

Meetings: Tuesday 12 Noon

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**OCTOBER IS COMMUNITY ECONOMIC AND DEVELOPMENT MONTH**

**Happy Birthday**

Oct 29: Libby Nelson

**Happy Anniversary**

Oct 25: Chili & Chinni Yalamanchili

**UPCOMING SPEAKERS:**

Oct. 24: Induction of Raj Talasi Sharon Kyle - Rotary Exchange Students	Oct 31: David Lukov District Governor's Visit	Nov 7:
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**LAST WEEK'S MEETING**

President **Brenda Jenkins** presided.



**Mike Davies** presented a cheque in the amount of \$1,000 to **Dave Macpherson of the Salvation Army** in support of the Dignity breakfast, which will be held on November 22, 2023.

This donation pays for a table of eight. Those early birds who wish to attend at 7:30 am should contact Mike Davies to reserve a spot at the table.

Assistant Governor **Ken Holland** inducted as the newest member of our club **Zain Kathrada**.

(See the bio of Zain at the end of this newsletter.)



Program: The **Alouette River Management Society (ARMS)**



About Our Speakers:

**Greta Borick-Cunningham** started at ARMS as acting Executive Director in March 2012, and became the Executive Director in 2013. Greta has a passionate love of the environment including water conservation issues, protection and enhancement of salmon species, and raising public awareness around the threats to our native BC ecosystems. Greta has a Masters in education, a Diploma in sustainable Resource Management, and 20 years' experience in management and administration. She has lived and worked around the world in Japan, Canada, and Australia. In Greta's downtime, you'll find her pottering (as opposed to puttering) around in her veggie garden, volunteering for a local watershed group in Vancouver, and learning how to get more art in her life.

**Cheryl Ashley** also attended our meeting with Greta. Cheryl is the current Vice-President of ARMS, and served previously as its President. She moved to Maple Ridge in 1995 and immediately immersed herself in community life through volunteering, which earned her the Maple Ridge Community Foundation's annual Citizen of the Year Award in 2017.

She was a trustee on the Board of Education for nine years, and served two terms on the Maple Ridge Council. She is the secretary and a director of the Ridge Meadows Education Foundation, as well been involved in numerous other community organizations and projects.

The Alouette River Management Society (ARMS) was formed as a society in 1993 (Rotarian Gordon Robson was a founding member). The primary focus of ARMS at that time was to negotiate with BC Hydro an increase in the river's base flow from the Alouette Dam. This goal was achieved in 1996, when the base river flow release was increased by fivefold. Since 1996 ARMS has become involved in almost all aspects of watershed stewardship, including education, inventory and monitoring, habitat restoration and lobbying for the protection of aquatic habitat.

Greta's talk today was about ARMS' various programs. Over the past 12 months, it has (among its many other activities) been focused on the community stewardship project, called the **Morse Creek Freshwater Initiative** in Reg Franklin Park which is located at the north end of Edge Street (located roughly between 122<sup>nd</sup> Ave. on the south and 123<sup>rd</sup> Ave. on the north). They have contributed over 570 volunteer hours in work on the Morse Creek riparian area removing 48 m<sup>3</sup> of invasive plants, replanting almost 200 native shrubs and trees, and disposing of a over 11,000 pieces of litter.

ARMS has also delivered a wide range of **environmental workshops** to SD 42 students and students of other school districts, reaching approximately 2,200 students so far this year, in addition to the 128 children that participated in their spring and summer day-camps.

Since 2007 ARMS, together with BC Hydro and representatives of the federal and provincial governments, is a member of the **Alouette River Salmonid Restoration Program Committee** that is working towards developing an ecosystem restoration plan that will benefit all species of Pacific Salmon in the Alouette watershed. Annually, ARMS and BC Corrections hatchery staff trap, sample and transport adult sockeye up and over the Alouette Dam and release them into the Alouette reservoir. (The Committee continues to work to achieve the restoration of a fishway into the reservoir.)

In a program they call "**Eyes on the Alouette River**", ARMS receives phone calls and emails from the public regarding sediment runoff in the South and North Alouette Rivers, Coho Creek, and Dogwood Creek from development sites, and warnings about tree cutting and riparian vegetation vandalism. In 2022, ARMS staff continued to relay these issues to the appropriate authorities, and raise awareness around these issues as they affect the health of the Alouette River.

The **Adopt-a-Block** programs are community litter pickup programs with an emphasis on getting outdoors, getting involved in your neighbourhood, and taking pride in your community. ARMS administers this program in both Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows.

## House of Arms Fundraising Campaign - for repair of the newly named Geoff Clayton River Heritage Centre

(which is located near Allco Park at the north end of 248/249 St).



