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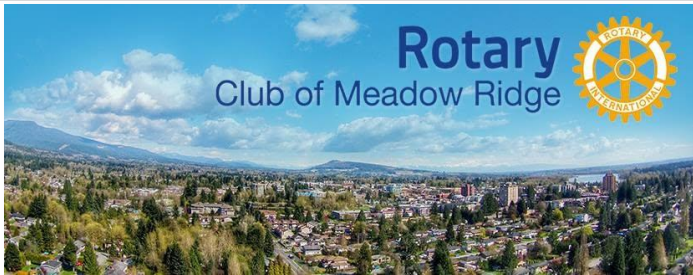
AUGUST IS MEMBERSHIP AND NEW CLUB DEVELOPMENT MONTH

Happy Birthday		Happy Anniversary	
Aug 21	Alex Pope	Aug 21	Michele & Walter Oleschak

Upcoming Speakers:

Aug 18: Ruth Vilayil – Global Health Educator Maternal Health in Nigeria	Aug 25 Gordy Robson Who's Who	Sep 1
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LAST WEEK'S MEETING



Mark Foster presided
(in the absence of President Eric Mollema).

Guests (apart from winners of the Duck Race prizes – see below)

Both **Janine** and **Sarah** are from the Ridge Meadows Hospital Foundation

(Guests of **Lynda Lawrence**)



Janine Davies,
Executive Director



Sarah Callaghan,
Marketing & Communications,
Event Planning and Co-ordination

Rotary Duck Race Update

Libby Nelson, chair of the Duck Race Committee, provided an enthusiastic update on this year's Duck Race and began by acknowledging the tremendous effort made by club members. She emphasized that the success of the event is the result of the combined efforts of many people. While the event itself takes place over a relatively short period, considerable work goes on behind the scenes to organize ticket sales, sponsors, prizes, logistics, volunteers, and race-day operations.

Approximately 9,700 rubber ducks participated in this year's race. The race proceeded successfully, although approximately 1,000 ducks managed to escape the course, creating an unexpected challenge for the organizers, (but with the observation that although some of the ducks may have "escaped," the community ultimately won!).

Duck Race Prize Presentations

First Prize – \$15,000 cash – from the Rotary Club

The winner was **Sheila Schmidt**, who said she had returned home and later saw her name in the newspaper, only then realizing that she had won the grand prize.

Sheila expressed her appreciation for Rotary and its community work. She explained that she had experienced significant health and mobility challenges in recent years and had been using a wheelchair. She described purchasing the ticket while shopping and said that she regularly supports Rotary because she has seen the positive impact of Rotary-funded programs on families and children in the community. Sheila expressed her gratitude and excitement at winning the prize.



Second Prize - \$1,200 cash plus a \$1,200 gift certificate from Mark's (formerly known as Mark's Work Wearhouse).

The winner was **Dom Lombardi**

Third Prize – Golf Package valued at \$1,365 from Meadow Gardens Golf Course.

The winner was **Daniela Rocha**. The prize involved a golf outing suitable for a group, allowing participants to enjoy the course in smaller groups over several rounds. The recipient was encouraged to use the opportunity to organize a small golf tournament or social event.



Fourth Prize - \$1,000 cash from Centra Law LLP

The winner was

Daniel St. Pierre



Fifth Prize – Samsung TV, from Haney Appliance and Sound, valued at \$1,000

The winner was **Ron Eggen**.

The club expressed its appreciation to all prize sponsors, ticket sellers, volunteers, and organizers who made the event possible. The club again thanked the sponsors for providing the prizes, as the success of the Duck Race depends heavily on the generosity of sponsors. Without donated prizes and sponsorship support, the event would not be able to generate the same level of funds for community projects.

Mark Forster also gave the following special Duck Race report:

Ninety-seven hundred ducks took off with a quack, We thought we could catch them and bring them all back. They waddled and paddled and raced to the line, And most of them finished the race right on time.

But then came the moment that gave us a scare— A thousand escaped! They were gone! They were there! They slipped past the finish, they flew, and they fled, While we stood there scratching our collective head.

“Catch them!” we shouted. “Don’t let them get free!” But the ducks just kept quacking, “Catch us? Hee hee!”

So let them all go, let those duckies run free, For they helped us raise ninety-seven thousand for thee! They may have escaped, but when all’s said and done, The ducks lost the race—but the community won!

Club Business

August 20th – Executive meeting 5 p.m. Centra Law.

August 25th – Tuesday Fireside (at 5:30) at
Matt and Lynda DeBruyn’s,
instead of Pub Hub.

Program - Andy Berrisford

The Island House - South African Project

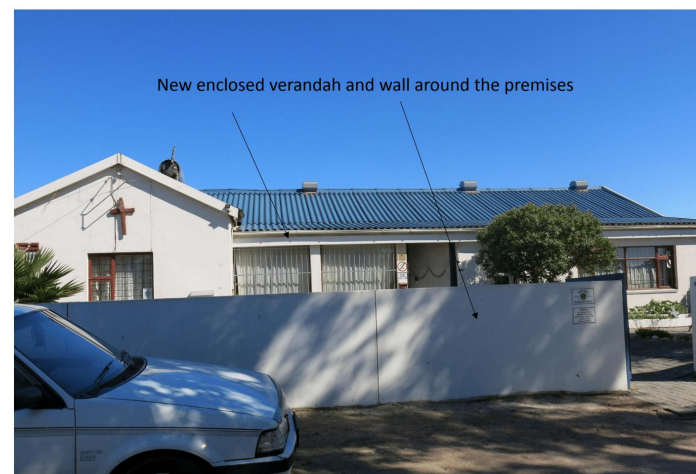


Yvonne and I were born and raised in South Africa. We emigrated to Canada in 2000 and moved from Ontario to BC in 2004. We were both members of the Rotary Club of Port Moody. My brother Michael came to Canada more recently and married Canadian Coreen. They now live in Harrison –and were both members of Port Moody Club in 2019.

