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## OCTOBER IS COMMUNITY ECONOMIC AND DEVELOPMENT MONTH

### Happy Birthday

Oct. 22 Andrew Berrisford

### Happy Anniversary

### Upcoming Speakers:

Oct. 21

Oct. 28

Nov. 4

### LAST WEEK'S MEETING

President **Alex Pope** presided, all decked out in his Scottish attire in honour of the subject of today's program.

#### Guests:

**Ray Peterson** - who has now attended several meetings.  
**Warren Dale**  
**Miranda Sutherland**,  
a former Whonnock Anglican Church reverend, and author.

#### Cheque presentation:

**Mike Davies** presented a cheque in the amount of **\$600 to Vicki Luluene in support of Christmas Haven.**



Every Christmas Eve since 1998, a group of community minded volunteers organize a free, non-denominational, and wheelchair accessible Christmas Dinner, promoting a sense of belonging and camaraderie for those that don't wish to be alone during the Christmas season.

This event welcomes families, seniors and individuals who are seeking a connection to the community at this time of year. No reservations are required.

Vicki related how she came in contact with Christmas Haven. Approximately 20 years ago her husband was in the hospital on Christmas eve when she learned about Christmas Haven. She attended with her children and they all received a gift, in addition to enjoying the dinner. She came back next year and every year thereafter as a volunteer. She knew the importance of not being alone at Christmas, and does not want anyone to have to go through that experience.

Last Christmas 250 people attended this event, and gifts were given to all the kids who attended. It takes place at The ACT Arts Centre in downtown Maple Ridge.

#### Induction of Michelle Oleschack

**Michelle** was introduced by her friend and sponsor **Adrienne Dale**, and was inducted by **Mark Forster** as our newest Club member.



Michelle lives in Maple Ridge, and she and her husband Walter own Platinum Ridge Homes. They have 2 daughters, Madison 22 and Taylor 16. For the last 15 years she has volunteered at the Ridge Meadows Hospital Foundation's Gala, as well as for BC Summer games. She loves reading, travelling and going to the gym. Michelle is passionate about helping the poor, sick and elderly and would like to make the world a better place.

#### Program – **Kyle Wallis** - the Simon Fraser University Pipe Band

##### Biography

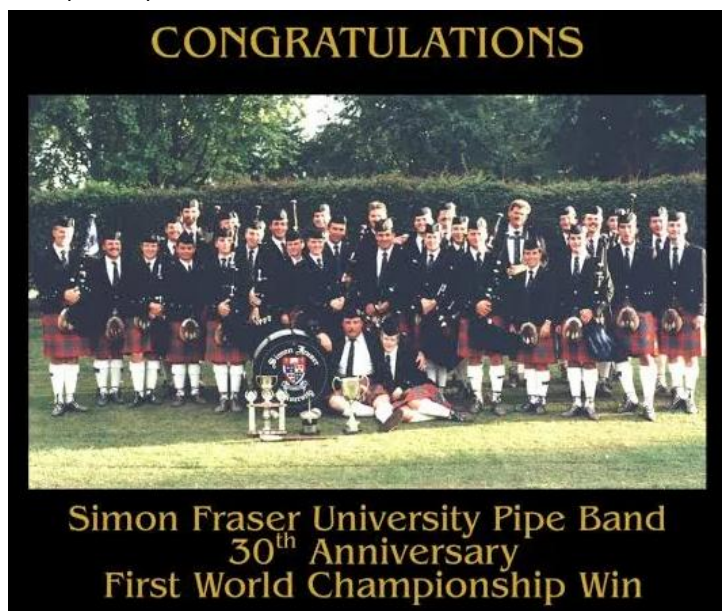
Kyle is an active member of BC's Scottish piping and drumming community. As a snare drummer with the Simon Fraser University Pipe Band, Kyle has performed in concerts and competitions across the world including the world championships in Scotland. Kyle is a board member and secretary of the SFU Pipe Band Society.



