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**NOVEMBER IS ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH**

**Happy Birthday**

Nov 17: Wendy Whitter

**Happy Anniversary**

**UPCOMING SPEAKERS:**

Nov 14:	Nov 21: Kendra Schmunk BSW Coordinator of Child & Youth Program	Nov 28: Kalie Whittaker What Rotary Means to Me
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**LAST WEEK'S MEETING**

Brenda Jenkins presided.

Guests:

Helen Farris, guest of Lynda Lawrence

Cheque Presentation:

Michelle Ruppel and Sonja Jones, on behalf of the Ron and Alma Jones Family Foundation presented a cheque in the amount of \$3,000 to Ineke Boekhorst, in support of the Starfish Program.



*Donation by Ron and Alma Jones Family Foundation*

Charcuterie November 3, 2023

Brenda gave a special thank you to **Mark and Pauline Forster**, and to **Adrienne Dale** (our Club Service Chair), for the great Charcuterie and wine tasting event held at Mark and Pauline's house on November 3, 2023.



*Adrienne and Pauline did a great job setting the table.*



*And a good time was had by all.*

Happy Birthday Mrs. President



Congratulations to our **President Brenda** who will have taken 65 trips around the sun on November 10, 2023.

Induction of Raj Talasi



**Raj Talasi** was inducted as our newest club member by AG Ken Holland.

Raj is a real estate agent. In the past he has worked in various managerial positions with companies such as Bed, Bath and Beyond, Money Mart, and Future Shop. He holds a Bachelor of Science (International Economics) and a Master's in Public Administration.

His outside interests include:

- Knights of Columbus - 3rd Degree Knight - Coquitlam Council 5540 & Haney Council 5566
- Knight of Columbus- Haney Council 5566 Executive Committee- Outside Guard
- Saint Vincent De Paul Society- Member
- Catholic Women's League – Annual Thanksgiving Outreach Program
- Indoor sports- Squash and Pickleball



**Welcome Raj!**

Program: Freemasonry – presented by Mark Forster



Mark has been a Freemason since 1994, and is currently the Deputy Grand Master Elect

Freemasonry is the oldest and largest fraternal organization in the world, having roots going back to the 16<sup>th</sup> and early 17<sup>th</sup> century. Its members share a common goal of helping each other become better men, through personal growth, brotherhood, morality, and charity, while being devoted to his family, faith, country and fraternity. It is not a secret society although some of its rituals and symbols are secret or private and shared only among members.

Modern Freemasonry broadly consists of two main recognition groups: Regular Freemasonry (like Mark's Lodge), which insists that a volume of scripture be open in a working lodge, that every member professes belief in a Supreme Being, that only men be admitted, and that the discussion of religion and politics do not take place within the lodge; and Continental Freemasonry, which consists of the jurisdictions that have removed some, or all, of these restrictions.

The basic, local organisational unit of Freemasonry is the Lodge.



The Maple Ridge Lodge (called the Prince David Lodge) meet at its building which is located near the Westerly entrance to the Haney Bypass at 22272 – 116<sup>th</sup> Ave. It used to be located near the corner of 224<sup>th</sup> St. and Lougheed Highway, but the City agreed to move the building to its present location so they could develop the downtown core.



The old Grand Lodge (on the left) in New Westminster was dedicated in 1912, and the site was redeveloped (on the right) to include a 19-story high-rise and a four-story masonic hall that includes the building's original historic façade.

There are approximately 130 Lodges in British Columbia and the Yukon in 78 communities with about 5,000 members. These private Lodges are supervised by a Grand Lodge that meets in new Westminster. The highest position in the Masons is the Grand Master who in most cases is styled "Most Worshipful Grand Master". He is ultimately responsible for every other lodge officer and their duties within British Columbia and the Yukon. There is no national, international or worldwide Grand Lodge that supervises all of Freemasonry; each Grand Lodge is independent. The Grand Master provides leadership and administrative oversight of ritual and symbolism, Masonic education, Grand Lodge governance, social functions, fundraisers, as well as charitable work and philanthropy. Positions in the Masons' hierarchy our elected positions. Mark Forster is currently the Deputy Grand Master Elect and, if elected, could become the Grand Master of British Columbia and the Yukon within the next two years. The term of a Grand Master is one year.

Club Business

Tutu Old For This: Dancing with a Heart at the ACT

Make sure to buy your tickets online and make your donation to raise money to support our Club's vivacious and spirited dance squad, "Tutu Old For This", who have entered the **Dancing in the Ridge Competition** to be held on November 23, 2023, to prove that age and ability never gets in the way of having a good time on the dance floor!



The critics say that "the team is characterized by their infectious energy, innovative choreography, and an undeniable sense of camaraderie. Made up of nine amateur dancers of varying ages, backgrounds and professions, each member brings their unique flare and personality to the group as well as a shared commitment to making a difference in the community. Tutu Old For This are on a mission to spread joy, laughter and positivity, all while raising money for the Maple Ridge Community Foundation".

2nd Annual Dancing in the Ridge competition at The ACT Theatre  
**Thursday, November 23, 2023**  
**SAVE THE DATE**

Maple Ridge Community Foundation  
 Details to come. Please contact 604.466.3312 or [execassist@mrcf.ca](mailto:execassist@mrcf.ca) for info.

**Polio Pus TRIPLE YOUR INVESTMENT \$100 = \$300**  
November 23, 2023 at the ACT.

Please remember to make a donation to Polio Plus right away. All donations will receive a 2 to 1 match by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation making this an even better opportunity, as well as receiving a tax-deductible receipt direct from The Rotary Foundation, and Paul Harris recognition points for your donation. Be sure to tell Walter that your donation is to be allocated to Polio Plus.

**Submitted by Laurie Anderson**

**CLUB CALENDAR:**

- 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!