

Meetings: Tuesday 12 Noon

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SEPTEMBER IS BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY MONTH

Happy Birthday	Happy Anniversary
Sep 17: Adrienne Dale	
Sep 21: Ahmed Yousef	
Sep 23: Mark Vosper	

Upcoming Speakers:

Sep 17: Rotary Duck Race 2024 Cheque presentations to ticket selling organizations	Sep 24: Keisha Rosario Trip to British Honduras Islands	Oct 01: Teri Holland (Toastmasters) 3 Keys to Goal Achievement; Secrets of High Performance
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LAST WEEK'S MEETING

President **Laurie Anderson** presided.

Guests: **Lindsey Willis** and **Warren Dale**

Mike Davies presented a cheque in the amount of **\$1,000** to **Lindsey Willis, Executive Director of the Ridge Meadows Hospice Society**. Lindsey stated that there is an increasing demand for the services of a Clinical Counsellor to support for those persons facing traumatic, prolonged grief, where the counselling required is above and beyond that which the Hospice Society is able to provide through its volunteer personnel. She said this donation will help the Society expand its much-needed Clinical Counselling program, and the need to respond to the needs of our community. Said Lindsay, "We thank you so much on behalf of the patients and families we serve".



Program: Clint Callison –

The visit of Clint and his family to Italy, and particularly his visit with a member of the Rotary Club of Scandicci, in the City of Florence, Rotary District 2071.



Clint sought out and visited a Rotarian in Florence, a lady who had visited our club a few years ago, and she invited Clint and his family to have dinner in her home. Says Clint, "We were 'forced' a delicious five course meal". She suggested to Clint that our club and their club have a joint Christmas dinner, connected by Zoom. She is a member of the Rotary Club of Scandicci, which has as one of its projects protecting old works of art, restoring them, and saving them for the world to enjoy.

[Their website states:

"The Rotary Club of Scandicci has also funded the delicate restoration of the important work by master Fouad Aziz, which has now become a symbol of the city of Scandicci, "the Mask of the Sun God," which had been displayed at the entrance of the city for many years but had been vandalized by unknown individuals."]

They are sponsoring a fundraiser on October 20, 2024 in the form of a recreational running and walking event through Florence (10 km run and 3 km walk). Clint was able to tell them about what things we do, including our annual Duck Race which they had never heard of before.

Clint received a club banner that he presented to our club, and we will be sending one from our club in exchange.



The president of their Rotary club is an architect. Another member is the maker of high-end shoes, and another makes special purses for royalty and superstars, which sell in the range of \$25,000 - \$50,000. He also made some key chains (out of the same high-end leather that is used to make the purses) with their Rotary club's name on it.



Clint presented one of them to Adrienne Dale for her to enjoy.



Clint also had the fun of spending the afternoon driving a Ferrari (California edition), accompanied by a driving instructor to show him how to operate it at high speeds, which Clint said was an awesome experience.



In Italy, Clint felt like there were no rules of the road and driving was a free-for-all, but he saw no accidents and the drivers and pedestrians are careful to make eye contact (with no eye contact, the driver will give way to the pedestrian).

Happy and Sad Dollars, included:

Several of our members - who were very happy to have attended our club's annual camping weekend at Fort Langley, where several members and their families brought their motorhomes for the week, and other members attended to enjoy the fellowship on Saturday and/or Sunday.

Sharon Kyle - who, along with Ron, enjoyed the camping event; but Sharon also had some sad dollars because her neighbour told her, "You had better check your car because it looks like someone has broken into it".



It was then Sharon learned that, actually, all the thief had stolen was a bit of loose change and a passport folder, as well as her Rotary Badge.



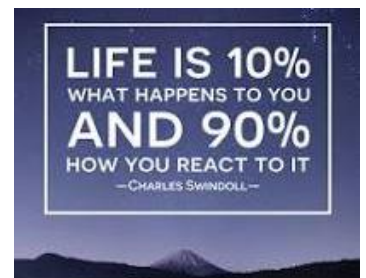
"ACTUALLY, ALL THEY STOLE WAS THE CAR ALARM!"

Laurie Anderson was sad that he was not able to attend the Fort Langley Campsite this year for at least Saturday afternoon. (He also wondered if we can expect the above-noted thief to show up at one of our Rotary meetings wearing Sharon's Rotary Badge and claiming to be her alter ego.)

Leslie's Breaking News

"An equestrian rider fell from his horse, and is in stable condition."

President's Quote for the Day:



Submitted by **Laurie Anderson**