Kyle graduated from the Thompson Rivers University Law school in Kamloops in 2022, and is currently an associate lawyer with Centra Lawyers LLP in Maple Ridge where he practices Civil

Litigation and Immigration Law, advising businesses, families and individuals on their immigration needs. Pre-law school, he was a paralegal for five years at a U.S. immigration firm where he assisted business clients in getting work visas and green cards.

**The Simon Fraser University Pipe Band** was formed in 1966 during the university's inaugural year. Wearing the Simon Fraser University Pipe Band tartan, the band consists of a talented core of over forty-five players. It is an "external representative" of SFU, and performs at the University's convocations, as well as local events such as Remembrance Day, and the Invictus Games. In 1982, the band won the Grade 1 North American Championship, the top prize on the continent. In August 1995 at Glasgow, Scotland, the band captured the ultimate prize on the globe, the Grade 1 World Pipe Band Championship. A year later, the band returned to Scotland and captured the title again, becoming the first pipe band from outside the United Kingdom to win the World Championship more than once.



The SFU Pipe Band has been the World Champions on six occasions, as well as North American and Australian Champions, and are continually successful in local, national, and international competitions. The band has performed concerts at some of world's most prestigious performing arts venues including Carnegie Hall, Sydney Opera House, Glasgow Royal Concert Hall, and Lincoln Center. Its members have won all the world's premier solo piping and drumming competitions, including 8 Gold Medals, have created the world's largest summer school for piping and drumming "Piping Hot Summer Drummer", and are in high demand world-wide for teaching.

In 1999, the band regained the World Championship title, winning the World Drum Corps Championship in the process, and followed that up with another Worlds win two years later in 2001. In 2001, SFU also won the Australian Pipe Band Championship during a tour to New Zealand and Australia. In 2004, the band won the World Drum Corps Championship while placing second in the World Pipe Band Championship. In both 2008 and 2009 the band won not only the World Pipe Band Championships but also the World Drum Corps Championship. During the band's trip to Scotland in August, 2009 the band recorded the album "Affirmation", at a sold-out, standing room only, Glasgow Royal Concert Hall. Following the pandemic, the band won the World Drum Corps Championship in two consecutive years, 2022 and 2023.

**The Robert Malcolm Memorial (RMM) Pipe Band** organization was founded in January 1994 in honour of two young SFU Pipe Band pipers who died tragically in a motor vehicle accident. Its mission is to foster the playing and performing of Scottish music by youth aged 6 to adulthood from all cultural backgrounds. Since its founding, over 2,000 band members have developed important life-long skills through piping and drumming. Many former members' own children are now participating in the program. The Robert Malcolm Memorial Pipe Band organization also acts as a system to develop musicians for the six-time World Champion Simon Fraser University Pipe Band (SFUPB) as many graduates from our program are promoted to the SFUPB and have contributed to the band's international success.



#### Club Business and Announcements

**October 18** - International Thanksgiving and Social at Adrienne's home, starting at 6:00 PM.

**October 30** - Our Club's Pub Hub at The Ranch Pub and Grill - 21973 132 Ave, Maple Ridge.

**November 4** - Our regular Tuesday Rotary Club meeting will be held at the Royal Canadian Legion (not at Meadow Gardens Golf Club).

**November 6** - Dancing in the Ridge at The ACT Arts Centre – Brave members of our Club will again form a team to enter in the competition – DON'T MISS IT !

**November 27** - Our Club's Pub Hub for November – at Eric's home.

#### President's Quip for the Week

My neighbour knocked on my door at 3 AM Saturday morning. I thought, "Who interrupts someone at that time of the morning?" But luckily, I was still practising my bagpipes.

#### Puns for the Week

Two silk worms had a race. They ended up in a tie.

A hole has been found in the nudist-camp wall. The police are looking into it.

Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana.

**Submitted by Laurie Anderson**