



Meetings: Tuesday 12 Noon

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AUGUST IS MEMBERSHIP AND NEW CLUB DEVELOPMENT MONTH

Happy Birthday

Aug. 13: Gordy Robson

Happy Anniversary

Upcoming Speakers:

Aug. 12: Abby Wynberg and Cameron Seguin
Leisure Travel Through a Lens

Aug. 19: Stephano Cossalter
Retirement Reimagined

Aug. 26: Isabelle Hayer
District Governor's official visit

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

President **Alex Pope** presided.

Guests: **Michelle Oleschak** – a friend and neighbour of Adrienne (her third visit to our club meeting).

Program: **Rosemoor Project** of the Rotary Club of George, South Africa, in Rotary District 9350, via Zoom

George is a city in South Africa, and the second largest city in the Western Cape province (named after the British Monarch George III). Yvonne Berrisford learned of this Rotary club's project while attending the RI convention in Calgary, where she met Chris Pargiter of the Rotary Club of George who was presenting their project to other international clubs for sponsorships. Yvonne introduced our guests.

Speaking to us via Zoom were Rotarians **Chris Pargiter**, **David Hill**, and **Di Kershaw** of the South African club, which has a global grant project to upgrade an aging seniors' care facility known as the Rosemoor Home for a poor community in South Africa. Chris said that this facility cares for the poorest of the poor, and is the only facility of its kind in the area.



Chris Pargiter



David Hill

improvements. The facility serves just under 100 residents, of which over 25 are bedridden. While the project has secured \$25,000 in donations and received verbal commitments for additional funding, the team is actively pursuing more contributions from clubs around the world, and is discussing plans to make the facility self-sustaining through power and water savings.

The program focused on addressing critical infrastructure issues at the facility, particularly in the frail care section where insufficient hot water supply and inadequate heating systems are causing significant challenges for both staff and residents. Chris detailed how the current boiler system is inadequate for the facility's needs, with residents requiring multiple daily showers and the need to carry warm water to bedridden patients, while David explained plans to install nine heat pumps to create isolated hot water systems for different facility sections. The discussion also covered plans to upgrade the laundry with industrial machines and implement rainwater harvesting through new tanks and pumps, which would reduce reliance on municipal water and lower electricity costs. Di emphasized the significant positive impact the improvements would have on both residents and staff, given the current poor conditions.

The project's goal is to raise \$100,000 through a global grant, with the funds intended to support the facility's transition to self-sustainability. Chris mentioned ongoing discussions with clubs in various locations including Vancouver Island, the north-eastern United States, and Singapore. The group discussed sharing project details, with Chris agreeing to send additional information to Alex and Yvonne, and David offering to answer any questions about the global grant presentation and application form.

The project requires \$100,000 USD to address critical infrastructure needs, including laundry and heating systems, and kitchen

Happy and Sad Dollars included:

Lynda Lawrence is happy to be back to our meeting, after only two weeks since her hip replacement operation (she was in and out of the hospital on the same date!).

Gordon Robson is happy to give Lynda kudos for her remarkable resiliency.

Ineke Boekhorst echoed Gordon's comments about Lynda. She also said that those of us who did not attend the Caribbean Festival this past weekend missed another great FREE event with live music and family fun. This festival was started by Ineke and Deddy Geese 25 years ago and is still going strong.



Brenda Jenkins (with tongue firmly planted in cheek) is both not unhappy and sad about the Duck Race – not unhappy that all the planning meetings will soon be behind her, and sad because she won't know what to do with all her time once it is over.

Yvonne Berrisford is happy to have introduced our program for today, and sad for the plight of the residents who suffered through the poor living conditions of the Rosemoor Care Facility.

Libby Nelson is happy for Lynda who has finally had her hip replacement operation; and for Yvonne's help with the sale of the Duck Race tickets. She also sent out a plea for the return of unsold Duck Race tickets.

