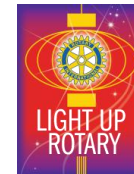


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October is Vocational Services Month

TODAY: Nominations for the Board of Directors

NOV. 18: RCMP Corp. Alanna Dunlop - Homelessness & Social Issues in the Community

No meetings on **Nov. 4** (All Mayor's Candidates Meeting) and **Nov. 11** (Remembrance Day)

Happy Birthday

Nov. 15: Ken Paterson

Happy Anniversary

Nov. 9: Bob & Irena Shantz

Invocation

Oct. 28 Dave Rempel
Nov. 18 David Riddell

CALENDAR OF CLUB EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Nov. 4	12 – 1:30 PM	All Mayor's Candidates Meeting , Maple Ridge - Luncheon \$25 - Register Here	The ACT – Maple Ridge

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Our singing of O Canada, to commence the meeting, is always the most robust when **Brian Johnston** leads us in our national anthem, as he did at this meeting.

Karin Duffield stated that a Rotary Moment for her was her attending the meeting on October 15, 2014 when the \$83,500 funds from the Duck Race were handed out to the various youth groups. Karin said of this Rotary Moment, "Seeing the good that we're doing in the community, I knew that this is the right place to be".

Angie (formerly known just as **Edmonds**, and the chair of our Community Services Committee) presented cheques (from the funds which our Club receives from Gaming) to the following organizations:

- **Holly Henderson and Pilaar Yule** accepted the cheque of \$500 on behalf of **Christmas Haven**, which every Christmas puts on a special Christmas dinner, to which anyone can attend without question, but primarily aimed at those persons in our community who may need some friendship and Christmas spirit or who may not be able to afford a special dinner.



- **Ed Marshall** received \$500 on behalf of **SPECC-tacular Productions Theatre Group**, whom our club has supported since its inception in 2009. Each year it puts on musical productions (this year at the ACT and the Terry Fox theatre) where cast members from (this year) age 8 to 78 can show their talents and entertain us.



Guests

In addition to those guests mentioned above, we also welcomed **Kim Roberts, Irena Shantz, Graeme Ross** and **Jim Michals**.

Happy and Sad

Mark Vosper, who is the executive director of Hospice, advised that Hospice Calendars are now available to raise much-needed funds for that organization.

Urma Mollema thanked all those who helped make Oktoberfest a success, and announce that next year's Oktoberfest will be held on September 26, 2015 (rather than on the Thanksgiving weekend, as it was this year), which may help to boost attendance and ticket sales. Urma also advised that the company which she works for has assigned her to just Western Canada (and not the whole country) so she will now be able to attend more meetings than she has been able to do recently.

Matt DeBruyn requested club members to volunteer for the Four Way Test event to be held soon in our local schools.

Ineke Boekhorst noted that this evening, October 21, 2014, Rotary at Work was being held at the ACT, and that Friday, October 24, was the date of the BIA Zombie Walk in Downtown Maple Ridge starting at 4 o'clock. [It will be interesting to hear at our next meeting about these events and if any Rotary Zombies participated.]

Bob Shantz passed around for all to see the new "Wait for Me, Daddy" stamp, commemorating the famous 1942 photo of the little boy running towards his father who was marching in uniform in New Westminster, and would soon be off to war. [In case we were wondering, it was pointed out that Bob could not have been the little boy in the picture because Bob just happens to be the same age as the photograph, and not the boy in it.]

Announcements and Special Awards Presentation

President Eric Mollema advised that there would be no club meeting on November 4, because there will be an "All Mayor's Candidates Meeting" at the ACT on that date.

He also advised that at our next meeting nominations for the board of directors of our Club will be called for.

Patrick O'Brien reminded us that he has in the back of his pickup truck "Pumpkins for Polio" for a donation of only \$20 for two of these soon-to-be jack-o'-lanterns or pies, with the proceeds going to Rotary International to help eradicate polio.

Bob Shantz stated that an organizational meeting for next year's Duck Race will be held in November at 7 PM in the ACT, the exact date for which will be announced shortly. Bob also gave out some Certificates of Appreciation and an award to certain members who were not able to attend the presentation meeting on October 15. These included:

- **Patrick O'Brien**, who purchased and/or sold 250 tickets.
- **Doris Gagel** - a Gagel's Custom Draperies event sponsor
- **Brian Johnston** - a CIBC event sponsor
- **Matt Debruyn** - a special award to recognize the tireless effort of Matt and his wife Linda who every Saturday in the months leading up to the Duck Race set up and took down the tents and venues for the sale of Duck tickets by the various youth groups.

Induction of New Members

Mike Davies had the pleasure on behalf of our Club of inducting two new members into our midst, being

Jim Michals (sponsored by **Walter Volpatti**) and
Kim Roberts (sponsored by **Eric Mollema**).

In introducing Jim, Walter advised that Jim is a recently certified mediator/arbitrator and jazz trombonist. A career University executive, Jim is currently heading up a Hovercraft Transportation and Manufacturing Company which will be based in the lower mainland. He most recently served as executive director of the Saskatchewan Polytechnic Faculty Association and has worked extensively in the Middle East and Africa. He has been a member of three Rotary Clubs in Kamloops and Castlegar and helped found a Rotary Club in that area. He is married to Shelley and has three grown children.



Eric introduced Kim, who has worked in the financial services industry since her 18th birthday. She currently holds a position with RBC as a Small Business Advisor. One of her passions is being able to contribute to the community she works and lives in, as demonstrated by the fact that she has previously sat on the board of Yaletown Business Improvement Association and the Commercial Drive Business Society, and was also a charter member, treasurer and membership director of the Yaletown Lions Club. She is married to Russ and they have three children.

