

Meetings: Tuesday 12 Noon



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JUNE IS ROTARY FELLOWSHIP MONTH

Happy Birthday	Happy Anniversary
	June 2 Mark & Pauline Forster June 4 Brian & Sharon Bekar

Upcoming Speakers:

June 2 Birgit Schroeder Senior Services Society	June 9 Tanyss Munro Amarok Society	June 16
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LAST WEEK'S MEETING

President **Alex Pope** presided.

Guests: (apart from our guest speaker)

Marilyn Sullivan (sister of Debbie McRae)

Kevin and Debbie Nosworthy

Kim Boekhorst - Executive Director of the Friends in Need Food Bank

Cheque Presentation



Our Club made a major donation of \$20,000 to the Friends in Need Food Bank towards their purchase of a much-needed new delivery truck to enable them to carry out their services to the community.

“The van is something that we use on a day-to-day basis, seven days a week for the Perishable Food Recovery Program,” explained Kim Boekhorst, adding that a van is a must have for the food bank. He is hoping to have the van in about a month.

Kim said there is a real cost to operating the food bank. One dollar raised today doesn't go as far as it did even last year, he said. “The cost of everything has gone up, and, on top of that, then you have this huge influx of usage.”

Since the beginning of January until now there has been about a 20 per cent increase in the amount of people who use the food bank. Currently there are more than 1,000 different households accessing the food bank now, as opposed to 516 just five years ago. And, volunteers at the food bank are seeing more working families, seniors on fixed incomes, and people who never expected they would need the food bank's services. In April the food bank recorded 3,009 visits, serving 1,001 households and 2,235 individuals – including 93 newly registered clients – a 15 per cent increase in visits that in 2025.

Kim said he is thankful the community stands behind the food bank, especially with the continued support of local donations and local service clubs.



Program: Calvin Johnson - "Small Actions. Extraordinary Impact. It all started with a house."



Today's speaker was **Calvin Johnson**, entrepreneur, traveler, and founder of Club Need.

[15 years after living on the same street for as Calvin, Kevin Nosworthy finally met Calvin - and suggested Calvin as a speaker at our Rotary meeting.]



After 35 years as an entrepreneur, Calvin recently sold his e-commerce company to a Fortune 500 organization and shifted his focus toward connecting socially responsible businesses with grassroots impact projects around the world. What started over 10 years ago with a trip to Nicaragua to help build homes has grown into projects across eight countries, including clean water, housing, education, and food programs.

Through Club Need and Club Need Travel, Calvin now works to build trusted bridges between businesses, people, and projects that are making a real difference around the world.

Overwhelmed by the poverty and witnessing the urgent need for assistance while constructing homes near an open pit garbage dump in Nicaragua, Calvin was deeply moved. Upon returning to his office supplies and coffee business, he made a pivotal decision. Inspired to make a lasting difference, he established an internal charity called **Lykki For Good**, transforming his business into a beacon of social good and impactful change.

[The word "Lykki" (pronounced "Lie-Key") is a playful variation of "Lykke," which is the Danish word for *happiness*.]

In 2016, Calvin and his friend **Cam Macmillan** founded a travel company with a unique purpose: to empower business owners and their teams through immersive experiences in Nicaragua. By constructing homes and engaging in corporate social giving, they aimed to create a meaningful impact. During these trips, inspired guests witnessed the harsh realities of poverty and expressed a desire to replicate a giving program within their own businesses. Calvin, managing the charitable projects for his business, enthusiastically welcomed their request. Soon, the tight-knit club of businesses and entrepreneurs amplified their charitable impact, surpassing Calvin's expectations for helping those in need. **Club Need** was born!



Calvin Johnson and Cam Macmillan

In 2021, after three decades of leading his company, Calvin made a profound decision. He sold his business and redirected his resources towards Club Need, driven by a burning passion to address the world's most urgent challenges. Calvin's mission was clear: to forge connections between corporate donors and high-impact charity projects. Presently, Calvin and his dedicated team embark on journeys to some of the most impoverished regions worldwide. Their purpose? To seek out, establish, and oversee Charitable Impact Projects that resonate with their vision. These projects offer corporate donors the remarkable opportunity to harness the power of their businesses, fostering engaged employees, loyal customers, and a better world—one impact at a time. The legacy of Club Need began with building one house and a desire to make a difference in the world, and today it continues to inspire other socially responsible businesses to create internal purpose driven impact initiatives under their own roof.

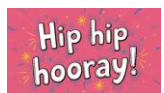
Happy & Sad:

For **Alex and Barb's** 30th Anniversary, they went camping at Vedder River Camp and had an awesome time.

Debbie MacRae was happy that her sister Marilyn is here today with her....but sad for the reason why..... their Mom (in Kelowna) is not doing well and they are leaving later today for Kelowna to visit her.

Lynda Lawrence and **Gordon Robson** were both happy for today's great presentation.

Brenda Jenkins is Hip Hip Hooray happy she is going to be a grandma!



Clint Callison just paid for a plane ticket for Peyton to get to Armed Forces Bootcamp! Won't see her for some time, after she goes in the near future!

Yvonne Berrisford was sad to see that Andy was pretty sick recently, and she went with him to the ER over the weekend. She was so happy that the ER doctor took the time to check up on Andy by phone the following day, and that now Andy if is recovering fine!

Kevin & Deb Nosworthy traveled together in their RV for 10 days and had a great time..... "didn't even kill each other" !

Ineke Boekhorst was happy that she finished writing the "District Grant Application" for "Reading Corners in Ecuador" [it is a time-consuming process].

And happy that she and Peter are going to be great-grandparents! But soo sad to report that their 22 yr-old grandson has been diagnosed with cancer, which has now traveled to his lungs.



*"It's the circle of life
And it moves us all
Through despair and hope
Through faith and love
'Till we find our place
On the path unwinding
In the circle -The circle of life"*

Club Business and Events

June 20 – Club Installation Dinner
- Golden Eagle Golf Club, Pitt Meadows - 6 PM

August 9 – Duck Race

President's Closing Quote

"Prior to our recent anniversary, Barb was leaving jewellery catalogues all over the house for the last month. So, I took the hint and did what any astute and loving husband would do and got her a magazine rack."



Submitted by Laurie Anderson