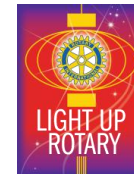


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December is Family Month

Today: Alanna Dunlop of the RCMP - Homelessness in Maple Ridge

Next Week: Rhian Piprell - Literacy

Happy Birthday	Happy Anniversary	Invocation
	Dec. 10: Peter & Ineke Boekhorst	Dec. 09 Bob Shantz Dec. 16 Walter Volpatti

CALENDAR OF CLUB EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Dec. 17	7pm	CP Holiday Train – Arrives 7:30pm at Port Haney and 8:45pm Harris Rd. crossing in Pitt Meadows	

CHRISTMAS PARTY AT ADRIENNE'S HOME

Friday 05 December 2014

This was a very delightful Christmas party, hosted by Adrienne & Warren Dale.



First of all we were presented with Christmas carols by a children choir from the Whonnock Elementary School, followed by a festive dinner.

Many thanks to our hosts Adrienne and Warren.

YOUR 2015 ROTARY RESOLUTION

I know what you are thinking!

Christmas is still to come and you are already bringing up New Year's Resolutions! That is exactly what I want you all to be thinking about.

I think that most of us set goals for ourselves at the beginning of each year. It is estimated that 40 to 45% of us set resolutions for ourselves each year. They usually have something to do with weight loss, exercise or possibly giving up some habit that does not add to our well being like smoking. Those are all great areas to focus your attention and energy upon.

I would like to offer one more for your consideration. I would like you to consider bringing one guest per month to your Rotary Club meeting! What a great way for you to introduce individuals to the Rotary organization.

I continue to hear from many of you that our Rotary responsibilities sometimes tend to get lost in our busy professional and personal lives. We need some routine to remind us of the things that are important to us. While a lot of people who make new years resolutions do break them, research shows that making resolutions is useful. People who explicitly make resolutions are 10 times more likely to attain their goals than people who don't explicitly make resolutions.

So make your Rotary one of your New Year's Resolutions. Introduce someone new to the greatest organization in the world. P.J. and I wish you all a wonderful holiday season and a happy new year with at least one resolution to focus your attention upon!

Lyle Ryan, District Governor



LAST WEEK'S MEETING (AGM)

Announcements

All past-presidents of our club were asked to attend a meeting (immediately following the AGM) to discuss the advisability of establishing a permanent **Past Presidents Advisory Council**, for the purpose of giving guidance and counsel to the club's presidents and directors should difficult problems or issues arise, and to give input and advice regarding to the club's goals and objectives to be achieved from year to year.

[More news on this in the coming months.]

Happy and Sad (happenings in the lives of our members)

David Rempel and his wife were very pleased to celebrate with a young lady and her family on the 18th anniversary of her being adopted from Russia into a Canadian family through the adoption program to which Dave and his wife have devoted so much love, time and energy over the past many, many years.

Betty Johansen was sad to learn about a client of hers who was involved in a serious accident, which has brought devastation to the family including the closing of the family business. Betty asked that if any club members had any ideas on how this family could be helped, she would be pleased if they would talk to her.

Betty also had a happy dollar, announcing that her son and daughter-in-law were expecting a baby.

Peter Boekhorst, who missed last week's meeting - for the first time in years - because of a two-day flu, was "happy to be back". Did we miss him? All in favour, say....

A Rotarian, Pete, had the flu.

He was sick once, so what could he do?

"Should I stay home in bed?

No! I'd rather be dead!"

He was out in a day - maybe two.

President Eric named our Sergeant at Arms **Jim Coulter** as the **Rotarian of the Month**.



Ineke Boekhorst had a sad moment when not one person showed up at the youth exchange meeting which was held last week at a local high school, but a happy moment when three applications came through as a result of the involvement of **Keesha Rosario** of the Haney club.

Ineke also requested club members to come for an hour or two to help her and **Peter** to sell Cyclamen Christmas plants to raise money for our Nicaragua project, at the hospital (indoors - so you won't be cold) between 1:30 PM and 5 PM on Tuesday, December 5 and between 9 AM and 5 PM on Wednesday, December 17. Our help could also be used at the Santa Parade on Saturday, December 6 to collect money and food for the Food Bank.

Meadow Ridge Rotary Club Annual General Meeting -

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Foundation for the previous year were approved, and **Walter Volpatti** gave the financial report for the Club, which report was also approved unanimously.

The following persons were elected as our Board of Directors for the July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016 Rotary Club Year:

President:	Mark Forster
President-elect:	Ineke Boekhorst
Vice President:	Angie Edmonds
Secretary:	David Riddell
Treasurer:	Walter Volpatti
Club Service Director:	Betty Johansen
International Service Director:	Ineke Boekhorst
Community Service Director:	Adrienne Dale
New Generations Director:	Deborah Hyslop
Vocational Services Director:	Matt DeBruyn



Maple Ridge Foundation Annual General Meeting

Laurie Anderson gave a brief information summary of the Foundation, which was incorporated by members of our club in February, 2001 under the Societies Act of British Columbia. The Foundation has a charitable number from the CRA and can therefore give income tax receipts for donations received.

The Constitution states that *the purposes of the society are:*

- a. *To accept gifts, donations and bequests*
- b. *To use the funds received together with income from the investment of those funds:*
 - I. *for the relief of poverty*
 - II. *for the advancement of education*
 - III. *for other charitable purposes beneficial to the community as a whole*
 - IV. *to donate funds to other charitable organizations having the same or similar objectives and purposes*

Pursuant to the Foundation's by-laws, the directors of the Meadow Ridge Rotary Club are the directors of the Foundation. The minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Foundation for the previous year were approved, and **Walter Volpatti** gave the financial report for the Foundation, which report was also approved unanimously. The directors of the Meadow Ridge Rotary Club just elected at the meeting of the Rotary Club (as reported above) were therefore declared as the directors of the Maple Ridge Foundation.

50/50

Brian Johnston's ticket - good

Brian Johnston's 3 of Clubs - bad.

Submitted by Laurie Anderson