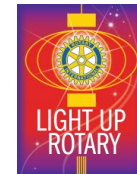


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October is Vocational Services Month

TODAY:

NEXT WEEK: Gerry Caceres – Nicaragua Project (**He's coming all the way from Nicaragua, so let's have a large attendance!**)

Happy Birthday

Happy Anniversary

Invocation

Oct. 10: Ken & Jo-Ann Knuttila

Oct. 7
Oct. 14

Eric Mollema
Urma Mollema

CALENDAR OF CLUB EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Oct. 11	6pm	Oktoberfest	Pitt Meadows Heritage Hall, 12460 Harris Rd. P.M.

RI PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

In October 1914, Jonas Salk was born – a man who would change world history by inventing the first effective vaccine against polio. When the vaccine was introduced in the United States in the 1950s, polls indicated that polio was one of the nation's two greatest fears, second only to the fear of atomic war. And with good reason: In the 1952 U.S. polio epidemic, 58,000 cases were reported, with 3,145 deaths and 21,269 instances of permanent, disabling paralysis. Globally, polio paralyzed or killed up to half a million people every year.

Soon after the Salk vaccine was created, Albert Sabin developed an oral version, allowing tremendous numbers of children to be immunized quickly, safely, and inexpensively. In 1985, Rotary's PolioPlus program was born, with a simple goal: to immunize every child under age five against this crippling disease. Thanks in large part to the initial success of PolioPlus, in 1988 the 166 member states of the World Health Assembly unanimously set the goal of global polio eradication.

At the time, the idea was breathtakingly ambitious, and many called it impossible. Today, we are closer to this goal than ever before, with only a few hundred cases of polio reported per year, and just three remaining endemic countries. We are on track to achieve full eradication by 2018 – if we can keep up the momentum that has brought us this far.

And this month, we will mark World Polio Day on 24 October, and celebrate the 100th anniversary of Dr. Salk's birth.

I ask you all to Light Up Rotary this month by doing whatever you can to shine a spotlight on our efforts to eradicate polio. Call



your government officials and let them know that polio eradication matters to you. Go to endpolionow.org for inspiring stories about Rotary's work, and share them on social media. And make the best investment you'll ever make, by donating to polio eradication right on the endpolionow.org website and earning a two-to-one match on your contribution from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

When we eradicate polio – and we will – we'll have brought the world into a better future and Rotary into a better future as well. We will have proved ourselves, as an organization, capable of great things. And we will have given our children and grandchildren a gift that will endure forever: a polio-free world.

Gary C.K. Huang
President 2014-15

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Guests

Our three guests were **Jim Michals**, **Kim Roberts** and **Graeme Ross**, all of whom have visited our meetings on previous occasions.

Ineke Boekhorst presented our Rotary Moment, giving the history of the admittance of women into Rotary Clubs.

From 1905 until the 1980s, women were not allowed membership in Rotary clubs, although Rotarian spouses, including Paul Harris' wife, were often members of the similar "Inner Wheel" club.

An Irish club discussed admitting women as members in 1912, but the proposal floundered over issues of social class.

In 1976, the Rotary Club of Duarte California, admitted three women as members. After this club refused to remove the women from membership, in 1978 Rotary International revoked the club's charter. The Duarte club filed suit in the California courts, claiming that Rotary Clubs are business establishments subject to regulation under California's Rights Act, which bans discrimination based on race, gender, religion or ethnic origin. Rotary International then appealed the decision to the U.S. Supreme Court. The RI attorney argued that "... [the decision] threatens to force us to take in everyone, like a motel".

The Duarte Club was not alone in opposing RI leadership; the Seattle- club unanimously voted to admit women in 1986. The United States Supreme Court, on May 4, 1987, confirmed the Californian decision. Rotary International then removed the gender requirements for club charters, and most clubs in most countries have opted to include women as members of Rotary Clubs.

The first female club president to be elected was Silvia Whitlock of the Rotary Club of Duarte, California, USA in 1987. By 2007, there was a female trustee of The Rotary Foundation while female district governors and club presidents were common by that time.

