

Meetings: Tuesday 12 Noon

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**MAY IS YOUTH SERVICE MONTH**

**Happy Birthday**

May 22: Ineke Boekhorst,

**Happy Anniversary**

**UPCOMING SPEAKERS:**

May 14: Ahmed Yousef  
Who's Who

May 21: Ineke Boekhorst  
Report on Belize

May 28:

**LAST WEEK'S MEETING**

President **Brenda Jenkins** presided.

Cheque presentations:



\$5,000 to Maple Ridge Pitt Meadows Community Services – to support Meals on Wheels and their program to provide transportation to seniors for medical appointments, represented by Susan Fordyce.



\$750 to Maple Ridge Historical Society to support Music on the Wharf, represented by Abby Lizee

Happy and Sad Dollars included:

**Matt** enjoyed the great “old-fashioned” meeting that we had in the previous week.

**Laurie** was happy that he wouldn't be at the meeting next week, not because he won't miss everybody but rather because he is going on a week-long cruise to Alaska.

**Ineke and Peter** packed their motorhome to go to Kelowna for the weekend but only made it as far as Abbotsford because the brakes seized up; so, they had to return home and reload all their stuff into their van (“keep calm and carry on”).



\$5,000 to Alisa's Wish – Child and Youth Advocacy Centre, represented by Heather Walker.

Program:

Some of our Club directors gave reports and/or told about plans and suggestions for coming year (the following in not a complete summary of their reports):

**Adrienne Dale**, Director of Club Services

- Enhance our club’s speaker program by getting each club member to provide one or two speaker for our meetings during the coming Rotary year. It could even be a member of your family, a friend, or somebody that could simply share their story.
- Have a joint meeting with another Rotary club, either the morning or evening club in our own community, or even in another community.
- Have our Sergeant at arms welcome our members and guests at the door.
- Once in a while have one of our guests be the mystery greeter (which will encourage us to greet and meet the guests that attend our meetings).

**Mike Davies**, Director of Community Services:

- Because of rising costs, community organizations and events are finding it even harder to finance their projects which we have financed over the years, and they are relying on us for our contributions which are usually in the neighbourhood of \$500-\$1000.
- Our club could be more proactive in deciding what type of activities we wish to support (instead of waiting for requests for monetary assistance to come in), and give direction to the Community Services Committee in this regard.
- Have one or more hands-on projects, such as a cleanup project within the two cities of Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows.
- Expenditures to date have included the following:

1. Bursaries
  - a. School at  $\$1500 \times 8 = \$12,000$
  - b. Fire Academy at  $\$1,500 \times 2 = \$3,000$
2. Youth programs
  - a. Yale  $\$ 600 \times 1 = \$600$
  - b. Rotaract  $1,500 \times 1 = \$1,500$
  - c. YES program = 2,500 (International?)
3. Community Event at  $\$1,000 \times 10 = 10,000$
4. Local Cultural programs (consider Wine Fest funds) at  $\$1,000 \times 3 = \$3,000$
5. Relief of poverty and hunger (food security) at  $\$10,000$
6. Humanitarian programs (youth and senior) support, homeless at  $\$5,000$
7. Community capital and equipment projects at  $\$10,000$  (Hospital, school play ground)
8. Operational costs of the club (10% of grant)  $57,600 / 10 = \$5,760$

Total  $\$63,360$  with changes made at the Planning Meeting.

**Ineke Boekhorst**, Director of International Services:

Money that our club gets from the gaming grant do not qualify for international services, and we must therefore rely on club funds or personal donations from our club members to fund the international committee. The following is a summary of the expenditures of the International Services Committee:

Shelter Box - member funded	\$1,300
Polio Plus - member funded	\$1,000
School supplies for Belize	\$ 360
Hippo Rollers	\$ 750
Global Grant project in Belize (RACHEL)	\$4,800
2 Worlds cancer	\$1,000
Women in Afghanistan	\$1,500
Kurdish girls in Iran - member funded	<u>\$ 900</u>
	<u>\$11,610</u>

Summary: we stayed on budget of  $\$8,450$ , because of the  $\$11,610$  total,  $\$3,200$  was funded by personal member donations and  $\$8,410$  came from club donations.

We did not have an exchange student this year other than STEP (Short Term Exchange Program) and did donate to YES (Youth Engaged in Service), both of which were funded by the New Generation’s Committee.

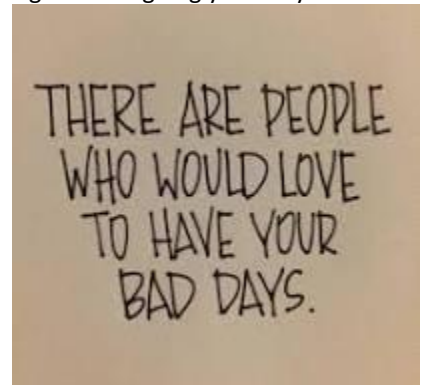
Leslie’s short love story of the week:

Once upon a time, a Prince asked a beautiful Princess, “Will you marry me?” The Princess immediately said, “No!” And the Prince lived happily ever after.

[What Leslie didn’t say is “why”. Was it because: he rode motorcycles, and hunted and fished and raced cars, dated ladies half his age and drank whiskey, kept his house and guns, had tons of money in the bank, ate spam and potato chips and beans, and left the toilet seat up?]

Hello President’s Closing Quote for the Week:

Remember this when things are not going your way:



**Submitted by Laurie Anderson**