Guest Speaker



Our local **Fire Chief Dane Spence** gave us a very interesting presentation, telling us a bit about the **Maple Ridge Fire and Rescue** (which was established in 1946), as well as himself [who was "established" quite a bit later].

About Dane:

Dane was raised in 100 Mile House where he dreamed of being a rodeo star, and riding horses, not fire trucks. After working at a ranch or two, he came down to the coast and became a carpenter. "I loved being a carpenter", Dane exclaimed. He worked for the Municipality of Maple Ridge (with some encouragement from our own Mike Davies) starting in 1985, and by 1990 had a full-time job there, and was of course a volunteer fire fighter. That same year his own house burned down [which may have been a little embarrassing for a member of the Fire Department, but no less traumatic than it was for our own Mark Forster]. Having gone through the experience, Dane said it helped him to be able to empathize and give some encouragement and comfort to fire victims whom he constantly encounters on the job.

Dane became a Fire Chief in 1997 (which at that time was a two-man position) and upon the recent retirement of co-Fire Chief Peter Grootendorst, now occupies that position solely. In 2000, Dane got a "dose of humility" when he was diagnosed with cancer, and appreciated the support of friends and people in the community as he recovered. In 2003 he studied and obtained a degree at Simon Fraser University.

About the Fire Department:



FIRE & RESCUE **MAPLE RIDGE, BRITISH COLUMBIA**

From its inception in 1945 until 2001, Maple Ridge Fire and Rescue was a completely volunteer organization, with the volunteers being paid no money for their important services. Between 2001 and 2005 it operated as a "paid on-call" basis. At that time, at least 1200 calls per year came into the fire Department, which put a large strain on the volunteer members. In 2005 the department began having full-time members, and today has 50 paid on-call personnel and 53 career full-time firefighters.

In terms of the size of its geographical area, Maple Ridge is the third-largest in the GVRD, which presents its own challenges. The

department receives 3,600 calls per year, 450 of which are motor vehicle accidents which require extraction.

The purpose of the calls breaks down as follows:

- 30% - medical emergency
- 23% - fires
- 16% - motor vehicle accidents
- 11% - false alarms
- 20% - other

There are two ambulances serving Maple Ridge. Although the fire Department attends many medical emergencies, it does not transport patients or accident victims. The goal of the department is to have a seven minute response time, with at least four full-time members responding to each house fire calls. For larger conflagrations, the department can call on other municipalities for assistance.

The Department is also proactive in education and prevention. It inspects businesses on an annual basis to make sure they have fire extinguishers and otherwise comply with regulations, and reach 90% of the pupils in the schools with educational talks.

The firemen are very community-minded and through their volunteer fundraising efforts raise approximately \$30 - \$40,000 per year. There is currently one career female firefighter and three paid-on-call women in the ranks.

50/50

Karin Duffield was this week's drawer of the ticket, but was good enough not to pick the Queen of Hearts, thereby increasing the pot for another ticket holder on another day.

Submitted by Laurie Anderson

FAN CLUB MAIL

Last week I received an e-mail from Robert Campbell.

Hi Peter!

I'm enjoying scanning the Flasher and staying in touch with the club.

Do say hi from Cailin + I

We're anticipating and planning a spring tour of BC & AB

And on a personal note, maybe ask Bob Shantz to consider the Four Way Test and be 'fair to all concerned' and stop buying 50/50 tickets :)

Hugs to all from both of us!

Robert Campbell
Robert@rocalink.com

Editor's note: Please Bob, keep on buying those tickets and lots of them, don't find the Queen of Hearts, and increase the pot!

Eric was asked, but not given the chance to speak at the Rotary Duck Race – Distributing of Funds event last Wednesday.

Well, here is his speech:

What is Rotary?

As the concept is bigger than the occasion allows, I will mention 14 facts about Rotary, and ask you to make up your own mind.

1. Rotary is 1.2 million business, professional, and community leaders, in more than 200 countries.
2. Rotary members are business, professional, and community leaders who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards, and help build goodwill and peace in the world.
3. Over 32,000 Rotary clubs initiate service projects to address today's challenges, including illiteracy, disease, hunger, poverty, lack of clean water, and environmental concerns.
4. Rotary clubs are non-religious, non-political, and open to every race, culture, and creed. Members represent a cross-section of local business, professional, and community leaders.
5. Rotary provides more than 200 grants each year to fund the work of Rotary volunteers, who travel to parts of the world where their technical expertise and knowledge are most needed to alleviate hardship and solve problems.
6. Yearly Rotary Centers for International Studies fund 60 Rotary World Peace Fellows for graduate studies in international relations, conflict studies, and negotiation at seven leading universities around the globe.
7. Since 1947, some 35,000 students from 110 countries have studied abroad as Rotary Ambassadorial Scholars.
8. Rotary's Group Study Exchange has helped more than 45,000 young professionals explore their career fields in other countries.
9. Each year, some 9,000 secondary school students experience life in another country through Rotary Youth Exchange. This is literally hundreds of thousands of kids over 104 years.
10. In 1985 Rotary launched PolioPlus, an ambitious program to immunize the world's children against polio.
11. Rotary's grassroots leadership, volunteer support, and initial funding for vaccine provided the catalyst for the World Health Assembly's resolution in 1988 to eradicate polio worldwide. As a result of these efforts polio cases have dropped by 99 percent since 1988 and the world stands on the threshold of eradicating the disease.
12. Rotary members have given more than US\$650 million, raised billions and countless hands-on volunteer hours to this critical effort.
13. 49 Rotary members served as delegates and consultants at the founding of the United Nations in 1945.
14. Today, Rotary holds the highest **consultative status** given by the United Nations to non-governmental organizations. In this capacity, Rotary has a voice within the UN system, allowing access to its people and resources worldwide.