

Meetings: Tuesday 12 Noon

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JULY IS MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH MONTH

Happy Birthday

July 30 Brian Bekar

Happy Anniversary

Upcoming Speakers:

July 28 Kris Harrison
Who's Who

Aug 04 Dan Ruimy
Mayor of Maple Ridge

Aug 11 Gordy Robson
Who's Who

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

President **Eric Mollema** presided.

Libby Nelson gave the invocation.

Libby's reflection encouraged members to consider the many blessings and opportunities they enjoy, to regularly review their priorities, and to use both their tangible resources and personal talents to help others. Members were reminded that generosity extends beyond financial gifts to include knowledge, leadership, compassion, and creativity in making the community and world a better place.

Guests

Warren Dale

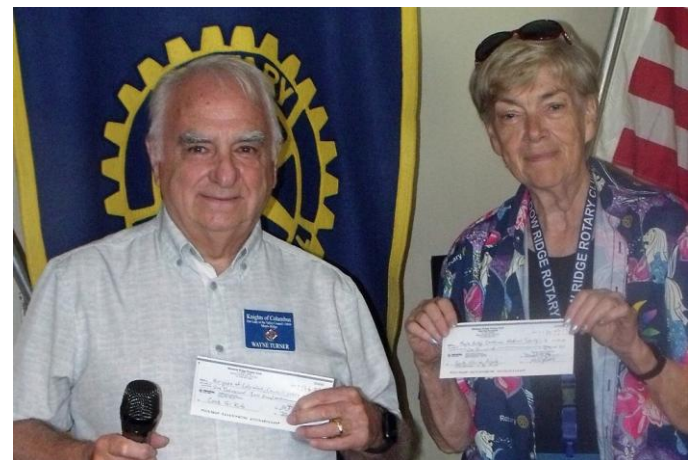
Two Cheque Presentations

A cheque in the amount of **\$1,200** was presented to **Wayne Turner** in support of the **Knights of Columbus Coats for Kids** charitable campaign.



Wayne serves as a key organizer for this initiative, which coordinates fundraising and distribution efforts out of St. Luke's Roman Catholic Church in Maple Ridge, and purchases brand-new winter coats to children across several schools, including Glenwood Elementary, Eric Langton Elementary, and Hammond Elementary. The campaign works directly with the local Family Education & Support Centre to coordinate drop-offs. In tandem with local distribution, funding from the Archdiocese of Vancouver also allowed them to deliver coats to migrant farm workers across eight parishes from Delta to Chilliwack.

A cheque in the amount of **\$1,000** was presented to **Ineke Boekhorst**, to support the annual **Maple Ridge Christmas in the Park Festival and Santa Claus Parade**.



This year's free community celebration will take place on Saturday, December 5, 2026 and runs from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM at Memorial Peace Park, featuring the parade, a Christmas market, festive food trucks, and a tree-lighting ceremony, seasonal crafts, photos with Santa and the Grinch, local artisan stalls, and live music.

(Ineke has been the treasurer for this event for the past 12 years, and noted that our donation will help defray the cost of the event, which includes \$12,000 to pay for traffic control which is required by the City of Maple Ridge.)

Program - World Soccer Cup-themed Trivia Competition

Adrienne and Warren Dale did a fantastic job organizing this fun competition, which divided the Rotary members into teams, each selecting a soccer team name for itself, and appointing a spokesperson (the “striker”) to give the answer to the questions which covered a wide range of subjects including Geography, Science, History, Literature, Sports, Astronomy, Medicine and Pop culture. Team names were:

Gord Almighty's, Team Canada, Norway Vikings, Clint's Angels and Argentina

Contest rules included “30 Seconds for the striker to give the team's answer”, and points awarded were:

- Correct answer on first attempt – **5 points**
- Correct answer after pass – **2 points**
- Final opportunity – **1 point**
- Incorrect answers resulted in a **\$1 “red card” fine** for the team.

Questions covered a wide range of subjects including Geography, Science, History, Literature, Sports, Astronomy, Medicine and Pop culture.

The winning team (consisting of **Gordon**, Laurie, Ineke, Ray, and Libby) was aptly named “the Gord Almighty's” (in keeping with its almost-deity-like name, and supreme omnipotence).



Happy and Sad Dollars

Eric: Is happy Urma is coming back tomorrow from her trip with her mom, but sad he will now have to get back to healthier food choices!



Mike: Happy that one of his grandchildren got an audition to take part in a BMX TV commercial.



Mark F: happy, that he is finished cleaning and fixing up his basement and, at last, that he found the cause of damaged bathroom flooring - a long-term pipe leak.



Ineke: Sad, very sad, that her wallet was stolen from her car last week.... containing her credit cards – **EVEN THOUGH HER CAR WAS LOCKED** both before she left it **AND** when she got back! (Did you know that thieves can now get a device that unlocks a car door without a key?)

Within approximately two hours, more than **\$6,000** had been charged to various credit cards before they could be cancelled.

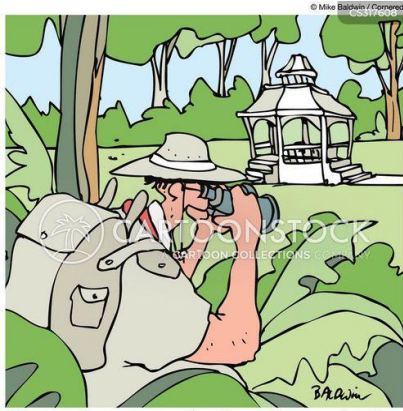
And what a job replacing all the cards and ID! Members were reminded to remain vigilant and avoid leaving valuables in vehicles, even when locked. In light of the circumstances, the club humorously excused the member from contributing Happy Dollars.



Clint: Sad, his daughter Peyton is away at "boot camp", and is missed....; they may not see her until September, and then only briefly.



Alex: happy to report on his continuing work on (or rather, around) his new (to him) gazebo.... he now has some picnic tables (or was that some fencing?) around it – looking great!



Once close to extinction, the majestic gazebo makes a comeback.

Club Announcements

Thu, **July 30** – Pub Hub – Kingfishers Waterfront Bar and Grill

Fri, **August 7** - meet at Claire's house to prepare the Rubber Duckies for their race to the finish line.

Sun, **August 9** – the Duck Race.

Wed, **August 12** – District 5050 Hands Across the Border: Peace Arch Park (Features: District club awards, Rotary Foundation donation ceremonies, a buffet lunch, and music - \$52 per person. Government-issued ID (Passport, Nexus, or birth certificate) is required as border authorities patrol the park.

President' Closing Quote:



Submitted by Laurie Anderson