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OCTOBER IS COMMUNITY ECONOMIC AND DEVELOPMENT MONTH

Happy Birthday

Happy Anniversary

UPCOMING SPEAKERS:

Oct 31: David Lukov District Governor's Visit	Nov 7:	Nov 14:
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LAST WEEK'S MEETING

President **Brenda Jenkins** presided.

Guests:

David Meunier, Trish Coft, Melanie Pellicano, and Breeanna Myden, and her father **Garrett Myden**.

Today is "End Polio Day". With this theme in mind, the invocation was given by **Laurie Anderson**:

We all know that bifocals are eyeglasses whose lenses have two parts with different focal lengths, one for near vision and one for distant vision. In Rotary, we need bifocals to guide our actions - so we can see at close range that we, as a group of Rotarians, can create solutions at the local level - but also so that we can see clearly in the distance and give of our time, energy, and especially our money, to those who are in partnership with us on an international level to eradicate polio. May each of us look with new vision through our Rotary bifocals (especially today, October 24, that is World Polio Day) and feel our responsibility not only to our local community but also to all countries and peoples. In 1980, the world eradicated one human disease – smallpox. Today we are on the verge of ending another – polio. Let us keep our promise that we won't stop until we know that no child will ever again experience the paralyzing effects of polio.



See our newspaper ad at the end of this newsletter

Cheque presentations:

Accepting a cheque in the amount of \$500 on behalf of 1st Haney Scout Group, was David Meunier, the Group Commissioner. The money will be used to purchase winter camping gear. The 1st Haney Scouts were formed officially 95 years ago, on Oct. 18, 1929.



Mike Davies also presented a cheque in the amount of \$1,000 to Trish Coft on behalf of the Maple Ridge Christmas Festival Society, to help pay for the annual Santa Claus Parade that will be held this year on Saturday, December 2, 2023 starting at 6:00 pm.



Program: Breeanna Myden and Melanie Pellicano – returning STEP students



Sharon Kyle is the Chair of our New Generations Service Committee (formerly referred to as the Youth Service Committee), which recognizes the positive change implemented by youth and young adults through leadership development opportunities. Her duties include, among other things, overseeing the youth exchange programs, as well as RYLA and YAIL. Sharon introduced our two students who have returned from France following their participation in the Short Term Exchange Program (STEP).

STEP is a short-term, family to family exchange program. A STEP student is paired with another student in another country. The students live together with one student's family for the first half of their exchange, then switch to live together with the other student's family for the second half of the experience. STEP exchanges can last for several days up to several months, but each of the exchanges of Breeanna and Melanie lasted for about three weeks.

Breeanna and Melanie (who both live in Pitt Meadows) told us about their respective experiences in France, and about their experiences with the French exchange students who visited them in return. Both Breeanna and Melanie are French immersion students here in BC, which served them well, because while in France they communicated in French 90% of the time. Breeanna went to a Rotary meeting dinner while in France, although no Rotary club existed in the small town where Melanie visited with her exchange family. They both told us about the various excursions they went on, the family life that they enjoyed with their exchange family and the French food (Melanie especially liked their pizza, which she found deliciously different). Both went to Paris and to the southern part of France.

The exchange student who stayed with Melanie's family here in BC visited Whistler, Vancouver, and Vancouver Island. Breeanna's exchange student visited such local attractions as Lynn Canyon, but they also went to Los Angeles for five days.

Both Breeanna and Melanie said they would be willing to talk to students in their school about their experiences in participating in the Rotary Student Exchange Program.

Happy and Sad Dollars included:

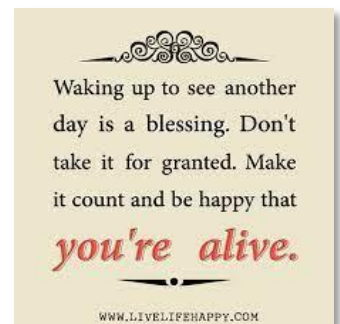
Laurel Hickman is continuing in her studies relating to nonprofit management, and has been accepted into the Royal Rhodes University leading to a Master's degree in Management and Leadership.

Dave Rempel was saddened to hear that his neighbour **Chris Mellalieu's wife Catherine** passed away recently. They established Arcus Community Resources that since 1981 has provided specialized residential services to infants, children, adults and seniors with various disabilities and specialized needs.

Laurie was very saddened to hear of the tragic death of the 12-year-old student who died, just one block from Laurie's house, when he was struck by a truck that was picking up waste material on its weekly route in the neighbourhood.

Ineke came back to the rain after enjoying a great trip with her grandchildren in Disneyland where they enjoyed the sunshine weather in the low 30's.

