



Meetings: Tuesday 12 Noon

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JUNE IS ROTARY FELLOWSHIP MONTH

Happy Birthday

Happy Anniversary

June 30: Clint & Cheryl Callison

Upcoming Speakers:

June 17: Laura Ribeiro
RM Child Development Centre

June 24:

July 01:

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

President Laurie Anderson presided.

Guests: Last Week's Meeting

Marilyn Sullivan (sister of Debbie MacRae)

Ray Peterson (attending our club meeting for a second time).

Andy and Yvonne Berrisford (soon to be transferring to us from the Port Moody Club)

Samanatha Rosiczkowski (Communications Coordinator of the RM Hospital Foundation)

Program: Ridge Meadows Hospital Foundation - **Janine Davies** (new Executive Director)

About Janine Davies

Janine joined the Foundation as its Executive Director effective January 20, 2025 (succeeding Laura Butler who retired after many years of dedicated service). Janine came to this position with Bachelor of Arts and a Masters of Business Administration degree, and with 30 years of experience spanning finance, philanthropy, and organizational transformation. She previously spent 8 years at Raymond James Ltd. (the Canadian arm of one of North America's leading independent full-service investment dealers), where she served as Vice President of Corporate Communications & Marketing and as Executive Director of Raymond James Canada Foundation. At Raymond James, she built a donor-advised fund program that scaled from \$6 million to \$75 million+, embedded philanthropy into wealth planning, and stewarded major gifts with a client-first, community-minded approach. She also founded the firm's national DEI initiative. Beyond her professional work, Janine has been a founder, board chair, and community leader – from launching the Port Coquitlam Community Foundation and chairing the Tri-Cities Chamber of Commerce, to serving as Vice-Chair of the Vancouver Estate Planning Council.

Janine's Presentation

First off, Janine noted that since 1992 the Meadow Ridge Rotary Club has donated to the Ridge Meadows Hospital Foundation (the "Foundation") over \$68,000 to fund the purchase of equipment and its various programs.

Janine stated that the Foundation to be a "well run organization". Unlike many organizations, it gives money to the various hospital departments shortly after it has been requested, and noted that this procedure was put in place before she arrived as its ED.

She listed and explained the various programs that have received money from the foundation, including Community Health Funding (almost \$500,000), Baillie House Fund (funding essential equipment), the Baillie House Residential Council Fund (promoting a healthy social life for residents giving them a sense of enjoyment and meaning through activities and relationships), education grants, volunteer programs, surgical daycare and the VolunTEEN Program (that is open to students in grades 10-12 who live and/or attend school in Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows and is offered in partnership with School District #42).

Many hospitals, including the Ridge Meadows Hospital, who are short of space, must situate patients in the corridors (there presently about 21 beds in the hospital's hallways). The Enhanced Corridor Care Project gives such patients some privacy by funding the costs of putting curtains around the beds so they are not laying their exposed.

Of special interest was Janine's mention of the Mole Mobile, which will be coming to the hospital's parking lot on August 6, 2025.



Skin cancers are more common than breast, prostate, lung, and colon cancers combined. 1 in 3 cancers diagnosed are skin cancers and are one of the few cancers with rising incidence rates in Canada. From May to October 2025, two “Mole Mobiles” are travelling across Alberta and British Columbia, Ontario and Quebec, offering: skin cancer screening by a certified dermatologist; education on early detection, prevention, sun safety and risk factors; and guidance on appropriate follow-up care if suspicious moles or lesions are found.

The foundation’s Annual Gala is an important fund raiser for the Foundation that will be held this year on October 18, 2025. Since its inaugural event in 1989, the Gala has raised over 4 million dollars for the hospital, making a real difference in the lives of patients and staff, to pay for essential equipment and high priority needs at Ridge Meadows Hospital.

Our **Club Secretary Ineke Boekhorst** volunteers 4 hours a month at the volunteer-run Golden Ears Gift Shop located at the hospital, and **they are in need of more volunteers** because sometimes it has to close depending on volunteer availability. Last year, the Golden Ears Gift Shop successfully raised \$15,000 in proceeds. These funds were used to purchase a Raz bariatric tilt commode for Baillie House, providing improved toileting and showering options for residents, and help meet the needs of these residents and enhance their quality of life.



Happy and Sad Dollars included;

Matt said words to the effect “For now I see through a glass, darkly” or perhaps it was “I can see clearly now”. But, whatever he said, he wasn’t referring to either Paul’s letter to the Corinthians or Jimmy Cliff’s song about the rain being gone. Rather, I think it was something to do with his recent cataract surgery. Let’s hope he said it was on the mend.

Debbie’s mother has made it to her 96th birthday, and is coming down to visit Debbie and Fraser along with Debbie’s sister Marilyn and a whole lot of other family members and friends to celebrate the occasion on Saturday, June 14 (the same date as the Installation Dinner of our new President Alex).

Lynda finally has been given a date for her hip replacement (after waiting many painful months for the procedure).

Alex Pope noted that, for health and personal reasons, President-elect Mário César Martins de Camargo has resigned as 2025- 2026 Rotary President; and that Francesco Arezzo, a member of the Rotary Club of Ragusa, Italy, has been selected by the Board of Directors to become Rotary International’s president for 2025-26. Arezzo will become president on July 1, 2025

Ineke was sad to hear about super Mario, but happy that she and Peter will be off on Sunday, June 15, for the RI Convention in Calgary in their motor home. They will be arriving prior to the convention for a four-day RV Fellowship event where they will camp together in their RVs during the convention.

Eric said (I think) that Urma has received her Doctor of Business Administration Degree (if so, congrats, Urma).

Sharon was sad to report that her auntie died at the age of 102 years.

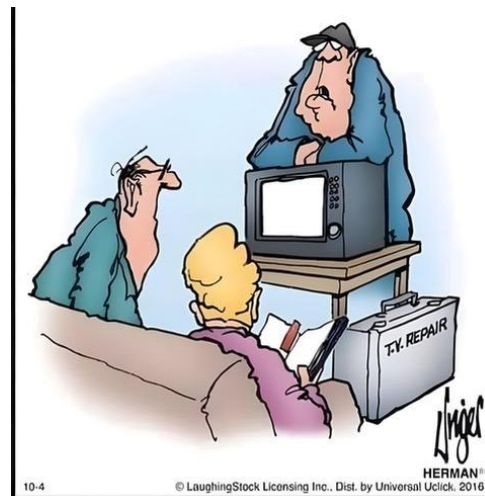
Laurie was happy that our own Alex Pope will be inaugurated as the new president of the Meadow Ridge Rotary Club on the afternoon of June 14, 2025, at the Meadow Gardens Golf Club. (Watch for the white smoke arising from the chimney of the Golf Club that afternoon to announce his investiture). Alex, together with Teresa Peacock - the new president of the Haney Rotary Club - will officially take over the diocese of Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows, effective on the same date that we will also celebrate Canada’s 158th birthday, on Tuesday, July 1, 2025.

Club Announcements

The board meeting of the Meadow Ridge Rotary Club will be **cancelled for the month of June**. In lieu thereof, President elect Alex is going to arrange in the upcoming few weeks a pre-planning new board meeting for the 2025/2026 Rotary year (more information regarding date and location to be forthcoming).

Club dues are now due for the 2025/2026 Rotary year. Please pay by June 17, 2025 (e-Transfer to Walter is the preferred method of payment).

Joke for the Week



“Folks, the main reason you’re not getting a good picture is because you bought yourselves a microwave oven.”

Submitted by Laurie Anderson