

Meetings: Tuesday 12 Noon

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**AUGUST IS MEMBERSHIP & NEW CLUB DEVELOPMENT MONTH**

Happy Birthday	Happy Anniversary
Aug 21: Alex Pope	

**Upcoming Speakers:**

Aug 20: Jim Eastwood Cops for Cancer	Aug 27: Greg Reeder Mission Aviation Fellowship of Canada	Sep 03: Denise Wozniak (Toastmasters) How AI can enhance your Storytelling Ability
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**LAST WEEK'S MEETING**

President **Laurie Anderson** presided.

Guests: **Cris Danielli** – friend of Yousef

Cheque Presentation:

Community Services Chair **Mike Davies** presented a cheque in the amount of \$600 to **Marilynn MacDonald**, a volunteer committee member of **Christmas Haven**, in support of their December 24, 2024 Christmas dinner that, since 1998, has been open to any families, seniors and individuals who wish to attend.

Their goal is “to promote a sense of belonging and camaraderie for those that don't wish to be alone during the Christmas season”.



Duck Race Prize Presentations

This year's Duck Race was held on Sunday, August 11, 2024 and thanks to our hardworking Duck Race Committee and volunteers, was another successful event that not only raised money for groups within our two communities but was a great fun community event.





### Duck Race Winners:

Congratulations to the following persons who won the prizes at the Duck Race (presented to them by Past President **Brenda Jenkins** and Club Secretary **Ineke Boekhorst**):

**First Prize** of \$15,000 cash went to **Jaycee Benson**.



**Second Prize** of \$1,200 cash and a \$1,200 shopping spree Gift Certificate (both donated by Mark's, Maple Ridge) went to **Bonny Wood**.

**Third Prize** of a \$1,500 Gift Certificate from Save On Foods was won by **Amanda Nicholls**.



**Fourth Prize** valued at \$1,250 of 10 rounds of golf and five carts went to **Lori Barker**. (Accepting the cheque on her behalf was **Ken Holland**.)



**Fifth Prize** of a big screen 65 inch Smart TV valued at \$1,099 was won by **Janet Dickson**.



What are Rotary Fellowships?

Rotary Fellowships offer Rotarians the opportunity to make friends with others in Rotary who share a common vocation, hobby, or recreational interest. It all started in 1947 when John G. Barrett in Brixton, Great Britain, got the idea to hoist a burgee on his boat with the Rotary emblem on it. Gradually that spread both in his own and other neighboring clubs. After some time that led to the forming of a Yachting Fellowship of Rotarians. Fairly early golfers and flyers started similar fellowships, as did the ham radio amateurs. Then Photographers, Taping Rotarians and even a Single Rotarian Fellowship has existed! In 1967 the International Caravanning Fellowship of Rotarians (or "ICFR" was started by a group of British Rotarians led by Robert Sutcliffe, who decided to travel with their caravans to the RI Convention in Nice, France. ICFR was the "mother" group in the United Kingdom, and Germany, New Zealand, and France are part of their Fellowship with their own charters.

In 1971 at a meeting of the Rotary Club of Islamorada Florida, the suggestion was made to organize the US version of the Caravanning Fellowship already operating in the United Kingdom. This led ultimately to the formation of the Recreational Vehicle Fellowship. In 2014, after connecting with the 20-year-old Australian Recreational Vehicle Group of Rotarians, they became aware that they were not an official Fellowship because the RV Fellowship in Australia already existed. At this point both countries decided to combine as the Recreational Vehicle Fellowship International with North America and Australia being the group members. Between them, they now have close to 750 members. There have been many joint get-togethers over the years along with International and Rolling rallies. Some of the recent past International rallies consist of Sydney Australia, Atlanta Georgia, and Toronto Canada.



Our speaker **Debbie Conover** is the Membership Chair of the **Recreational Vehicle Fellowship of Rotarians - North America** (RVFRNA), and she lives in Kentucky. The RVFRNA is one of the many fellowships of Rotary in which the members have a common bond, in this case a love for camping and rallies in various scenic locations in North America. Their membership includes numerous Rotarians from the US, Canada, Europe and

Australia. If you are a Rotarian and have a love for camping (whether you own a popup tent trailer or a Class-A motorhome), you may join this fun group. (Ineke and Peter are currently members.)