Libby happily celebrated another birthday, but did not take it for granted.



The YES Program - Youth Engaged in Service



Sharon told us about the YES program that is now open for any students who are high school 11th graders in the 2023 – 2024 school year. High school students throughout Rotary District 5050 have the opportunity to experience the joy of serving others by volunteering in their local community, and also by participating in an international humanitarian service project. This year's international service project is being planned in Honduras for a trip in late June/July 2024. To qualify, the participants must (among other things) log in 80 hours of volunteer community service from October to May, participate in a monthly team meeting as well as a weekend team building retreat, and attend the Rotary Youth Adventures in Leadership (YAIL) weekend; and assist with program fundraisers. Bev Harrington is the chair of the District 5050 YES Committee, and the Team Leader who will be attending with the students in Honduras is Keesha Dorosz of the Rotary Club of Haney. Also on the YES Committee is our own Assistant Governor of Area M: Ken Holland, and Randal Myers of the Rotary club of Semiahmoo.

The YES Committee is requesting our club's commitment of \$2,500 to help support a student for the YES program from our area. The \$2,500 will be applied as follows:

- \$1,000 offsets the students \$2,500 program fee for training materials, the team building retreat, round-trip airfare to Guatemala and in country transportation to Honduras, emergency travel/medical insurance, meals, and lodging. Each student is responsible for the remaining \$1,500 program fee.
- \$1,500 is applied to the cost of the international service project materials.

Fundraisers provide the balance of the program and international service project costs.

The student that we support would be representing our club in all of the 5 Avenues of Service including Youth Service, International Service, Community Service, and Club and Vocational Service. The aim of the YES Program is to support a team of 10 youth and three Adult Rotarians to go on the trip. Our club would also cover the fees for the student to attend the Youth Adventures in Leadership in 2024 before the trip commences.

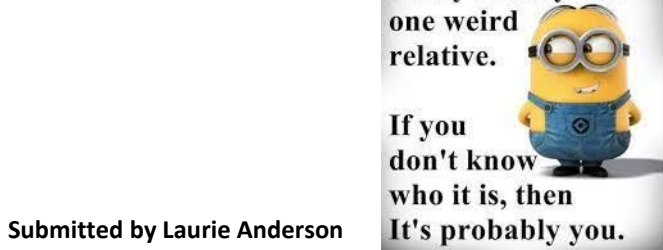
This will be a memorable trip of a lifetime for a student (just ask Ken Holland!). As stated by the YES Team, "what a better way to demonstrate Service Above Self than an international trip that will educate the students on culture and humanitarian needs with the hands on assisting with a sustainable project". If we are going to support this project, we need to do so immediately. Also, if any Rotarians wish to go on the trip to Honduras, they should also notify the team as soon as possible.

Official Visit of our District Governor David Lukov next Week – Be sure to be there.

Next week's meeting, October 31, is the official visit of our **District Governor David Lukov**.

Note: Our club executive will meet with our DG at 11 AM prior to our regular meeting at noon.

Presidents Quote for the Day:



Submitted by Laurie Anderson

CLUB CALENDAR:

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

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!

Newspaper "World Polio Day" ad in the local News



Rotary's PolioPlus program, launched in 1985, was the first initiative to tackle global polio eradication by vaccinating children on a massive scale. Shortly thereafter in 1988, Rotary spearheaded the launch of the **Global Polio Eradication Initiative** with the WHO, US Centers for Disease Control, UNICEF and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

The eradication of polio is one of Rotary's longest standing and most significant efforts. Rotary members have contributed more than \$2.2 billion and countless volunteer hours to protect nearly 3 billion children from this paralyzing and potentially fatal disease that still threatens children in some parts of the world.

World Polio Day is held each year on **October 24** to raise awareness and resources for the worldwide effort to eradicate polio. Rotary International and our partners have made tremendous progress since the Global Polio Eradication Initiative was launched:

- A 99% reduction in cases of illness caused by wild poliovirus
- 3 billion children immunized
- 20 million cases of paralysis prevented
- More than 1.5 million childhood deaths prevented
- A reduction from more than 350,000 cases in more than 125 endemic countries in 1985, to just 7 cases in 2 endemic countries in 2023 (Afghanistan and Pakistan, with the virus contained in just a few districts and provinces)

But even just one case still represents one child's life forever changed by polio. That is why each year Rotary members in Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows have donated out of their own pockets thousands of dollars to the cause of eradicating polio completely. Thanks to medical innovations, in 1980 the world eradicated one human disease – smallpox. Today we're on the verge of ending another – wild poliovirus.

We remain tenacious and keep our promise: We won't stop until we know that no child will ever again experience the paralyzing effects of polio.