



Meetings: Tuesday 12 Noon

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SEPTEMBER IS BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY MONTH

Happy Birthday

Sep. 3: Dave Rempel

Happy Anniversary

Sep. 2: Debbie & Fraser MacRae

Upcoming Speakers:

Sep. 2: Kathy Henderson
Who's Who

Sep. 9: Kaitlyn Herbst
My life as a Global BC TV Anchor

Sep. 16: Paul Evered
The Valley Walker - Dealing with men's grief

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

President **Alex Pope** Presided.

Guests:

Peter Tam, Assistant Governor

Terri Peacock, President of the Haney Rotary Club

Program: DG Isabelle Hayer's Official Visit

Peter Tam Introduced DG Isabelle:



Born in Vancouver, and raised on the beautiful Sunshine Coast of BC, Canada, Isabelle strives to promote resilience, leadership, and community spirit. She is a proud graduate of Royal Roads University with a Master's in Leadership. As the daughter of immigrant parents who faced the challenges of raising a family during difficult times in a new country, Isabelle learned the value of hard work early. At just four years old, she began helping in her family's restaurant and continued until she

was 23. Over the years, her professional experiences expanded to managing a Silviculture business with her husband and contributing on the Editorial board of the family's Punjabi-language newspaper, *The Indo Canadian Times*. She has also worked as a fundraiser and managed campaigns for large organizations for over 14 years applying her leadership and organizational skills to bring people together. Today, Isabelle works in banking and finance, serving as a dedicated Mortgage Broker.

Family and community are at the heart of Isabelle's life. Together with her husband Dave, she raised four children to value community service, embrace their identity as proud Canadians, and

live by the principles of honesty, integrity, goodwill, understanding, and service to others. She takes immense pride in her role as "Mame"(grandmother) to nine grandchildren, aged 2 to 10, and enjoys watching them grow into compassionate and engaged individuals.

Guided by the principles of honesty, integrity, goodwill, understanding, and service to others, Isabelle continues her passion for community service through active participation in Rotary and other organizations, such as the BC Cultural Diversity Association. She and her husband, Dave, have also established an endowment to support Journalism and Communications students at Simon Fraser University, BC, Canada and are committed to create an additional endowment within Rotary.

Isabelle has volunteered on numerous community boards, including:

- Surrey Memorial Hospital Foundation
- Bell Performing Arts Centre
- TD Bank Friends of the Environment
- Women of Options
- Surrey Board of Trade

Her commitment to community service is lifelong. Having joined the club in 1988, Isabelle became a Charter member of the Rotary Club of Surrey-Guildford in 1989, and was one of the first women inducted into the Canadian arm of Rotary. With humility and gratitude, she remains a tireless advocate for humanitarian projects, finding fulfillment in leading by example and inspiring others to address pressing community needs. Her advocacy extends to vital areas such as environmental initiatives, youth programs, and tackling food & housing insecurity.

Isabelle believes that through dedication, integrity, service, and by following the 4-Way test, we can create lasting change and inspire others to build a brighter, more compassionate future.

DG Isabelle's presentation

Isabelle said that she learned a "sense of family" from her parents, and that she finds the same sense of family prevalent in Rotary. Her mother is 94 years of age, and still "frisky" and has a sharp mind. Isabelle is proud of the privilege to be in Canada. She acknowledges that life brings obstacles (her son had leukemia), and to cope with obstacles it is important to have family to rely on. She considers Rotary to be her family. To be a Rotarian means that you have high ethical standards, and that you care about your community.

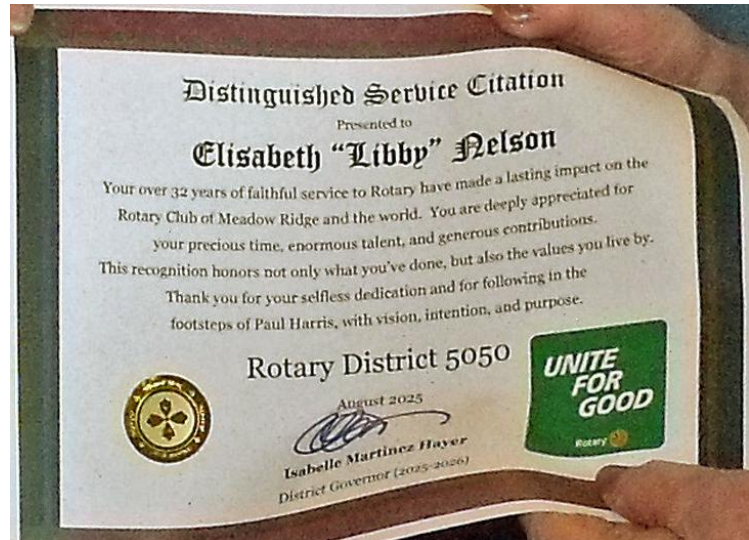
Isabelle feels it is important to update the classification of your members on the District Club Runner, and that we should celebrate the impact that club members have, not only in our club, but also in our communities.



Isabelle acknowledged one of our members, namely Brenda Jenkins, our former past president in Rotary year 2023 – 2024. Brenda has worked hard supporting our Wine Fest (an event which DG attended and enjoyed very much), and also on our annual Duck Race. Are DG presented Brenda with a certificate recognizing her achievements and contribution to our club.



DG Isabelle also recognized Libby Nelson, by presenting her with a special Distinguished Service Citation. Libby has had over 32 years of Rotary Service. She has served on numerous committees, including as chairperson of International Service (among many others), and is a member of the Arch Klumph Society, which is granted to donors who reach cumulative outright contributions of \$250,000 or more to The Rotary Foundation. Libby is also a Rotary Foundation Benefactor, which means that she has included the Foundation's Endowment Fund as a beneficiary of US\$1,000 or more in her estate plan or has made an outright gift of US\$1,000 or more to The Rotary Foundation's Endowment.



Isabelle encourages each of us to support the eradication of polio. Just \$0.60 will pay for the vaccination of a child, and \$600 will build a well to make sure, that children and families get clean drinking water. Each of us can become a member of the PolioPlus Society by committing to donate \$100 US each year until polio is eradicated. Unfortunately, fear is spread in some countries that those trying to get people vaccinated against polio are trying to poison the people; and this lie has caused thousands of lives.

Lastly, Isabelle presented a Rotary coin to club president Alex Pope.



Happy and Sad, and Club Announcements

Brenda Jenkins said that three years ago when District Gov. Isabelle attended our Wine Fest, she bought a framed picture but it was not ready to be taken home with Isabelle at the time. At last, Brenda was able to present the picture to her.



Sep. 1 to 8 - Club Camping in Fort Langley

Sep. 16 - Cops for Cancer at Patch Brewery - scheduled to arrive there by 4:15 PM, as bicycle riders are scheduled to be there at 4:15 PM.

Sep. 21 – Frisbee golf at the home of Dave Rempel.

For those throwing the disc, be there no later than 4 PM, with a potluck dinner to be served around 5:30 PM.

President's closing quote:

"How hot is it this week?

I swear I saw two hobbits throwing a ring into my backyard"

Submitted by Laurie Anderson