

Meetings: Tuesday 12 Noon

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## MAY IS YOUTH SERVICE MONTH

### Happy Birthday

May 22: Ineke Boekhorst

### Happy Anniversary

May 23: Brenda & Al Jenkins

May 25: Alex & Barb Pope

## Upcoming Speakers:

May 20: Al Stjernegaard  
RACHEL, the next phase

May 27: Katelyn Bissat  
NatureKids BC

June 3: Marjolein Lloyd  
Shelter Box

## LAST WEEK'S MEETING

President **Laurie Anderson** presided.

### Guest:

**Sebastian Zein** (guest of Yousef)

### Cheque Presentation:

**Mike Davies**, our community services chair, presented a cheque to the **Pitt Meadows Museum and Heritage Society** in the amount of **\$3,300**.



The funds will go to pay for computer upgrades as well as a storage rack for historical maps. Accepting the cheque on behalf of the Society were **Leslie Norman** (the retiring Executive Director) and **Keagan Nagy** (the new Executive Director). Leslie said that this donation will help the museum maintain its collections at the Museum and run the on-site and off-site programs, and perform all of the administrative functions required by this 45-year-old Community Museum that is a nonprofit and registered charity.

### Program: Ruth Lee from the Pathfinders Youth Centre Society



**Ruth Lee** and her husband **Orville Lee** co-founded the **Pathfinders Youth Centre Society** ("Pathfinders Society") serving as a refuge for at-risk youth, and offering various programs for youth and young adults. It aims to create "positive and accessible pathways to education, life skills, and employment training for young people." Its programs are designed to give youth and young adults "confidence and self-esteem while gaining viable skills that could lead to full-time employment".

Pathfinders Society is a registered charity that has an office in Surrey and (until recently) in Maple Ridge. Due to lack of funding, it recently had to close its Maple Ridge office, but continues to operate (through the youth that it helps) the used book store and coffee shop known as 'Bean Around Books', located on the south side of the Lougheed Highway just west of 227<sup>th</sup> Street.

Ruth Lee completed her business administration diploma, and had over 39 years of administrative experience in various industries, before becoming the Executive Director for Pathfinders Society. Her husband Orville Lee has a social work and psychology diploma. Orville has worked with many community partners as a mentor. He has changed the lives of many youths, who may have otherwise dropped out of school, become homeless, or had problems with the judicial system. Before co-founding the Pathfinders Society, Orville was a Canadian Football League player who won the Schenley Award in 1988 for being the most outstanding rookie.

Pathfinders Society embarked on its mission in 2002 with the establishment of the inaugural Pathfinders Youth Home in Richmond, and in 2003 the first Pathfinders Youth Centre opened its doors in Surrey, marking a significant milestone. With the generous sponsorship of Service Canada, Pathfinders Society administered numerous employment and mentorship initiatives tailored for young individuals.

As its impact grew, it recognized the need to extend its reach and support to youth across the Lower Mainland. Consequently, in 2006, a new location was launched in Maple Ridge, enabling the organization to serve a broader demographic. With the capacity to engage with 60-90 participants annually, Pathfinders Society's mentorship programs encompassed a diverse range of youth facing various obstacles to employment, including homelessness, mental health challenges, substance abuse, involvement with the ministry, or entanglement in the judicial system.

The cornerstone of Pathfinders Society's success lies in its comprehensive life and employment training programs, which are complemented by the provision of vital mentorship to vulnerable youth. By addressing these critical areas, it equips young individuals with the necessary skills, guidance, and support they need to navigate their challenging circumstances and pursue a brighter future.

#### Club Announcements

**Sat, June 14 Rotary new Board Installation**, starting at 11 AM – our annual club function to install our new club president Alex Pope and his Board of Directors. Tickets for the event cost \$50 per person. All club members prepaid for their ticket at the beginning of the current Rotary year when their dues were paid. **Club members who are bringing guests are asked to immediately** pay for their guest's tickets by sending \$50 by e-Transfer to our treasurer Walter along with the names of each guest so that we will have a correct count of the number of persons attending and so that all tickets will be paid before the evening of the event. Also, please let Laurie know by email.

**Sunday, August 10 Duck Race** - we need volunteers each Saturday between now and August 2 to deliver to the Maple Ridge Memorial Peace Park in the downtown core by 8:45 AM the tent, table and chairs, etc. that will be used by the various community groups who will sell the tickets for the Duck Race; and then at 2 PM, to pick up 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 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.

If you haven't yet got at least one book of Duck Race tickets to sell, speak to Ineke.

**Tuesday, May 20 at 5:30 PM via Zoom – Board Meeting** – all board members mark your calendars.

#### Happy and Sad Dollars

Lots of happy bucks in anticipation of the WineFest.

**Clint's** daughter **Peyton** turns 17 soon, and will get her driver's licence next week. (What, me worry?)



**Ineke** is off to the West Edmonton Mall  
("the largest indoor amusement park in the world").

#### Quote of the Week



**Submitted by Laurie Anderson**