



Meetings: Tuesday 12 Noon

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FEBRUARY IS PEACE BUILDING AND CONFLICT PREVENTION MONTH

Happy Birthday		Happy Anniversary	
Feb. 19	Mark Forster	Feb. 20	Andy & Yvonne Berrisford

Upcoming Speakers:

Feb. 17	Jennifer Reaverley The Charlene Reaverley Trust Charity	Feb. 24	Tim Watkins from MHWP Law Some interesting estate cases	Mar. 3	Jenny Schroeder Cythera House
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LAST WEEK'S MEETING

President **Alex Pope** presided.

Guests

Kris Harrison (her 4th visit)

Program: General business Meeting – brief reports by officers and directors

President-Elect's Report (Eric Mollema)

Eric will be attending the President-Elect Learning Seminar (PELS), formerly called President Elect Training Seminar (PETS), which is scheduled for February 20-22, 2026.

Our Club's Installation night is scheduled for June 20, to be held at Golden Eagle Golf Course. The venue is booked, and the event will be a formal evening with video coverage. Members were encouraged to keep the date open. Attire will be formal or semi-formal. The evening will include inductions, recognition, fellowship, and celebration.

Treasurer's Report (Walter Volpatti)

Club Foundation Account has approximately \$1,000 remaining.

A \$45,000 Gaming Grant has been received, covering February, 2026 through to January 2027. No expenditures have yet occurred from these funds.

The Duck Race application has been submitted, and approval is pending.

Club Service Report (Adrienne Dale)

February 14 - Valentines Evening Social at Mark and Pauline Forster's home. Approximately 20 attendees are expected. It includes a Valentine's Dinner, and the cost will be about \$45-\$50 per person.

Speakers for upcoming meetings have been scheduled through to the end of March. Members are encouraged to suggest speakers.

Community Service Committee Report (Mike Davies)

Committee Members include Ineke, Laurie, Libby, Sharon, and Mike (Chair)

\$45,000 Gaming Funds have been received, of which approximately \$20,000 has been allocated to toward in-school bursaries and firehall programs for youth. The balance remains unallocated.

Mike emphasized a desire or goal to support new community organizations, as we are funding the same organizations year after year. We should shift from recurring funding to the same organizations toward starter-support funding to help organizations become self-supporting. Members were encouraged to suggest new organizations who may need help.

New Generations Committee Report (Sharon Kyle)

One student has been sponsored for RYLA. This year it will be held in Chilliwack, and is for persons ages 17-30. Our club is seeking one additional student, so members are asked to submit referrals.

Membership Committee Report (Mark Forster)

Committee Members are Mark (Chair), Lynda Lawrence, Ineke Boekhorst and Ray Peterson.

Three prospective members have expressed interest in joining our club, and the Committee will follow-up on the application process.

Like many clubs, our club has a need for younger members (ages 35-45), and club members are encouraged to actively invite potential members, and thereby avoiding stagnation and the challenges faced by similar service organizations. Members are encouraged to identify and invite suitable candidates.

Duck Race Committee Report (Libby Nelson)

- Core committee remains active
- Licensing process is ongoing
- Sponsorship remains a major focus
- Loss of a donated vehicle as the major prize requires the club to fund the \$15,000 first prize
- New and existing sponsors need to be acknowledged

Members are encouraged to donate financially (if unable to volunteer); and attend the next committee meeting. The Duck Race Date is Sunday, August 9 at Maple Ridge Park. Jobs are available for all members, so everyone should participate.

Wine Festival Report (Libby Nelson – in absence of Committee Chairs)

Some sponsorship revenue is already being received, and ticket sales are underway (approximately 60 tickets sold to date). Restaurants and wineries are mostly confirmed.

Sponsorship opportunities are still available, with recognition including sponsored tables, screen recognition and promotional materials. Members are encouraged to assist with ticket sales and sponsorship outreach.

History Committee Report (Mike Davies)

Outgoing Executive members are reminded to submit written year-end summaries. These records support future updates to the club's history books, that are provided to new members. A centralized drop box has been set up at Centra Lawyers (Eric and Adrienne's office) that can be used for document storage.

Announcements

- Valentine's Dinner at Mark Forster's - February 14
- Executive Meeting: Next Tuesday, February 17 at 5:30 p.m. (with Zoom option)
- Pub Night: February 26, 5:30 p.m., at Jimmy Mac's Pub at 19935 - 96 Avenue in Langley
- Community Foundation Citizen of the Year Dinner: April 25, 5:00 p.m. (Tickets are on sale.)

President's Closing Quote



Submitted by Laurie Anderson