

Meetings: Tuesday 12 Noon

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NOVEMBER IS ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH

Happy Birthday

Nov 17: Wendy Whitter

Happy Anniversary

Upcoming Speakers:

Nov 12: Dave Duskin
District Governor's Visit

Nov 19:

Nov 26:

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

President-elect **Alex Pope** presided.

Guests: **Mary Robson** and **Gordon Robson**

Ken Williams – Vice-chairman of KEEPS

Al Stjernegaard – Port Moody Rotary Club

Cheque Presentation:

Mike Davies presented to **Mary Robson**, Executive Director of the Friends in Need Foodbank, a cheque for **\$4,000**. This donation was in appreciation of the use of the Foodbank's facilities by our Starfish Program.



Mike also presented a cheque for **\$1,000** to **Simon Matthews** in support of **Kanaka Education and Environmental Partnership Soc. (KEEPS)** to support repairs of the fish fence.



Mark Vosper presented a cheque for **\$5,000** to **Al Stjernegaard** to support the **2025 Belize Project**.

Al encourages all Rotarians to get involved and go to Belize if possible, as it is a great experience; Ineke attended last year.

Our District is supporting the project with matching the funds. The date for the trip to Belize is April 3rd for 10 days.



Program: **Simon Matthews: KEEPS**

About Simon:

Simon is a recently retired security consultant who joined Keeps 15 years ago, and is now its chairman. He previously volunteered as a soccer coach, was involved with the Scouts, and did salmon surveys for the Alouette River Management Society. He has been the chairperson of KEEPS since 2022.

About KEEPS

KEEPS is a registered non-profit volunteer society established in 1998, which operates at Bell Irving Hatchery, located at 11430 - 256th St., Maple Ridge. The mission of the Society is to maintain the health of the Kanaka Creek watershed's natural ecosystem through education, community involvement, scientific research, land preservation, and partnerships based on stewardship principles.

The Society advises Metro Vancouver Regional Parks with an aim to maintain recreational opportunities in harmony with nature, and to promote public knowledge and stewardship of Kanaka Creek Regional Parks' natural environment.



**Kanaka
Education &
Environmental
Partnership
Society**

The society also partners with Metro Vancouver Regional Parks in events and programming at the Kanaka Creek Watershed Stewardship Centre, which includes the Bell-Irving Hatchery, the George Ross Learning Room, and wetlands.

KEEPS develop Coho and Chum eggs which, when mature enough, are released into the creek. The informal education is at the hatchery and fish fence where people can come and view the sites, ask questions and learn all about the fish program. The formal education is done through the schools where classrooms can participate by having aquariums in the classrooms watching eggs develop. They presently have several things on the go and the most pressing is the upgrade required to the fish fence. Simon showed slides of the projects planned over the next few years. They include A frames to protect the tanks and new cement for some of the tank bottoms. Simon encouraged everyone to come and visit.

Alex's closing comment:

My pet rock is mad at me this week.
He thinks I took him for granite.



Cub Announcements

Nov 12 - District Governor's Official Visit

COME AT LEAST 15 MINUTE EARLY! - All members are asked not only to make special effort to attend this special "once-a-year" meeting, but also to arrive early, not only so we can get the food ordered and eaten in a timely manner, but also because District Governor Dave Duskin says he wants to have time to meet our Rotarians on an individual basis.

Dec 3 – is our AGM - let any member of our Nominating Committee (President-Elect Alex, President Laurie and Adrienne) know if you would be willing to become a new member of our clubs Executive Board for the 2025-2026 Rotary Year.

Dec 6 – Christmas party at Clint's.

Submitted by Debbie MacRae

District Governor Dave Duskin's Message for November



I encourage all district Rotary members to join the District's PolioPlus Society by pledging a minimum of \$100 annually to the PolioPlus Fund of The Rotary Foundation (TRF) until polio is eradicated worldwide. This month is Foundation Month, so my message is to give annually to the TRF's Annual Fund and the PolioPlus Fund.

The Foundation funds many humanitarian projects in addition to its efforts to eradicate diseases like polio, such as promoting peace, fighting disease, providing clean water, supporting education, and growing local economies. Contributions enable these global initiatives, amplifying Rotary's reach and influence in our seven focus areas.

This year, the District has chosen not to have a Foundation Dinner. The thought is that the meal cost has grown significantly, and the money would be better spent giving it to TRF. Our Foundation Committee chair, a past trustee of TRF Dean Rohrs, is working on other ideas to promote the foundation and to recognize clubs and individuals for their support.

"Every Rotarian, Every Year" (EREY) is an initiative by TRF that encourages each Rotary member to contribute yearly to TRF's Annual Fund and participate in at least one Rotary service project annually. The program aims to have every member contribute each year to support projects that align with Rotary's mission. Each club is encouraged to become 100% EREY.

Through EREY, The Rotary Foundation seeks to ensure consistent funding for its global and community-based projects. It also underscores the idea that when every member contributes, regardless of the amount, Rotary's collective impact can be significant in addressing critical needs worldwide.

An annual gift to the PolioPlus Fund does not qualify for EREY, as it must be a gift to the Annual Fund. Making an annual gift online is very simple. If you have not done so, go to [Rotary.org](https://www.rotary.org) and create a MyRotary account. A "donate button" will walk you through the process.

Please make your pledge today!

Handwritten signature of Dave.