Mike (my brother), Coreen, Yvonne, and I took a holiday to South Africa in 2019. One destination was the Cedarberg mountains where we did a lot of hiking and climbing as kids. On the way back to Cape Town, we stopped over at the small fishing village we called home in the '60s at St Helena Bay. St Helena Bay is a rural fishing village about two hours drive North of Cape Town, South Africa.



While there, we took a walk down to the old village shop, run by the Besters when we were kids. We were surprised to find that it appeared quiet and closed, surrounded by a solid wall.



Besters Shop (2019)

We knocked on the door to find out what had happened to the Besters. After a while an old man appeared and invited us into the Island House. Besters shop had been converted to a home for severely disabled children, called “Die Eiland Huis” or “The Island House”. The Island House had about fourteen residents at the time, mostly children. The residents had severe crippling disabilities. None of them could walk. Most residents could not speak or feed themselves, and three are fed through feeding tubes. Three were blind. Each has their own wheelchair, tailored to fit their bodies and prevent them falling out.

I brought this situation back home to the attention of my Port Moody Rotary Club to see what we could do to help. This was initially a small project with a budget of C\$10,000, when first introduced to the Port Moody International Committee in October 2022, with a request to the Rotary Club of Port Moody to add C\$7,500 to my contribution. The Project was presented to the Club and the Board, and was later approved by the Board. The local Rotary Club (Melkbos) in South Africa was in communications with the Eiland Huis facility, and it soon became apparent that the original list of requirements was woefully inadequate. Although medical equipment was a requirement, there were other issues even more pressing. The most important of these are electricity supply backup for ‘load shedding’ events, and for physical security of the premises. When the power went out, so did the ventilators that some of the patients needed to help them breath (then requiring manual intervention).



Bedroom (2025)

After many discussions over a two-year period, trying to reconcile the Eiland Huis’ needs with Rotary goals and funding limits, decisions on the scope and funding of the project were finalised, with donations from Rotary Club of Port Moody, Rotary Club of Coquitlam Sunrise, District 5050 Passport Club (BC, WA), Rotary Club of Melkbos (Western Cape) South Africa, Rotary Club of Middleton (NS), Rotary Club in Tucson, AZ, and RI World Fund

The ‘Eiland Huis’ South Africa Project – Update July 2024

Section	Scope of Project	Budget
Power Backup	Battery to carry over during ‘Load Shedding’ Battery charger from Eskom supply Inverter to convert battery power for use by facility Provision for future Solar Panel addition	~ US\$12,000
Security Fence	Security Fencing around rear of property to complete Perimeter Fencing system.	~ US\$10,000
Air Conditioner	Air Conditioners to reduce temperatures in summer. This reduces pulmonary failure risk for the residents	~ US\$6,000
Medical Equipment	Medical equipment required, including: - Fully Railed hospital beds - Electric hospital beds - Wheelchairs - Electric Bath Lift	~ US\$19,000
Staff Training	Recognized Courses at Tygerberg Hospital	No Cost

Total Funding raised was US\$47,175.



Happy and Sad dollars

Libby: “It’s over....the Duck Race is over and done with!”

Ray: “Our very own Jane Goodall (Claire) conquered the mighty Alouette River on her primitive “floating device” and saved many escaped ducks. Soo proud of our Duck Guardians: Claire and Clint

Adrienne: So happy to see Matt at the meeting today! And thank You to all “Duck Rescuers”!

Ineke: SOOOO happy the Duck Race is done for another year!!!! THANK YOU Claire & Clint for what you did, after a long day of Duck Race activities...you two saved the day, by capturing our escapees! David Meunier (recipient of our Paul Harris award given to a non-Rotarian) was right there with them!

Also, Thank You to the Port Moody Rotary Club for donating \$1,000 towards our Ecuador Project!

Libby: some more happys - for Matt dropping off the “4-Way Test” bracelets...the kids loved them! And for Ray for stepping up in his role of the “Water General” at the Duck Race; did fabulous!

Laurie: Just blown away by all the work everyone did for the Duck Race!

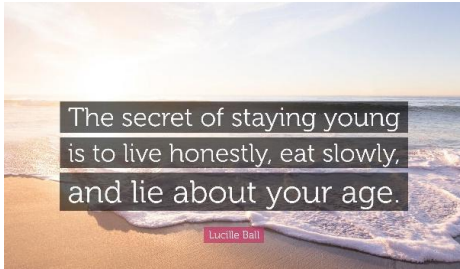
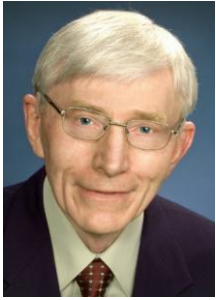
Lynda: Thank You for all the great team work on Event Day!

Closing Quote for the week - from the mouth of Past President Mark Forster, filling in for our current President Eric Mollema who has stepped aside for a week while away on holidays.

“A wise man once said, ‘Leadership is knowing when to step aside.’ Our president has finally demonstrated great leadership by being away today and allowing me — in all my magical colourful shirt glory — to demonstrate how it’s done.”

“Life is short. Smile while you still have teeth. And remember: a wise duck never trusts anyone standing at the finish line with a basket.”

Post-Script Quote from “Past-Past-President” Laurie Anderson



[Laurie: “This picture was taken of me only a few days ago!”]

Submitted by Laurie Anderson