currently serves as an administrator for the Baptist Housing Society' Maple Towers.

Christa Balatti works for the City of Maple Ridge as manager of Special Projects, and is here to show the City's support for the 2024 BC Summer Games.

About the 2024 Summer Games in Maple Ridge

The BC Games Society was established in 1977 by the B.C. Government under the Societies Act to oversee the BC Winter Games and BC Summer Games. (The Society also supports the participation of Team BC, the provincial team, competing at the national Canada Games). Each of these summer and Winter Games provide opportunities for the development of athletes, coaches, and officials in preparation for higher levels of competition. The BC Games also provide important economic and tourism benefits, allowing hosts to profile their communities and benefit from an economic impact.

The Summer Games are held every two years and are open to top athletes across BC between the ages of 12 and 17 years. In 2024 the Games will be held July 18 – 24th. The 2024 BC Summer Games will bring over 3,500 athletes, coaches, and officials to Maple Ridge. The community has hosted the BC Summer Games twice previously in 1983 and 1998 and was set to host the Games in 2020 before the event was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

In addition to Laura and Ernie, 12 individuals have been tapped to lead Directorates for the Games and will be tasked with assembling teams and setting the direction in a number of key areas, ranging from accommodation to food services,

transportation, and more. 70 additional volunteers will act as chairpersons for various committees.

Maple Ridge 2024 BC Summer Games Board of Directors

- President, Laura Butler
- Vice President, Ernie Daykin
- Access Control, Bernie Woods
- Accommodation, Karen Redkwich
- Administration, Cheryl Nex
- Ceremonies & Special Events, Taryn Stephenson
- Food Services, Trish Spencer-Fell
- Friends of the Games, Brian Krieger
- Logistics, Peter Malakoane
- Participant & Volunteer Services, Heidi Einhorn
- Protocol, Hudson Campbell
- Sport, Jake Rudolph
- Technology, Richard Eskander
- Transportation, Matt Scheer

The following is a list of sports included in the Maple Ridge 2024 BC Summer Games:

Basketball, artistic swimming, athletics, athletics, baseball, basketball, beach volleyball, box lacrosse, canoe/kayak, equestrian, field lacrosse, golf, rolling, rugby-girls, sailing, soccer, softball, swimming, total watersports, triathlon, ultimate**, volleyball, and wrestling. ** Ultimate – see definition below.

From the summer games website:

Volunteers are the driving force and heart and soul of the BC Games. Each volunteer is committed to ensure that the community comes together in a celebration of pride and that participants have an unforgettable experience. From meal preparation, to transportation, to hospitality, and sport competitions, the enthusiasm and expertise of volunteers is what makes it all happen.

The BC Games Society supports the development of volunteers through an extensive transfer of knowledge program that helps to foster the philosophy of helping others lead. The Society believes that the BC Games are a catalyst to personal and community leadership development.

Recent item in the local paper (can you spot Laura and Ernie?):



On Thursday, September 14, the City of Maple Ridge held the grand opening of the new Beach Volleyball courts at the Albion Sport Complex.

This will be the official venue for Beach Volleyball during the Maple Ridge 2024 BC Summer Games that will run from July 18 to 21 of next year.

Ineke suggested that if you are interested in volunteering, do so at an early date so that you can get on a committee that you are interested in.

Happy and Sad

Matt congratulated and thanked today's speakers (Laura and Ernie) for taking on, as volunteers, the big time-consuming task of overseeing the Maple Ridge 2024 BC Summer Games.

Guest **Keesha Dorosz** was happy that she attended our recent Frisbee social event at the home of Dave and Sharon Rempel, which was an ultimately successful and fun afternoon.

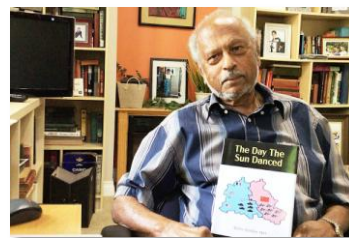
[You will note that "Ultimate" is one of the many sporting events that will be included in the Maple Ridge 2024 BC Summer Games. According to Google, "Ultimate is a non-contact, self-refereed team sport played with a flying disc frisbee." Keesha now qualifies to compete in "Penultimate Frisbee" in 2024!]



(Note Dave's bird sanctuary in the background)

Leslie Michael (whose birth place is India) was happy to hear that his publisher will soon have more copies of his new book ("**The Day the Sun Danced**") available to replace the ones that got lost in transit.