Women currently account for 15% of RI membership (22% in North America.) In 2013, Anne L. Matthews, a Rotarian from South Carolina, began her term as the first female vice president of Rotary International. Also in 2013, Nan McCreddie was appointed as the first female president of Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland (RIBI).

The change of the second Rotarian motto in 2004, from "He profits most who serves best" to "They profit most who serve best", 99 years after its foundation, illustrates the move to general acceptance of women members in Rotary.

Happy and Sad

Urma Mollema contributed two happy dollars to thank and congratulate the entire Oktoberfest Committee for their work in our upcoming fundraiser.

David Rempel, speaking of our Frisbee golf social, said that he and his wife were a "cheap date", because those of us who attended the event and paid \$10 as the entrance fee will now find that most of the \$10 which they paid goes as a donation to Polio Plus. Part of this is due to the fact that the district (I guess that is now "city") paid \$100 to the event under its program to sponsor block parties and thereby encourage get-togethers in the community.

David Riddell (noting Ineke had pointed out that women were not admitted to Rotary until 1988) said that his *alma mater*, Cambridge University, beat Rotary by one year in allowing the fairer sex into its hallowed halls as early as 1987; [however, as Cambridge was founded in 1347, it only took Cambridge 641 years to see the light, compared to 83 years for Rotary International to come in from the dark].

Mark Vosper attributed his light headedness to the fact that he and his wife just came back from Kelowna where they visited six wineries (but he was still clearheaded enough to remind us that tickets needed to be sold for Oktoberfest).

Fine Master

"Constable" **Mike Davies** tested our memory of the second line of the Four Way Test, passed out penalties for those missing their badges and pins, and picked on our illustrious secretary for having the audacity to take off his jacket during the meeting, thereby exposing his vest and tie for all to see.

Program



We had no speakers, but did have a quacker in the embodiment of Poppa Duck **Bob Shantz**, who spoke to us about the Duck Race. Wednesday, October 15, and the Meadow Gardens Golf Course facility will be the time and place of our celebration of a successful Duck Race, where the funds will be distributed to the youth groups who participated, and awards will be given out to those who went the extra mile. This year 31 youth groups participated. One free ticket for the event will be given for each group, who could also bring guests at a cost of \$35 each. **Fred Armstrong** has again agreed to be Master of Ceremonies.

The grand sum of \$83,420 will be distributed, with \$20,000 of it going to KidSport, and the balance to the other groups.

Ian Speckman, of **Maple Ridge Chrysler**, was pleased to hear that the race was going ahead again next year, and volunteered another vehicle for the 2015 race, this time being a Jeep G4. Ian stated that he liked KidSport involvement, which gave children of poor families the opportunity to participate in sports which their parents could not otherwise afford. Bob noted that they received no complaints about the fact that the participants were giving up 10% of their ticket sales, so that KidSport (which has funded 330 kids in the past year) could become involved.

Bob also noted one problem that needs to be addressed: the poor ducks are getting old (old ducks never die - but they do eventually quack up). A new flotilla will cost about \$11,000, but the Haney Rotary Club may be willing to contribute \$5,500 towards the cost. Chris Duyvestyn has agreed to store the ducks on his property during their upcoming hibernation (and make sure they don't fly south for the winter).

Bob said that, in his view, the Duck Race has done more for the goodwill of Rotary in the past four years than any other previous Rotary event in our Community. He urged all members to attend the October 15 celebration.

Urma Mollema spoke briefly about Oktoberfest, and urged again that all members get behind this event and sell tickets. This year the band will play from 6 to 11 (and not from 8-11 as they did last year) and they won't run out of beer. Adrienne Dale reminded us that donations are needed for the hamper, such as wine, cheese, food items, etc. The event is being held at the Heritage Hall in Pitt Meadows, and the city of Pitt Meadows is donating a door prize. Set up for the event will be held on Saturday morning, the day of the event, starting at 8 am.



50/50

Today's ticket winner - **Dr. Patrick O'Brien**
- the right suit - but alas, no Queen of Hearts.

Submitted by Laurie Anderson