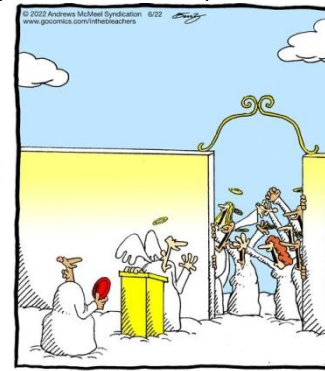
President **Alex and Barbara** took a "test run" to Harrison Hot Springs where next year's District Conference will be held (officiated by DG Isabelle Martinez Hayer, from the Rotary Club of Surrey) – a "test" run because they pulled their new 22-foot, 3,000-pound camper-trailer behind their car with no problems, and (although there will be plenty of rooms available for rent at the District Conference) they found there is also a place to park your motorhome if you want to bring your own accommodation.



DG Isabelle Hayer's official visit to our club will be Tue August 26.

Social Event: **Frisbee Golf** Sunday September 21 – with the five "Fs":

Friendship – Fun – Fellowship – Food – Frisbee



Dave Rempel announced that he and Sharon are once again hosting a Rotary Frisbee Golf tournament as he does annually. He will talk to the Port Moody Club, which won the Frisbee Trophy last time, and he will also invite the Mission Club, as they are interested to attend also. There are 18 hoops or baskets. Teams will be made up of three persons (with each team picking – and possibly making – a name for themselves), and to determine the winner the score for each team will be the average score of the team members. Information about what to bring by way of food will be provided closer to the event.

This year's date will be:

Sunday September 21...starting to arrive at 3:30 pm.

Play golf at 4pm.

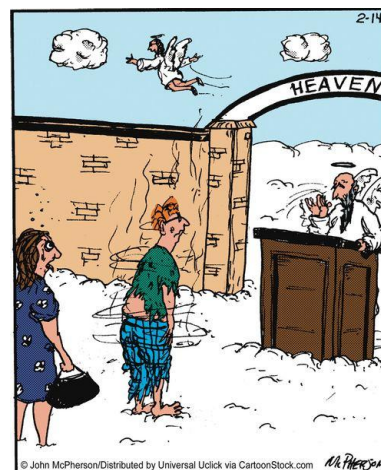
Have dinner: 5:30/6pm (potluck dinner).

Fun Frisbee Golf Awards - after dinner



Club Reminder:

Pre-Duck Race – this Friday August 8 at 4:00 pm – "Off with the old and on with the new, tags that is" – "all hands on duck" needed at Claire's home to help deck the ducks, not with boughs of holly but rather with their new number tags (also intermingled with some Rotary fun, friendship, fellowship and food).



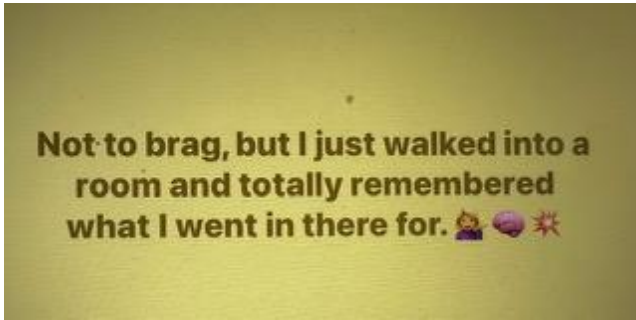
"WHEW! Let me guess: You're the guy who died in the septic tank explosion."

(And a friendly reminder, "the more you give before you come" would be helpful because Claire's house is on a septic system that does not have unlimited capacity.)

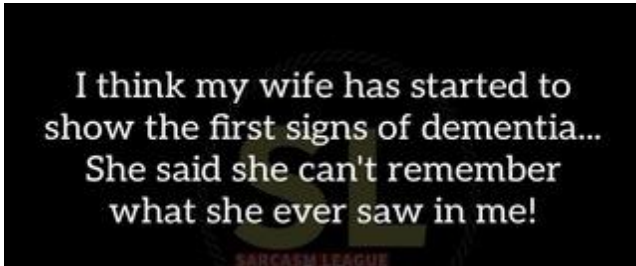
President's Joke for the Day

An Irishman walks into a bar in Toronto and orders a drink. The bartender, noticing his accent, asks him, "What brings you to Canada?" The Irishman says "Well, I was in a pub in Ireland and the coaster under my glass said read "Drink Canada Dry"- so I thought I'd give it a shot".

Also overheard in a bar in Maple Ridge:



But, although my memory is good, I am very worried about my wife's memory:



Submitted by Laurie Anderson