

Meetings: Tuesday 12 Noon

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NOVEMBER IS ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH

Happy Birthday		Happy Anniversary	
Jan 13:	Matt DeBruyn	Jan 4:	Sharon Kyle & Ron Langley

UPCOMING SPEAKERS:

Dec 26:	No Meeting	Jan 2:	No Meeting	Jan 9:	Dr. Lauryn Oates Canadian Women for Women in Afghanistan
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LAST WEEK'S MEETING

President **Brenda Jenkins** presided.

Today was the Christmas Gift Exchange, in lieu of a program.

Lots of Guests today:

Bruce Mai, Ava Pomeroy, Susan Pynn, Helen Ferris, Warren Dale, Yousef Ahmed, Kalie Whitaker, Amy Morrison Wayne Morrison, Mary Robson and Sayed Athari



Ineke and Peter's grandson Dominic helped to pack 300 stockings

Happy and Sad Dollars, included:

Matt DeBruyn - "because I'm back" - from his annual stay in Southern California. Others who parted with some bucks because they were happy to see Matt back, were **Libby, Mark Vosper and Warren**.

Adrienne Dale - a thank you to **Clint and Cheryl** for opening their home to us for our annual Christmas party. About 30 Rotarians, spouses and guests attended.

Brenda Jenkins - happy that she is halfway through her year as our President, with a special welcome today to her "children" **Bruce Mai and Ava Pomeroy** (who have been helping each week with our Starfish Program by packing and loading the cars with the food packs each Tuesday afternoon), and her "crazy" friend **Susan Pynn** who gave \$50 to support our Starfish Program).

Mary Robson, Executive Director of the Friends in Need Food Bank, thanked those members of our club who collected food and donations for the Food Bank when the Christmas train attended Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows this past week. Mary is also happy that she and Gordon will be enjoying a month in Maui in January.

Lynda Lawrence – chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Food Bank, thanked all those who helped out at the Christmas Train.



Adrienne Dale and Eric Mollem, for Centra Layers LLP, donated \$2,100 to our Starfish program.

On each of our tables was a "stuffie" collected by Ineke over the past many months, and stuffed into a Xmas stocking, made by the Maple Ridge Quilters Guild. One of these will be put into each of the 300 Starfish food packs that is being assembled today after our Rotary meeting for the last time in 2023.



Ineke - was happy to be at our meeting and “to be part of this family” of Rotarians.

Yousef - happy to be invited to join our Rotary Club (and sad for not joining earlier).

Libby Nelson - happy to be visiting her daughter and friends in Australia, where she will be going at the end of this month of December, and be back on January 23.

Clint Callison - donated \$1,000 to the Food Bank and \$500 to Starfish.

Leslie Michael - unhappily, someone hacked his email account and sent fraudulent messages to his contacts (claiming to be messages from Leslie) asking for money.

Gift Exchange – In the true spirit of Christmas, we all contributed and received (or fought over) a present, in what is now an annual event we call THE GIFT EXCHANGE.



‘Twas six days before Christmas at our Rotary meeting;
We had said our hellos and had finished our eating.
The gifts were all wrapped on the table with care,
So I grabbed a nice present and returned to my chair.
But my joy was short-lived, for my gift (wrapped with love)
a fellow Rotarian now snatched with a shove.
So if this stressed you out and caused you anxiety
Let’s change the name - for the good of society.

OUR GIFT EXCHANGE could also be variously known as:



SANTA’S STEALING GAME



THE GRINCH GIFT SNITCH



SCROOGE’S CHRISTMAS PRESENT



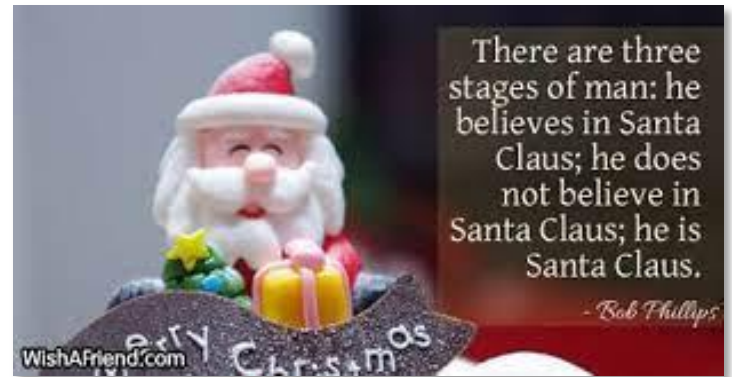
A JOLLY THIEVING CHRISTMAS

Club Announcements:

December 28, 2023, at 5:30 PM is the Pub Hub at the Jolly Coachman in Pitt Meadows.

January 9, 2024 – the second Tuesday in January is the next Rotary meeting (not January 2, 2024).

Presidents Last Quote for the Year



Have a Merry Christmas and (if we miss you at the Pub Hub on December 29, 2023) a Happy New Year!



Submitted by Laurie Anderson

CLUB CALENDAR:

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!