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January is Rotary Awareness Month

Today:

Next Week: Nicole Read - Mayor of Maple Ridge

Happy Birthday	Happy Anniversary	Invocation
Jan. 27: Sharon Kyle Jan. 28: Mike Davies Jan. 30: Terry Becker, Angie Edmonds	Feb. 2: Eric & Urma Mollema	Jan. 27: Peter Boekhorst Feb. 3: Clint Callison

CALENDAR OF CLUB EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Feb. 3	noon	Regular Meeting at Chances	22710 Lougheed Hwy.
Feb. 13		Fireside (Feb. 10 regular meeting cancelled!)	T.B.A.

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Cheque Presentations

Ineke Boekhorst made the following cheque presentations out of the **Sports Banquet Legacy Fund**:



John Olson - Ridge Meadows Minor Lacrosse Association: \$1,133.

With this donation, the organization was able to purchase some new Shot Clocks in the Pitt Meadows Arena (our donation was one-half of the cost of the purchase).



Sharolyn Wandzura - North Fraser Therapeutic Riding Association: \$13,000.

With these funds, the Association was able to expand its riding arenas, which are located on 232nd Street near the Equestrian Centre. Approximate 91 riders attend each week to use the facilities.



Principal **Stuart Richardson** of **Maple Ridge Elementary: \$13,000.**

This elementary school, situated on the corner of River Road and 203rd Street, was able to purchase new swing sets and the merry-go-round, which are happily used by not only the students during school hours but also by the community during after-school hours and on weekends.

Happy and Sad

Our Treasurer **Walter Volpatti** was happy [or was that sad?] to write a cheque in the amount of \$835.50 to David **Rempel** who, last week, won our 50/50 draw.

Angie Edmonds, our Community Services Chairperson, who owns a bulldog (which she got from the aforementioned Dave Rempel's spouse), was pleased to advise that her dog had puppies.

Not to be outdone by Angie, **Patrick O'Brien**, who apparently has a pair of Muscovy ducks, also has some babies on the way - as one or both of them is currently sitting on 12 eggs in the hopes of enlarging their family.

[Did Patrick say the poor future poppa duck was called "Doctor Evil"? I should say future "daddy duck" - not "poppa duck" - so as not to get it confused with Poppa Duck Bob Shantz].

Ineke Boekhorst recently attended the Business Excellence Awards - and was impressed by the large number of great business people we have in our town [or did she say "impressed by the great number of large business people"? - where is that hearing aide when I need it?].

Adrienne Dale, on behalf of all of us in the club, congratulated **Ineke** on a job well done on the Sports Banquet funds distribution.

Announcements

The club meeting on February 3 will be held at Chances Casino. It is suggested that we get there a bit early - as a buffet luncheon will be served, and each of us will have to get our own food and be back to our tables with food in order to start the meeting on time.

There will be no club meeting on February 10, as there will be a Club Fireside on Friday, February 13 (time and place to be announced).

Program



It is always interesting to learn new things about our own club members. This week's speaker was **Urma Mollema**, who told us about the Mrs. World Pageant.

[As our club President Eric Mollema was short on the introductions, I will fill in, and do an ex-post facto intro:

Urma is currently the National Franchise Manager at Centum Financial Group Inc.

In South Africa, she had an impressive career [or is that careers?], the highlights of which are as follows:

- *Business Woman of the Year 1998 (Gauteng North)*
- *National Finalist Business Woman of the year 1998*
- *Appeared in the Who's Who of Southern Africa - 2002*
- *Business Woman of the Year Mrs. South Africa 2005*
- *Business Woman of Pretoria 2006 named by the South African Business Woman Assoc.*
- *Best National Sales Mortgage Broker of the Year 1998 - Nedbank South Africa*
- *Best National Sales Mortgage Broker of the Year 1999 - 2001*

Positions Held by Urma:

- *Partner Inventor & Distributor of "It's my Secret" Anti-Aging Perfume 2006 – 2010 (A Product sold exclusively in European Beauty Salons).*
- *Incorporated, Owned & Managed Mortgage Solutions & Portfolios 2005-2008 (Banking and Finance Industry).*
- *Founding Member, Director, Shareholder, Wizard Financial Services 2000-2003*
- *Owned and Managed Wizard Financial Services Franchise Office 2003 – 2005.*

(It became the largest Independent Mortgage Brokerage in South Africa with 64 Franchises. Was sold to an international buyer in 2003).

Regarding Mrs. World Beauty Pageant, Urma first got involved in South Africa as the 2nd runner up in Mrs. South Africa Pageant in 2006. She was so impressed she became the owner of the Mrs. South Africa Beauty Pageant 2006-2010 (it became the largest Pageant for Married Woman in South Africa). She sold the South Africa Pageant franchise in 2011 when she moved to Canada. Urma is a director of the Mrs. World Pageant, and was one of the judges in the 2014 World Pageant (held in the USA) which was won by Mrs. Belarus.

[For those of us geographically challenged, Belarus is a landlocked country in Eastern Europe bordered by Russia to the

northeast, Ukraine to the south, Poland to the west, and Lithuania and Latvia to the northwest]

Urma said that the Mrs. World Organization is a platform for married women to make their voices heard. The organization sponsors various international projects including advocating for abused women and children, and persons living in poverty. For example, Mrs. Belarus is actively involved in a clean water project.

The pageant is open to any married woman over the age of 18, with or without children, although most contestants are accomplished married women with good marital values, and between the ages of 19 and 35. It costs \$1,500 to participate, and the event is held over 14 days. The winner *[no ifs, ands, or butts, please!]* gets not only international recognition but also a \$100,000 US prize. Contestants have included professionals such as TV broadcasters, dentists, doctors and lawyers. In 2014, what started out as 95 contestants was reduced down to 43 who attended in the USA, including three dentists, three homemakers, two politicians, and one mayor.

Mrs. Canada even joined the contest [and brought with her 32 suitcases!].

50/50

With the start of a new deck of cards, *Laurie Anderson* had 1 chance in 52 - you can guess the outcome.

[Is that why the February 3 meeting is at Chances?]

Submitted by Laurie Anderson



RI President-elect K.R. "Ravi" Ravindran announces his presidential theme for 2015-16, Be a Gift to the World, at the opening session of the International Assembly in San Diego, California, USA.

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Using their talents, expertise, and leadership, Rotary members worldwide are asked to be gifts to the world this upcoming 2015-16 Rotary year.

Rotary International President-elect K.R. "Ravi" Ravindran called Sunday's address to incoming district governors the "most significant moment of my life."

"All of you have been given so many gifts. And you have now been given this great gift: one year to take all your talents, all your gifts, everything that you are and can become -- and Be a Gift to the World," said Ravindran, revealing his presidential theme at the annual five-day training meeting in San Diego, California, USA. "You have one year to take that potential and turn it into reality. One year to lead the clubs in your district and transform the lives of others. The time is so short, yet there is so much to be done."