



Meetings: Tuesday 12 Noon

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AUGUST IS MEMBERSHIP & NEW CLUB DEVELOPMENT MONTH

Happy Birthday	Happy Anniversary
Aug 16: Chili Yalamanchili	

Upcoming Speakers:

Aug 13: Debbie Conover RV Friendship of Rotarians	Aug 20:	Aug 27:
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LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Laurie Anderson Presided.

We had no visitors (except Sean Hogan, our speaker).

Program: Past District Governor Sean Hogan

The Rotary International Convention to be held in Calgary in June 2025

About Sean:

Sean joined the Rotary Club of North Delta on June 14, 1987. After several months of attending meetings, he was asked "Are you going to join or what?" and that invitation marked the beginning of his Rotary journey.

Sean has served at the Club, District and International levels of Rotary, including as District Governor in 2012/13. Sean is a lawyer, but people like him anyway; Mostly.



Sean's Presentation

Sean Hogan has been to about 10 Rotary International Conventions. The first convention that he attended was in 2007 in Salt Lake City, by which time he had been a Rotarian for 20+ years. Both Sean and our own Ineke Boekhorst (who has attended about 20 International Convention) urge all Rotarians to attend at least one such convention, where we can share a common experience with Rotarians and see the global reach and impact that Rotary has on the lives of people around the world.

Sean has arranged for Group Hotel bookings, but there are only about 5 rooms left out of the ones he has set aside, so hurry if you want to reserve space (that is cancellable up to a certain date).

Convention Program Overview

- General Sessions will take place Sunday-Wednesday, June 22-25, 2025
- Breakout Sessions will take place Monday-Wednesday, June 23-25, 2025
- The House of Friendship will be open Saturday-Wednesday, June 21-25, 2025

Sean advised that there are usually about 80,000 persons in attendance at RI Conventions, and there may be more in Calgary. He says Calgary is a great host city with a history of great conventions.

There are many things to see and do outside of the convention itself. For example, there is the Grandstand Spectacular held on the evening of Saturday, June 21, 2025 (cost per ticket is \$95 US) that is advertised as:

Saddle up for a spectacle of entertainment, showmanship, and toe-tapping tunes that'll have you hootin' and hollerin' all night long. From the electrifying performances of a dynamic marching band to the mesmerizing grace of Indigenous hoop dancing, there's something for everyone. And let's not forget the thrill of horseback relay races, where speed and skill collide in a whirlwind of excitement. Don't miss out on the ultimate celebration of the Wild West – grab your white hat and join us for an unforgettable experience!

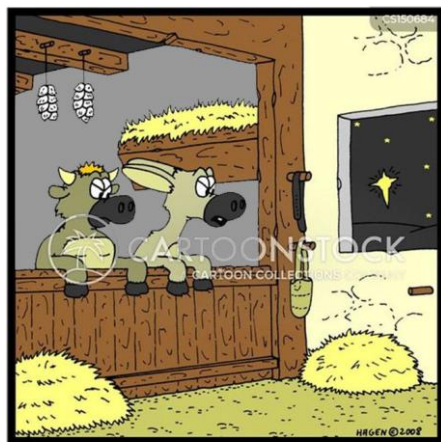
Happy and Sad Dollars included:

Brenda Jenkins is back from her two-week trip to Japan, where she had a great time despite losing her phone (but she subsequently found what was lost, and according to Luke [15:9], "When she found it, she called her friends and her neighbours together, saying, rejoice with me; for I have found the piece which I had lost").

Brenda also said it was a hot 39 degrees; and “have you ever seen 3,000 people crossing the street all at the same time?”



It's “All in the Family” for **Alex Pope and Barbara**. Barb’s mom and a nephew have moved in with them, and Alex is busy building an extra bedroom for the occasion. Alex also reminded us we are invited to drop in at their house on August 18 anytime after 3:00 pm when they are having a BBQ with family and friends, including but not limited to those of the Rotarian variety (but Luke also says [2:7] “Don’t bring your donkey or your swaddling clothes because there will be no room for an over-night stay”).



“No room at the inn” hey? Well, that’s not reason enough to just come into our stable uninvited!

Ineke Boekhorst worked all day every day at the Caribbean Festival which was held August 3 & 4, 2024, and said it was a great event. Our club had a table and tent set up to sell Duck Race tickets (Matt and Laurie, and then Peter, manned the table for a couple of hours each on Sunday, August 4th) and the weather was great.



Our Club gave a donation in support of the Caribbean Festival. We also supported the Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows Country Fest that was held July 27-28, 2024, and received the following ‘thank you’ from them, as follows:

“Now that Country Fest 2024 is over, we wanted to thank you again for your ongoing support of our 4-H fair where we hosted 29 clubs, 245 members and 382 livestock on a glorious weekend. Enjoy the rest of your summer and take care.

Tina Kirkpatrick
Maple Ridge Pitt Meadows Agricultural Association
(Maple Ridge Pitt Meadows COUNTRY FEST)



Quote for the Day



Club (and other) Announcements and Events

- Aug. 11 - 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Rotary Duck Race - Maple Ridge Park.
- Aug. 17 - 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Car Boot Sale behind Ridge Meadows Hospice Thrift Store
- Aug. 18 - 3:00 p.m. – whatever p.m.
Alex and Barbara’s drop-in barbeque for family and friends (including but not limited to those of the Rotarian variety).
- Aug. 29 - 5:30 p.m. Pub Hub location TBD
- Sep. 06 – 08, 2024 - Annual Meadow Ridge Rotary Camping Weekend at Fort Langley Campground – ask Matt for details

Submitted by Laurie Anderson