They have rallies in 8 different Time Zones in North America. Each time zone has a "wagon master" who picks an area for a get-together. These are staggered across the country so someone could actually go to two or three rallies. A rally usually consists of four days of fellowship which includes breakfast and dinners, local activities, entertainment, and a meeting or dinner with the local Rotary club. Members can also meet informally and individually with any member, anywhere, either as a group or just meet one member for breakfast, and in this way they keep the relationships between members strong (unlike other fellowships who only meet in groups).

The Rally at the Rotary International Convention in Calgary

Between June 16-20 there will be BBQ get-togethers with the RVFRNA members prior to the International convention in Calgary. However, during the actual convention itself, they will not plan activities that conflict with the RI Convention, but there will be some "happy hours" in the evenings.

During the Calgary Convention they will be staying at the **Mountain View Campground**, not on the stampede grounds itself. Mountain View Campground is located only 3 km (2 miles) east of the City of Calgary on Trans-Canada Highway #1, which is close to the beautiful Canadian Rockies and a scenic 118 kilometers (73 miles) drive from Banff National Park. (Since they are located outside the Calgary City limits, it can be complicated for some navigation systems to find them. The most successful way is to enter the physical land address into Google Maps: 244024 Range Road 284, Calgary, AB. Rotary International is helping to arrange bus transportation to the convention centre, and that is being worked on presently. At the Toronto RI convention they had to take the bus, and at the Atlantic convention they had to take the train; and in New Orleans RI arranged a bus to come out to get them to three times a day.

On their website is not only the application to join the RV Fellowship, but also the application to join them at the RI Convention in Calgary. Debbie also says they will have a booth at the convention, so "be sure to stop by and say hello".

Website: <http://rvfrna.org>

Happy and Sad Dollars included:

**David Rempel** was sad that he was unable to display his live ducks at this year's Duck Race, but was very happy that 35 families (out of about 200 families that, since 1993, have adopted children from Russia with the assistance of David and Sharon) will be getting together at their home for a celebration on August 24, 2024.

**Adrienne and Warren** have enjoyed having their grandkids visit them, and they intercepted and purchased a large doll's house (that was bound for Rotary's garage sale) for the kids to play with. The following is a delightful picture of one of Adrienne and Warren's grandchildren at the Duck Race.



**Ken Holland** sold to his spouse Lori Barker the Duck Race ticket that won the prize of 10 Rounds of Golf at Meadow Gardens Golf Course. That must have made Ken feel lucky because he also bought a Keno ticket and won himself \$236!

**Leslie Michael** was on his knees on the lawn fixing his sprinkler system when a neighbour said “I thought you were supposed to face east when praying to Allah”.

**Ineke Boekhorst** will be happy to have all the garage sale items out of her garage once the carboot sale (to raise money for Rotary) is over so she can once again park her car in the garage. [Remember, the sale will be held on Saturday, August 17, in the parking lot of the Hospice Thrift Store). Set up will commence at 9:00 am [BRING STUFF and VOLUNTEER].



Club (and other) Announcements and Events

- 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. - onwards, Alex and Barbara’s drop-in barbeque for family and friends.
- Aug. 20 – 4:00 pm. Campfire fellowship at Matt and Lynda’s property; bring your own chair.
- Aug. 29 – 5:30 p.m. – monthly Pub Hub at the Gillnetter in Port Coquitlam.
- Sep. 06 – 08, 2024 - Annual Meadow Ridge Rotary Camping Weekend at Fort Langley Campground. Contact matt for details.
- Sep. 15 – starting at 2:30/3:00 p.m. onwards – Frisbee Golf at Dave and Sharon Rempel’s property
- Oct. 18 – Adrienne is arranging a table for a group of us to attend together at the Hospice Society’s Oktoberfest. Let Adrienne know if you are coming to support Hospice.



Leslie Michael’s Photo for the Day



Today’s Quote



Submitted by Laurie Anderson