Leslie also expressed his happiness to be living in "this great country of Canada", and referred favourably to an article in the September issue of the Financial Post with the heading MY CANADA. The article is an excerpt from a book with the title "**My Name is Not Harry**" written by another author born in India named **Haroon Siddiqui**.



Like Haroon Siddiqui, Leslie Michael also came to Canada as a young man in the 1960s and is very proud to be a Canadian.

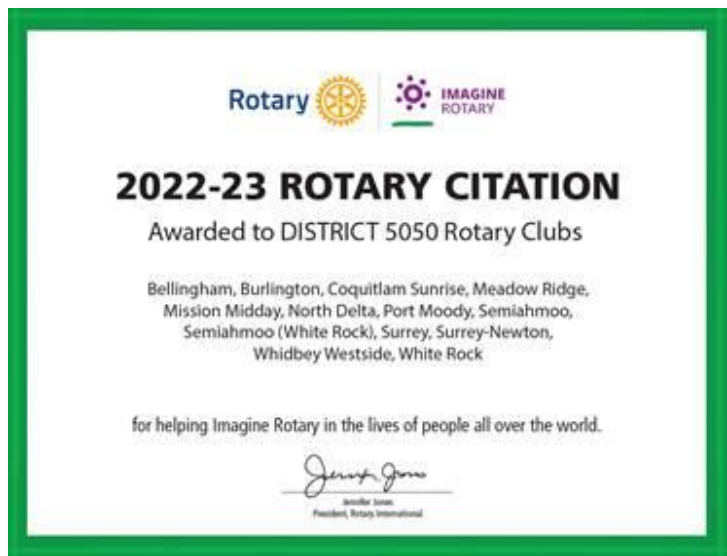
☺ A suggestion for the title to Leslie's next book:
My First Name is Not Michael ☺

Leslie would agree with Haroon Siddiqui who said about Canada:

“Canada isn’t quite nirvana on Earth, but it’s closer than most. There remain undeniable tensions: How best to come to terms with our genocidal treatment of Indigenous peoples... Persistent racism.... Our double standard in the selection of refugees.... But such issues now weigh heavily on the national conscience, signalling that we may be ready to try to tackle them without tearing one another apart.... Everything is always up for discussion. Nothing is frozen in time. Canadians don’t have the conceit of a fixed culture. Canadian culture is a living, breathing entity that evolves every day. We keep reworking, reshaping and improving our home and native and adopted land”.

Keesha Dorosz, of the Haney rotary Club, will be going to Honduras for a Rotary project. Ken Holland from our own club is also planning to participate in this international Rotary project.

Laurie Anderson was happy to see that our Meadow Ridge Rotary Club was one of the 13 (out of a total of 58) clubs in District 5050 to earn a Rotary International Citation for the 2022-2023 year. As stated by Rotary International, *“The Rotary Citation is an award that recognizes the hard work clubs do throughout the year. Taking action toward achieving the citation goals helps club engage their members, stay relevant in their communities, and run more efficiently. A welcoming and engaging club also reflects the values of Rotary. When clubs work to achieve these goals, they also contribute to the overall health and culture of Rotary for generations to come”.*



Laurie noted that some of the goals achieved by our club were: participation by members in club service activities, increase in membership (we had 5 new members last year), attendance by members at District conference and a District training assembly, having club members who are members of a Rotary Fellowship, contribution by club members to the Rotary Foundation Annual Fund, number of service projects completed, hosting inbound and outgoing exchange students, RYLA participation, and coverage by local media about club projects.

A special thanks goes to our tireless secretary **Libby** who filled out the paperwork to get our club recognized for this special award.

Ineke and Peter’s daughter Marjolein Lloyd (District Governor of District 5060) recently travelled to Toronto for a “Learning to Lead” conference for District Governors in Rotary International Zones 28 and 32. Our Zone 28 has 1049 clubs, 33,460 members,

and 117 Rotaract Clubs. \$100,000 was raised at the conference for the Rotary Foundation.



Raj Talasi’s son Etienne, who is attending UBC, received top standing in tennis in Canada, which means that he is ranked just below professional level.

President’s Quote for the Day

**Lots of people want to ride with you in the limo,
but what you want is someone who will take
the bus with you when the limo breaks down.**



Submitted by Laurie Anderson

CLUB CALENDAR:

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!