

Meetings: Tuesday 12 Noon

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SEPTEMBER IS BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY MONTH

Happy Birthday

Oct 2 Clint Callison Oct 3 Kathy Henderson

Happy Anniversary

Upcoming Speakers:

Sep 29 No Speaker
Duck Race discussion

Oct 6 Chris Diersch
"Cycling without Age"

Oct 13

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

President **Eric Mollema** presided.

Matt DeBruyn gave the invocation, which included these sentiments: "When we joined Rotary, we accepted the motto "Service above Self" and we promised to attempt to make this a better world. Today we have a unique opportunity to witness how our Meadow Ridge Rotary Club and the community we live in can come together to make life indeed better for others. We salute all who worked so hard to achieve the goals of this year's Meadow Ridge Rotary Duck Race. The results are in one word: fantastic. May this be an incentive for all involved and all others to continue the good work. May it be so!"

Duck Race Funds Distribution & Meeting Summary

The club presented a certificate of appreciation to **Colleen Flanagan**, reporter and photographer of the Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows News, in gratitude to Colleen and her colleagues for their steadfast media support of our club projects, which remains vital to the success of the Duck Race and our various service initiatives.

The meeting program today was the distribution of Duck Race funds raised by the various community organization that sold duck Race tickets. The organizations received 80% of the proceeds they collected from the sale of the tickets (that were sold for \$10 each). We were honored to welcome representatives from across the community who were able to attend the meeting to receive their grants in person.



Top Sellers: 1st Pitt Meadows Scouts

Sales \$	Group
8710	1st Haney Scouts
8800	1st Laity View Scouts
10000	1st Pitt Meadows Scouts
2040	1st Whonnock Scouts
2000	583 Coronation Squadron
1120	Alexander Robinson Elementary
3835	Alouette River Management Society
1400	Canadian Parents for French - Ridge Meadows Chapter
2600	Chrysta ABA Academy Society
2000	Ci:tmæwx Environmental Community
1400	Garibaldi Secondary Music Program
400	Garibaldi Secondary Parent Advisory Council
1100	Glen Valley 4H
1470	Harry Hooge Elementary PAC
2835	Kanaka Education & Environmental Partnership Soc.
1000	Kids Sport Maple Ridge / Pitt Meadows
1600	Laityview Elementary PAC
1290	Maple Ridge Adventure Preschool Society

2300	Maple Ridge Concert Band Association
2140	Maple Ridge, Pitt Meadows Seniors Network
3500	MRSS Wrestling (PAC)
1500	North Fraser Therapeutic Riding Assn
2040	Pathfinders Youth Centre (Madhatters)
2400	Pitt Meadows Elementary PAC
1440	Pitt River 4H Lamb, Beef & Swine Club
1940	Ridge Canoe & Kayak Club
2570	Ridge Meadows Bruins Rugby Club
2060	Ridge Meadows CDC
9600	Ridge Meadows Minor Softball Assn
800	Ridge Meadows Racers Speed Skating Club
1700	Ridge Meadows Special Olympics
700	Yennadon Elementary (PAC)

The following recipients shared the impact these funds have on their activities:

- **Maple Ridge Concert Band:** Representative **Gail Yip** shared that the band is celebrating its 80th anniversary this year. The grant supports their "Twilight Tuesday - Pops in the Park" free summer concert series that is hosted annually during the month of July at the Memorial Peace Park Bandstand.
- **The Mad Hatters (Pathfinders):** This group of Pathfinders will celebrate their 10th anniversary next year. They provide a vital service model by operating the coffee shop at the Greg Moore Youth Centre, and this year marked their successful first outing participating in the Duck Race.

Some recipients were not present, and would receive their cheques through another club member or at a later time.

Appreciation for Duck Race Volunteers

The club recognized the substantial amount of work that goes into organizing and conducting the annual Duck Race. Members were thanked for their volunteer hours, organization, fundraising efforts, sponsorship work and community involvement. The chair Libby Nelson noted that the Duck Race is much more than a fundraiser: it provides Rotary with an opportunity to connect with the community and return funds directly to local organizations.



Club Announcements and Member News

In Memoriam: it was noted that **Bryan Hutton**, (May 6, 1950 – September 15, 2026), a long-time member of the Haney Rotary Club (and former owner and dealer-manager of the Maple Ridge Canadian Tire store) passed away on September 15, 2026. A Celebration of Bryan's life will be held on Tuesday, October 13th, 2026 at 2:00pm at Meadow Gardens Golf Course.

Happy/Sad Dollars (aka "baby boom bucks")

Brenda - new great-grandson

Eric – first grandchild

Ineke - first great-grandson

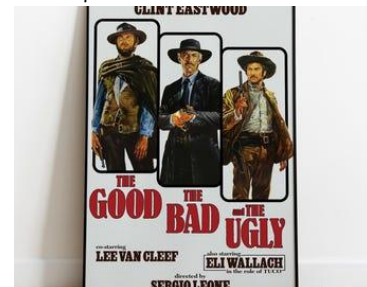
Libby – grand puppies??

Laurie - grandson got married this last weekend

Eric: a great big Thank You to the entire Duck Race Committee

Upcoming Events

- **Wednesday, Sept 27 (4:00 PM):** Duck Race Committee Meeting.
- **Oct 8** – 5:00 to 6:00 pm - Club Board Meeting
- **Oct 8** – 6:00 to 9:00 pm - **The Good, The Bad and The Ugly** - is a Pub Night at the Ranch Bar & Grill, 21973 - 132 Avenue, a fundraiser for the **Rotary Club of Haney** to raise much needed funding for initiatives like its Lunch Bag Program, youth leadership opportunities, and exchange programs. General admission with buffet is \$75.



- **Oct 17:** "Twinkle into Twilight" event. Tickets are available online through Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows Community Services.
- **Oct 19:** Thomas Haney Volunteer Fair. Volunteers are needed; please respond to the recruitment email if you can assist.
- **Oct 20:** District Governor Official Visit.

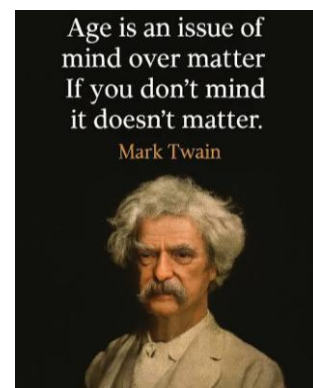


DG Kathleen Olson

Action Item: All Executive Directors must submit their written reports by the next executive meeting for presentation to the DG.

- **Nov 6 (5:00 PM – 8:00 PM):** International Committee Fundraiser at the Legion. Tickets are \$35 (includes a burger and beer). This event supports our international service project in Ecuador and will feature a silent auction and a 50/50 draw. Members are encouraged to invite friends and donate auction items.

President's Closing Quote:



Submitted by Laurie Anderson