



Meetings: Tuesday 12 Noon

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**NOVEMBER IS ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH**

**Happy Birthday**

**Happy Anniversary**

**UPCOMING SPEAKERS:**

Dec 19: No Speaker Christmas Present Exchange	Dec 26: <b>No Meeting</b>	Jan 2: <b>No Meeting</b>
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**LAST WEEK'S MEETING**

President **Brenda Jenkins** presided.

Guests:

- Isabella and David Hayer** – Isabella will be our District Governor in the 2025-2026 Rotary Year.
- Sheldon Lal** – a guest of Clint Callison
- Susan Pynn** – guest and best friend of President Brenda

Annual General Meeting of the Meadow Ridge Rotary Club

The Club's AGM was held today, with the financial statements presented by Treasurer Walter Volpatti, and the election of officers for the 2024 – 2025 Rotary year was held, by acclamation

**2024 – 2025 Board of Directors** of the Meadow Ridge Rotary Club, as nominated by the Nomination Committee, were elected as follows:

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| President              | <b>Laurie Anderson</b> |
| President-Elect        | <b>Eric Mollema</b>    |
| Vice-President         | <b>Alex Pope</b>       |
| Past President         | <b>Brenda Jenkins</b>  |
| Secretary              | <b>Ineke Boekhorst</b> |
| Treasurer              | <b>Walter Volpatti</b> |
| Club Services          | <b>Adrienne Dale</b>   |
| Community Services     | <b>Mike Davies</b>     |
| International Services | <b>Mark Vosper</b>     |
| New Generations        | <b>Sharon Kyle</b>     |
| Vocational Services    | <b>Laurel Hickman</b>  |

The **Sergeant at Arms**, who is appointed by the President pursuant to our Bylaws (on the recommendation of the Nomination Committee): **Matt DeBruyn**

Annual General Meeting of the Ridge Meadows Foundation

The AGM of the Ridge Meadows Foundation also followed. This is our charitable foundation that is capable of giving tax receipts, and has the same directors as does the Meadow Ridge Rotary Club.

Cheque Presentations:

**Community Services Chair Mike Davies** presented a cheque in the amount of **\$500** to **Kat Potter** for the **Maple Ridge Quilters' Guild** to purchase quilt batting material.



One of their community service projects is to make quilts for a variety of charitable organizations within the Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows area.

The Guild has provided, at absolutely no cost, for the past three years (including this year) 300 handmade quilted stockings for our Starfish Program. All our Starfish Pack recipients receive a small handmade stocking, which we fill with Christmas treats and a small "stuffie", which the kids received with their Christmas Starfish Pack delivery. Each stocking is made by one of the Quilt Guild members.

In the fiscal year prior to July 1, 2023, the Guild made and donated 65 quilts and 220 placemats. This included 52 quilts donated to the Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows Community Services (many of these quilts were offered to the people affected by the Edge and Brown Street condominium fire), and 13 Survivor Quilts which were given to Katzie First Nations survivors of residential schools. The 220 place mats were delivered to Community Services Meals on Wheels Program.

**Thank You!** Thank you to all of the above members who have agreed to serve our club in these various capacities.

**\$500** was also presented to the **Ridge Meadows Bruins Rugby Club**. Accepting the cheque was **Mike Saare**, field Director.



The club provides rugby programs to the local community for all ages to learn and participate in, and has between 50 and 75 members, including players and volunteers.

The Ridge Meadows Bruins recently relaunched its rugby programs following Covid and after merger with SFU rugby.

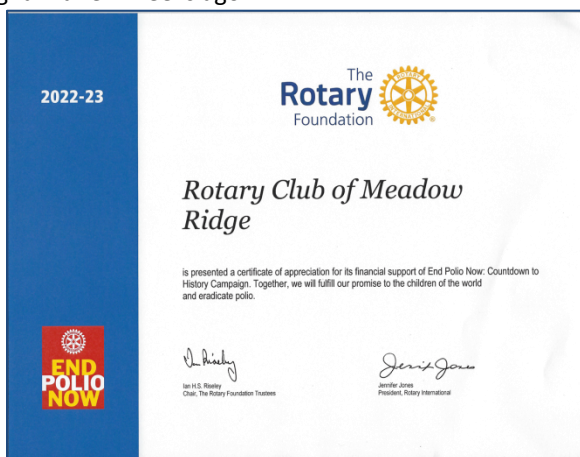
The club will use the funds to purchase much needed equipment and kit, specifically for its youth programs. The

new purchases will greatly benefit its players by adding more safety to their training exercises, as well as an updated set of jerseys for players to truly become part of the team.

The future **DG, Isabelle Hayer** wanted to present a **Certificate of Appreciation** to our Past President Chili Yalamanchili, but he was not at this meeting.



During Chili's year as President, our Club raised \$2,000.00 towards the **End Polio Now** campaign. This was presented at the dinner in Bellingham a few weeks ago.



Fine Master for today, December 12, **Mark Vosper** asked if we knew what happened on December 12 in the following years of yore (see answers below):

- 1983 – what kid's toy was featured on the cover of Newsweek Magazine, leading to Black Friday riots in stores?
- 1957 – who married his 13-year-old third cousin twice removed, Myra Gail Brown? (Hint: he had "Great Balls of Fire")
- 1901 – what signal was sent for the first time across the Atlantic?
- 1952 – where was the first nuclear reactor accident?

Reminders and Announcements:

Saturday, December 16: 6 PM **Christmas dinner at Clint's house** (catered – bring \$50 cash)

Sunday, December 17: **Christmas Train** in Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows. Need help collecting for food bank (see Lynda).

Rotary meeting Tuesday, December 19: **Christmas Lunch** and an anonymous **Gift Exchange** (bring a gift, not to exceed \$20 in value).

Presidents Quote of the Week:



**Submitted by Laurie Anderson**

CLUB CALENDAR:

- Dec 16 - **Xmas party at Callison's**
- Dec 19 - **Christmas Lunch and Gift Exchange**
- 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!

**Answers to Fine Master Quiz:**

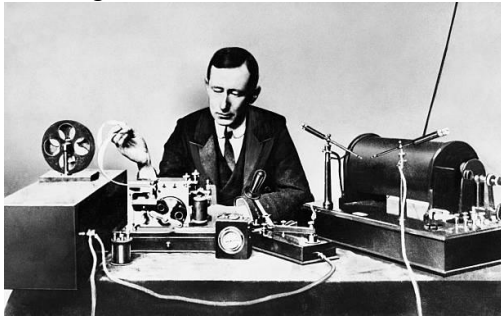
- 1983 – the Cabbage Patch doll



- 1957 – Jerry Lee Lewis – in Mississippi, where else!  
His popularity quickly eroded following the scandal.



- 1901 – Trans Atlantic radio signal sent by Guglielmo Marconi  
from England to Newfoundland



- 1952 – Chalk River, Ontario, situated 100 miles northwest of  
Ottawa