This building was constructed in 1999, and is used as an interpretive centre, for education workshops, community group meetings, board meetings, special events, and base of operations for ARMS staff and volunteers. Its roof is leaking, and it needs internal updates, including new flooring, additional washroom facilities, and storage. **The goal is to raise \$100,000 (cash and in-kind assistance).**

Happy and Sad Dollars included:

**Matt** had some sad dollars - for the Israel/Hamas war - while at home students are not claiming the bursaries that our club is providing - and, as we octogenarians get older, our group of acquaintances is getting smaller as our friends keep disappearing on us.



**Lynda** had some happy dollars - for after leaving the meeting today, she is taking her "hols" and "hitting the road" (or rather taking to the air) for a "getaway" - and Matt also made her happy because, while Lynda admits to being a sexagenarian, Matt thought she was only a quinquagenarian.

**Dave McPherson** (who swears that he didn't attend the meeting just to pick up the cheque for the Salvation Army) is happy that his bride has received her new left knee - and he is also happy to share:

**Breaking News:** starting November 1 and lasting until the end of April, the Ridge Church is going to allow homeless people to sleep in the shelter in their church seven days a week during all weather conditions [and not just the wet, cold, chilly, damp, stormy, blustery, bitter, bleak, raw, wintry, freezing, snowy, icy, harsh and adverse inclement kind].

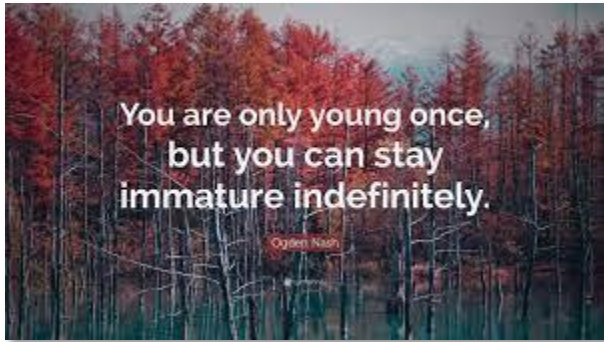


Fine Master **Mark Forster** said that the Netherlands today shocked South Africa with an upset win at the Cricket World Cup, and that everybody who didn't know or care about it, would have to pay a \$2 fine (except Eric, who is still recovering from the news).

## Club Business

**Libby** reminded club members that the executive is establishing a budget for this year, and wants committee members or other interested parties to send their budget requests to Libby prior to Monday afternoon's Zoom executive meeting.

## Presidents Quote for the Day



**Submitted by Laurie Anderson**

## CLUB CALENDAR:

Oct 20 - **Oktoberfest Hospice**

Oct 24 - **End Polio Day**

Oct 26 - **Pubhub** Gilnetter Pub

Oct 31 - **David Lukov - District Governor's Visit**

Nov 3 - **Charcuterie and Wine at Forster's**

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

Nov 22 7:30am - **Dignity Breakfast:**  
book a seat with Mike Davies [mt.davies@shaw.ca](mailto:mt.davies@shaw.ca)

Nov 31 - **Pubhub**

Nov 23 - **Dancing in the Ridge competition**

Dec 2 - **Pre-PETS** - Silver Reef Casino Resort

Dec 13 - **Senior's luncheon** (vege prep – Monday or Tuesday TBA)

Dec 16 - **Xmas party at Callison's**

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!

## Bio of our newest member: Zain Kathrada

I am a multi-skilled and qualified construction industry professional with solid experience in project management, contract claims and disputes, quantity surveying, health and safety management and strategic planning – I hold the following qualifications and certificates:

- Post-Graduate Diploma (Construction Management – Building Engineering AND Health and Safety) – Guglielmo Marconi University
- Bachelor's Degree (Management) – Durban University of Technology
- Diploma in Project Management – Varsity College
- Construction Foreman M1 to M5
- Construction Contract Claims Certificate
- Candy Construction Computer Software
- Construction Estimating and Valuations
- Construction Planning and Programming
- Construction Valuations and Cost Reporting Certificate
- Health and Safety IRCA Global
- Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment
- Training for Construction Supervisors
- Microsoft Project Level 2 - Bytes Technology Microsoft

I own a medical supply store in Maple Ridge that serves the community at large and have founded 3 successful businesses in South Africa which are still in operation. - A Marine Construction Company - A Civil / Mechanical Construction and Stevedoring - A Butchery and Restaurant.

I have a wonderful and supportive wife. We have three beautiful daughters aged 5, 6 and 11 respectively. Being an ambitious and driven entrepreneur, I hope to pass those qualities on to my children so that they may positively contribute to our world and humanity overall.