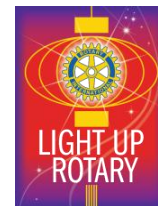


Meetings: Tuesday 12 Noon, Bella Vita Restaurant

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September is New Generations Month

TODAY: Greta Borick-Cunningham & Nicole Driedger - Alouette River Management Society

NEXT WEEK: DG Lyle Ryan official visit

Happy Birthday

Sep. 3: Dave Rempel
Sep. 4: Doris Gagel

Happy Anniversary

Sep. 2: Debbie & Fraser MacRae

Invocation

Sep. 2 Betty Johansen
Sep. 9 Brian Johnston

CALENDAR OF CLUB EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Aug. 31	10am – 3pm	Rotary Duck Race	Maple Ridge Park
Sep. 9	Noon	DG Lyle Ryan official visit	Bella Vita Restaurant
Sep. 13	7pm	Fundraiser Pub Night	Royal Canadian Legion, 12101 224 St. M.R.
Sep. 21	3:30pm	Frisbee Golf	Dave Rempel's home: 10607 277 St. M.R.
Oct. 11	6pm	Oktoberfest	Pitt Meadows Heritage Hall, 12460 Harris Rd. P.M.

FUNDRAISER PUB NIGHT

The Rotary Club of Meadow Ridge will be holding a fundraiser on Saturday September 13, 2014.

Tickets are available now. To be financially successful, we will need to sell our full allotment of 100 tickets.

Please invite your friends, neighbours and adult family members to join us and make this a success. All tickets must be purchased in advance.

Event: Pub Night - Rotary Club of Meadow Ridge
Date: Saturday September 13, 2014
Time: 7:00 pm (Dinner served at 7:30 pm)
Location: Maple Ridge Legion
Address: 12101 - 224th Street, Maple Ridge

Please contact **Mark Forster** at 604-463-9945
or by email at teletouch@shaw.ca to secure your tickets.

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Guests

Our president **Eric Mollema** welcomed back **Jim Michals** who has visited our club on previous occasions recently.

In addition, we were pleased to have visiting with us **Rotarian Elizabeth Essoka** from the Rotary Club of Yaounde, Cameroon, West Africa, in Rotary District 9150. Attending with her was her friend **Janet Mellisen** of Pitt Meadows. Janet met Elizabeth while visiting Cameroon, and they became friends. Elizabeth says that she will be visiting our club again on September 9, 2014, and Erich has invited her to say a few words to us.



(A little bit about Elizabeth, our guest:

Elizabeth is a psychologist and counsellor with the Ministry of Youth and Sports in Yaounde, which is the capital of Cameroon, a city of approximately 3,000,000 people. Following her education in Cameroon, she continued to the USA for further studies and now holds a Master of Arts degree, majoring in counselling and guidance in school psychology (Illinois), and a Master of Science degree in Rehabilitation Counselling from the Illinois Institute of Technology in Chicago. Besides that, she learned the art of cooking at an early age from her mother (she is the "sixth child in a typically large African family of 12 children and is married with three children of her own") and has published a recipe cookbook entitled "Cameroon Cooking – The Best Off Back Unusual". In it she also says, "In cooking, just as in life,

the only way that one can tell what recipe is good, no doubt, is read it through, and try it out".)

Happy and Sad

Patrick O'Brien advised that his oldest son attended a summer camp for the first time (it appears that the little guy was so focussed and happy with the new adventure that there was no time for a "gee Dad, I am really going to miss ya-type of farewell).

Laurie Anderson was saddened (even though he may not have shown it) by the death of his oldest brother (age 83) who died suddenly of a heart attack immediately after spending a fun morning with a couple of his children at the car show.

Mystery Greeter

Doris Gagel was our mystery greeter, and not one member shook her hand during the whole meeting!!! President Eric therefore ruled that every member had to pay a fine of one loony for ignoring her. (The fact that Doris was not present at the meeting did not deter Judge Mollema from rendering this innovative verdict, which could no doubt be overturned in a court of last resort if the legal fees did not exceed the fines extracted).

