



Meetings: Tuesday 12 Noon

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MAY IS YOUTH SERVICE MONTH

Happy Birthday

Happy Anniversary

Upcoming Speakers:

May 13: Ruth Lee
Pathfinders Youth Society

May 20: Al Stjernegaard
RACHEL, the next phase

May 27: Katelyn Bissat
NatureKids BC

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

President **Laurie Anderson** presided.

Guests:

Gordon and Mary Robson
Kathy Henderson (second club visit)
Chantal Despot (second club visit)
Josine Eikelenboom (a member of the Probus Club)
Andy and Yvonne Berrisford
Lynda DeBruyn

Program: Selina Robinson – “Leadership Requires Courage”



Selina Robinson was born in Montreal and moved to the Vancouver area with her family as a teenager. She holds a master's degree in counselling psychology from Simon Fraser University and has been a family counsellor. She and her husband, Dan, have two adult children and live in Coquitlam, British Columbia. Selina held senior positions in a range of social service

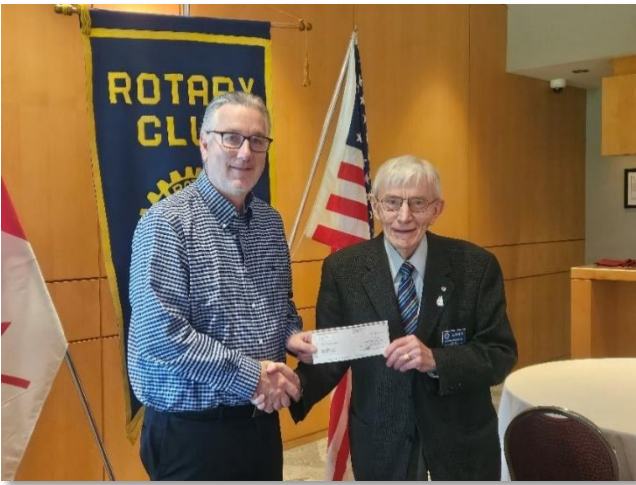
agencies before entering public life, in 2008. In that year, she became a City Councillor in Coquitlam, BC and was re-elected in the following election, topping the polls.

In 2013, Selina was elected as the New Democratic Party Member of the British Columbia's Legislative Assembly for Coquitlam-Maillardville. After serving in senior roles as an opposition critic, she was appointed Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, with additional responsibilities for TransLink, when the NDP formed government in 2017. After the 2020 election, Premier John Horgan appointed Selina Minister of Finance, where she helped guide the province's economy through the COVID pandemic, resulting in successive surplus budgets. In 2022, the new Premier David Eby appointed Robinson Minister of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills.

Selina, who dubbed herself “the Jew in the Crew,” was one of the most prominent Jewish elected officials in Canada, and was the contact person between the government and the Jewish community. Almost immediately after the Hamas terrorist attacks of October 7, 2023, antisemitism skyrocketed worldwide, and Selina found herself targeted by anti-Israel activists. After a webinar in early 2024, in which she referred to the territory on which Israel was founded as “a crappy piece of land,” she became the centre of a political firestorm, in which activists and a group of Muslim clergy demanded her resignation. She was subjected to online harassment, including a credible death threat, and her constituency office was vandalized with antisemitic graffiti. Selina apologized for the careless use of those words, and explained she was not referring to anyone who occupied the land. Premier David Eby told her not to worry about the misstep, but less than a week after making those remarks, Robinson was fired from BC's cabinet by Premier David Eby, who said she could not continue with her responsibilities due to the “depth of work” she had to do to repair the harm caused by her comment. (Selina wrote a book entitled TRUTH BE TOLD about her experience, that can be purchased in digital form on Amazon.)

Cheque Presentation:

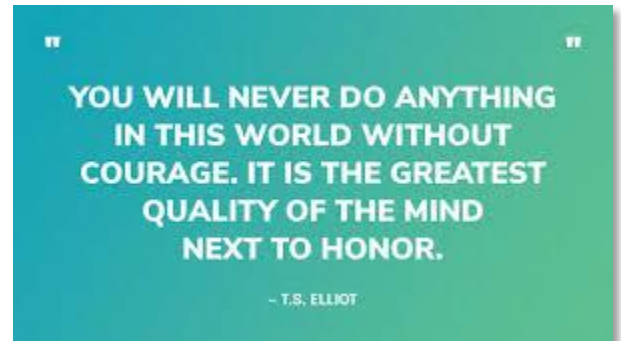
Mark Forster, the current Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of British Columbia and Yukon Ancient Free and Accepted Masons (the "Grand Lodge"), presented a cheque in the amount of \$2,000 from the British Columbia Masonic Foundation to our Club's Meadow Ridge Rotary Foundation for the Club's use in supporting local charitable purposes. Established in 1958, the Masonic Foundation is a registered charity operated by the board and officers of the Grand Lodge. The object of this Masonic Foundation is to receive "bequests, devises, gifts and voluntary donations of every kind and description" and thereby establish a trust fund, to provide care for the needy, in particular the sick, aged, destitute and helpless.



June 14 is the date of our club's **Installation luncheon event**.

For those members who can attend our regular club meeting on May 13, please be prepared to bring with you a list of the names of any guests that you will be bringing. We need this information so we can advise Meadow Gardens of the number of guests who will attend, and also for the purpose of obtaining prepayment (if possible) of the \$50 ticket for each of those guests. We also ask any members who will not be at our meeting on May 13 to email Laurie Anderson at laurenceanderson@shaw.ca to provide this information.

Today's Quote



Submitted by Laurie Anderson

Club Business Matters and Announcements

Wine Fest Tickets are sold out. Please return any unsold tickets to Lynda (there is a strict limit on the number of guests allowed into the facility, so do not sell any more tickets to this event).

Duck Race - we need member volunteers to help out. Saturday May 10 is covered, but for each Saturday between now and August 2, we need volunteers to pick up, set up, and take down, the table and chairs, etc. that will be used by the various community groups who will sell the tickets for the Duck Race. At 8:45 AM, we need volunteers to pick up (and set up) the following equipment: the tent and weights, 1 table, 2 chairs, tablecloth, and pullup banner. Then at 2 PM, to pick up (and take down) all of the above-noted equipment. It will be easier with two people to help put up the tent and take it down.

Rotary members – **please pick your choice of the date/s when you can take a turn to help out** and let Libby know the dates. You are not asked to sit and sell tickets all day - and the same persons do not necessarily have to do the both the set up and take down on the same date – but your help is essential in enabling the community groups to sell the Duck Race tickets and make this year's Duck Race a success.