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JUNE IS ROTARY FELLOWSHIP MONTH

Happy Birthday

Happy Anniversary

June 12: Zain & Nicole Kathrada

Upcoming Speakers:

June 11: **No Regular Meeting**

June 15: **Installation of 2024-2025 Executive**

June 18: Jen Fortkamp
Allergy Department at BC Children's Hospital

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

President **Brenda Jenkins** presided.

Cheque presentation:

Mike Davies, on behalf of our club, presented a cheque in the amount of **\$1,000** to fair manager **Tina Kirkpatrick** in support of **Maple Ridge / Pitt Meadows Country Fest** that this year will be held on July 27 – July 28, 2024.



Program: Ineke's trip to the 2024 Rotary International Convention in Singapore

great and large organization Rotary is, and allows you to connect with people all over the world. After many hours on the plane (it was 11 hours just to get to Taipei before moving on to her next flight), she finally arrived in Singapore and took a taxi to her Airbnb which was located only about 20 minutes by public transit from the Convention Centre. (She decided to pass on the most expensive accommodation near the convention centre which could cost up to \$20,000 per night).



Ineke Boekhorst attended her 20th Rotary International Convention, leaving on her birthday May 22 and arriving back home on June 1, 2024. Why attend? Ineke says everyone should attend a Rotary Convention because it makes you realize what a

Singapore is an island country and city state situated only 85 miles north of the equator. The country's territory has increased by approximately 25% since the country's independence from Great Britain in 1963 as a result of extensive land reclamation projects. It has the second highest population density of any country in the world, although there are numerous green and recreational spaces as a result of urban planning. With a multicultural population and in recognition of the cultural identities of major ethnic groups within the nation, Singapore has four official languages: English, Malay, Mandarin, and Tamil.

Singapore is known for lack of crime, and its strict laws including the use of caning as a punishment for various offences.

Chewing gum is outlawed and jaywalking is considered a serious offence (but its Fluffy Sandwich is tolerated! Try scrambled eggs on a bun).

Upon arrival at the Convention Centre, Ineke registered and picked up her attendance badge. She attended the House of Friendship, which was opened by International President Gordon McInally. She then walked around for the rest of the day (despite the fact that, being near the equator, there was 85% to 90% humidity).

She visited the famous “Gardens by the Bay” and saw the laser show at night.



Gardens by the Bay

Sunday, May 26, was the official opening of the Convention. Speakers included, among others:

Freddie Almazan: “In 2006, 13-year-old Freddie was walking home from school when he was shot in the back of his head leaving him partially paralyzed. It also marked the start of a decade-long battle with depression, before he eventually decided to turn his life around during his university years. Now 31 years old and the youth motivational speaker, he wants to help others bounce back from the challenges they face in life.”

Carol Pandak: “Since 2000, Carol has held the position of director of PolioPlus, Rotary’s global effort to eradicate polio, working in partnership with the World Health Organization, UNICEF, the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the Bill and Melinda Gates foundation.”

Jack Sim: “Jack, also known as Mr. Toilet, is a Singaporean entrepreneur and philanthropist who is the founder of the World Toilet Organization and World Toilet Day initiative. He is also the founder of the Restroom Association of Singapore.”

Obinna Onyekenna: “Obinna, a 45-year-old Nigerian medical doctor, is the Deputy Director, Infectious Disease Advocacy at the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. He is responsible for leading the foundation strategies and portfolio of investments for increasing political commitment, resourcing, and implementation of HIV, tuberculosis, malaria, and neglected tropical diseases and The Global Fund to fight AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria.”

Aiden O’Leary: “Aiden is the Director for Polio Eradication at the World Health Organization. He has strong experience of working on polio eradication in the remaining wild poliovirus endemic countries.”

Ineke also enjoyed several breakout sessions, such as ones on Professional Development, **Exploring Artificial Intelligence and its potential effect on the future of Rotary Clubs**, and the Learning Sessions (previously called Training Sessions).



THE FUTURE OF ROTARY IN AN AI WORLD!

Of course, the theme for the 2023-2024 Rotary year is “**Create Hope in the World**”.

[The theme for 2024-2025 is **The Magic of Rotary**, and the new Rotary International President is **Stephanie Urchick**.]



President’s Quote for the Day

“Passport stamps are the adult version of collecting stickers”



[Ineke missed out on this in Singapore - because Singapore is one of the countries that recently ceased stamping passports upon entry or exit.]

Leslie's "Flour Power" short story of the day



Did you hear about the husband who, when asked what his wife's favourite flower was, answered "Robin Hood"?



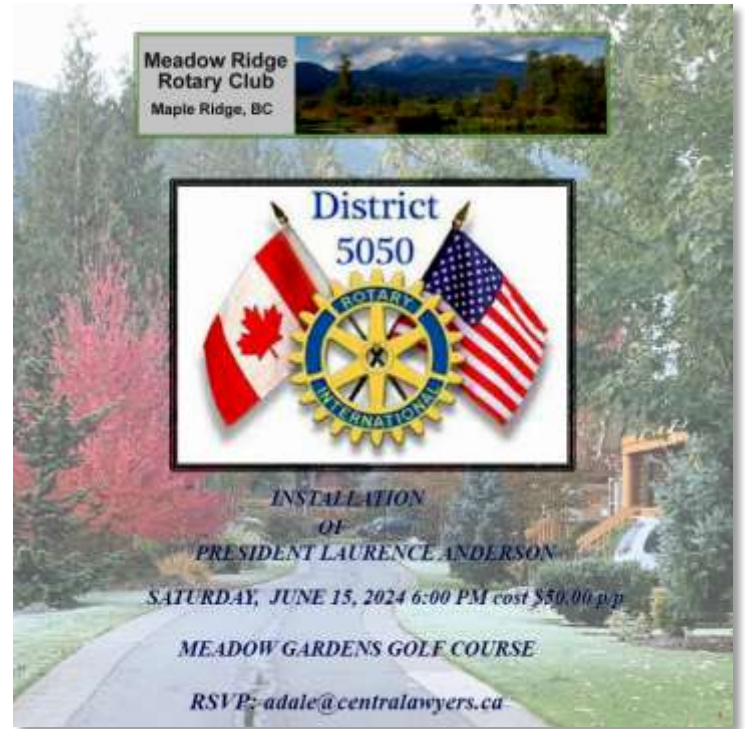
[Leslie, I don't get it. ☹️ Was the correct answer "Five Roses"?)

Leslie also reminded us that **June 6, 2024 is the 80th anniversary of D-Day**, being June 6, 1944 when the liberation of Europe from the occupation of the Nazis began when the Allies invaded Normandy in Operation Overlord during World War II. German casualties on D-Day have been estimated at 4,000 to 9,000 men. Allied casualties were documented for at least 10,000, with 4414 confirmed dead. Leslie has been reminding people for over 30 years not to forget the sacrifices of those that died on D-Day. Below is a newspaper picture of (a younger) Leslie taken on the 50th anniversary of D-Day with Michael wearing a T-shirt he designed to commemorate Canada's contribution to the D-Day invasion.



Rotary Club Events:

On Sunday June 9th there will be at 5:00 pm in the Albion Hall a celebration of life in remembrance of Chili's wife Chinni'



Saturday June 15th is the installation of our incoming President Laurence Anderson at Meadow Gardens at 6:00 pm.

Submitted by Laurie Anderson