Business Meeting

Our business meeting was shortened by the fact that the directors' reports were published online for all to see, and therefore did not require extensive discussion. However, the following was noted:

Treasurer **Walter Volpatti** pointed out that the club's support of the Dolly Parton book project in Nunavut will run out of funds in about three months time. Approximately \$6,000 was donated by an anonymous (to most of us) donor who **Marco Terwiel** helped out in a time of need. This donor wanted to do something in return for Marco who suggested he (or she) support Marco's Nunavut project, and thus the donation came about.

Books are sent monthly by the Dolly Parton Foundation's literacy project to Nunavut and given to children from infancy to early childhood. Our club is then billed approximately \$300-\$400 per month by that Foundation, which the club pays from the above-mentioned donation. The books cost three dollars each and this project has therefore funded at least 100 books per month being sent to Canada's northern Inuit community.



Our Club needs to decide very soon whether it wishes to continue this program, and if so, a source of funds will have to be found quickly by way of member donations or a fund raiser.

By way of clarification, it was pointed out that the books which we send to Nunavut as a tribute to our guest speakers at our club meetings comes out of the club's own resources and not from the \$6,000 which was put up by the anonymous donor.

Adrienne Dale received the support of our club in her planning our own Club's Christmas party on or about Friday, December 5, 2014.

President Eric floated the idea of our club establishing in Pitt Meadows or Maple Ridge an International Rotary Museum where the history of Rotary International and Rotary paraphernalia could be displayed, because Eric says there is no such Museum currently anywhere in the world. (No one can accuse Eric of not thinking BIG and outside of the box).

Ineke Boekhorst reported that the garage sale (held in conjunction with the Business Improvement Association-sponsored event on Saturday, August 23 on 224 Street in our town core) raised \$577 for our Rotary International Service Committee's project in Nicaragua. Ineke pointed out that this type of event not only raises money for the club, but also is a great way to advertise what Rotary does in our community and the world.

Some members of our club will be taking another "working holiday", probably in January 2015, and the cost will only be about \$2000 per person including airfare, accommodation and food. Club members were asked to seriously consider this adventure.

Ineke also advised that we will not have an international student participating in the Rotary exchange program this year, but it is still time to do so for 2015/2016. The problem is that it is difficult to get host families. If our club does proceed with that program, it would be in conjunction with the Haney Club. Each club would need to guarantee that there were two host families, with each family taking the student for a three month stint. Three members put up their hands to show that they would be willing to consider acting as a host family.

New Generations director **Deborah Hyslop** talked about YAIL (... not a misspelling of that historical town near Spuzzam, B. C., but rather....) "Youth Adventures In Leadership", which is an inspiring leadership event for grade 10 and 11 students to be held in January 2015. If any club members know of any potential candidate, they should contact Deborah. Deborah also pointed out that two years after the YAIL event, the same students can go to RYLA, which is an acronym for Rotary Youth Leadership Awards.

Bob Shantz stated that the Duck Race has raised \$73,680 in ticket sales to date, but with some further effort it would not be an unreasonable expectation that this could increase to \$80,000. Bob pointed out that 25% of the funds are going to "Kids Sports", which sponsors and pays for sports activities for children who would otherwise not be able to afford to participate in them. The **Westminster Savings Credit Union** has come on board to support the Duck Race. Both branches of the Credit Union have become involved both internally with credit union employees and externally in selling 330 tickets.

The duck race will be held on August 31, 2014 between 10 AM and 3 PM. There will be fun activities for the whole family on this date, and we are all encouraged to spread the word to family and friends, to come and join in the fun.

50-50

Jim Coulter won the ticket but under the watchful eye of President Eric failed to pick the Queen of Hearts out of the elusive deck.

Submitted by Laurie Anderson