



Meetings: Tuesday 12 Noon

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NOVEMBER IS ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH

Happy Birthday

Nov 22: Laurie Anderson
Nov 23: Lynda Lawrence

Happy Anniversary

Upcoming Speakers:

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| Nov 19: | Nov 26: Shea Henry, ED Maple Ridge Museum History of Maple Ridge | Dec 03: AGM – Meadow Ridge Rotary |
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LAST WEEK'S MEETING

President **Laurie Anderson** presided.

Program: Official visit of District Governor Dave Duskin

DG Dave was introduced by AG Ken Holland:

Dave Duskin has been a member of the Rotary Club of Arlington since 1974. He served as President of that Club when it was called the Rotary Club of North Snohomish County in 1978-79. Dave retired from his Arlington law practice in 2015, and since then, he has been active in Rotary at the District level. He was the Assistant Governor of Area J from 2017 to 2020 and served as the Public Image and Communications Director from 2020 to 2023.

Rotary runs in the family. Dave's twin brother Dale, his nephew Cory, and his son Bryce are all members and Past Presidents of the Arlington Club. Dave met his wife Kay when they both attended Washington State University. They have two grown sons, Bryce and Brady. As a lifelong Arlington resident, Dave has been active in many organizations. The International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians awarded Dave the Cliff Dochterman Award for Distinguished and Dedicated Service to Scouting.

Dave and his wife Kay are avid WSU Cougar Football fans and they can be found in Pullman on most football weekends.

Dave Duskin's Presentation



Dave has been a proud Rotarian for the past 50 years. He mentioned our annual Duck Race, and stated that his own club also has a Duck Race similar to our own that takes place on a river that runs through his community.

He is proud of our unique Rotary District 5050, which is one of the 537 Districts worldwide. Rotary District 5050 extends from Everett, Washington, to Hope, British Columbia. Our motto is: "50% American, 50% Canadian, 100% Rotarian". And we truly are a 50% District.

As of the last PETS, our district had 31 clubs in the USA and 31 Clubs in Canada. Our District recently lost one Canadian club – Golden Ears – but we have one new one in the formation stage, and we comprise just under 2000 Rotarians and 70 Rotaractors. We are also known as the "Peace Arch District". The Peace Arch stands on the longest undefended national border, with one foot anchored in American soil and one in Canadian soil, approximately in the middle of Rotary District 5050. He referred to the 'Hands Across the Border District Event' (that took place on August 23, 2024) at which Rotarians met at the Peace Arch, where a miniature hand-made Peace Arch was passed from the American side of the Peace Arch to the Canadian side, symbolizing our unique Rotary District 5050 and the common ground that we share, both physically and in our aspirations.

DG Dave talked about the Rotary Action Plan, and encouraged each of us to be People of Action.

The **ROTARY ACTION PLAN**



PROGRESS REPORT / TAKE ACTION NOW

IMPACT

Projects
PolioPlus
Foundation
Funding

REACH

Invitation to Lunch
Club Sponsorship
Sponsor New Clubs
Projects
Public Image
Youth Programs

ENGAGE

Service Projects
Meetings
Social Events
Governance
Beyond the club
Rotary Youth Exchange
Youth Programs

ADAPT

Name Changes
Policy Changes
Membership
Diversity
Attendance
Classifications
New Models

But he changed the order of the words to REACH, ENGAGE, ADAPT, and then we will have an IMPACT.

When we **reach** out, we should exemplify and embrace diversity, equity and inclusion,

When we **engage**, we should ask people how they want to participate,

When we **adapt**, we should be more agile and responsive in our operations; some clubs adapt by having hybrid in-person and Zoom meeting, de-emphasize attendance, and remove strict classification rules.

When we put our resources behind programs, that will have the greatest **impact**.

Our Meadow Ridge club has had an impact through Rotary Youth Exchange, Starfish, 4-Way Test in schools, financing playgrounds, annual scholarships and bursaries to schools and the fire-fighting academy, and international support through the shelter box program, school kitchens in Nicaragua, and the Belize Project, and funds given to the Polio Plus.

People of Action Recognitions

During his presentation, DG Dave Duskin recognized **Ineke and Peter Boekhorst** with the **People of Action** certificates, along with a Rotary license plate covers identifying Rotarians as People of Action.



Ineke has been a member of our Club for over 30 years - since a few months after our Club was chartered in 1990 - longer than another current club member, and works hard to make our Club a success. She has been Club President twice, and held all Board and other positions in the club over the years, and of course is our Club Secretary this year. Among other things, Ineke:

- (a) is responsible for our club's involvement in the Starfish Program;
- (b) is the long-time chair of our Club's Home Town Hero program in our schools,
- (c) was actively involved in our 4-Way Test program in the local schools,
- (d) has been to 20 International Rotary Conventions,
- (e) went to Russia on an international Rotary project,
- (f) has been to Belize in conjunction with the Belize Project (of the Port Moody Club),
- (g) has been to Nicaragua with Peter to work on a Rotary Project,
- (h) instigates and/or participates in all Club activities, including fundraising, and
- (i) is currently an active member of 16 of our 25 committees.

At the same time, Ineke has been a most outstanding community volunteer outside of Rotary, and was named by the Maple Ridge Community Foundation as Citizen of the Year in 2010.

After operating several successful businesses in Maple Ridge, she was hired as the Executive Director of the Maple Ridge Business Improvement Association from 2007 to 2021.

Peter, besides being the creator and manager of our website, and the editor and publisher of our weekly club Bulletin (the "Four Way Flasher"), is the "behind-the-scenes person" who is always ready to help out where ever possible with our Club projects and fundraisers, including but not limited to our weekly Starfish program.

In the spirit of this year's Rotary theme, THE MAGIC OF ROTARY, **Mark Forster** presented a "magic scarf" to our DG. Mark also noted that, by coincidence, his theme for his year as the Grand Master of the Free Masons is "THE MAGIC IS YOU".

President Laurie announced that in appreciation of DG Dave's visit, **our Club will donate \$100 in Dave's name to the Rotary Foundation in support of Polio Plus.**

Club Announcements

Mike Davies said that the **Salvation Army's Dignity Breakfast** will be held on Nov. 27 at the Airport in Pitt Meadows. So far 7 members have indicated that they will be attending, but there is room for more so contact Mike if you wish to attend. The club is making a donation to the Salvation Army, and there is no charge for attending the breakfast which includes interesting and inspirational speakers. Those currently attending are **Libby Nelson, Laurie Anderson, Ineke Boekhorst, Debbie MacRae, Sharon Kyle, Lynda Lawrence, and Matt DeBruyn.**

December 3 – our club's AGM - talk to **Adrienne, Alex or Laurie** (on the nominating committee), if you are willing to become a member of the Board.

December 6 – Rotary Christmas party social at **Clint's** home.

Quote for the Day



Submitted by Laurie Anderson