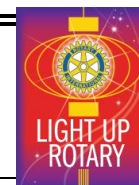


Meetings: Tuesday 12 Noon, Bella Vita Restaurant

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February is World Understanding Month

Today: Nicole Read - Mayor of Maple Ridge
Next Week: No regular meeting on Feb. 10; instead Fireside on Feb. 13

Happy Birthday	Happy Anniversary	Invocation
		Feb. 3: Clint Callison Feb. 17: Laura Cherrille

CALENDAR OF CLUB EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Feb. 3	noon	Regular Meeting at Chances	22710 Lougheed Hwy.
Feb. 5	2:45	Glenwood Elementary Playground opening (Everybody welcome)	21410 Glenwood Ave. M.R.
Feb. 13	6pm	Fireside at Mark Forster's home (Feb. 10 regular meeting cancelled!)	11439-234A Street M.R.
Feb. 17	noon	Membership Meeting	Bella Vita Restaurant
Feb. 18	6pm	Parent's Night: Your kids & Drugs... at Pitt Meadows Secondary	19438 – 116B Ave. P.M.

RI PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



As president of Rotary, it's my job to encourage and inspire Rotarians wherever I meet them. It's also my job to listen to what they have to say. Whether it's a successful project or a challenge to overcome, a great Rotary Day or a new idea, I want to hear what Rotarians are thinking, doing, and planning. So whenever I travel, I ask my hosts to talk to me about their clubs. What's going well, where do they see a need to improve, and what can we at RI headquarters do to help?

The answers are always interesting and often surprising. Sometimes I have a suggestion or an idea to contribute; sometimes I am able to make a connection that will move a project forward. Often, I go back to Evanston with ideas and insights that help guide us in our decisions. But what I value most about these conversations are the stories I hear – the stories that, taken together, tell the story of Rotary.

In Atlanta, I attended a Rotary event honoring teachers and heard story after story about the gift of literacy and how it transforms lives. In Istanbul, I attended a wheelchair race and learned how Turkish Rotarians are working to improve the lives of people with disabilities. In Lima, Peru, I talked to a former Rotaractor who waited nearly 20 years to be invited to join a Rotary club, and heard about how returning to Rotary has transformed her life.

I've heard stories that have made me laugh, and stories that have moved me to tears. I've heard stories of how our service changes the lives of others, and how it changes us as Rotarians. When I hear these stories, I can't help but wonder: How many other lives could we change for the better by bringing more people into Rotary? And how many more people could we bring into Rotary simply by sharing our own Rotary stories?

In this Rotary year, I ask all of you to do just that: Share your Rotary stories. Tell them to your friends, on social media, and through Rotary.org. Our Rotary stories are what inspire us, and what encourage others to join us; they help light up our service, as we work to *Light Up Rotary*.

Gary C.K. Huang, President 2014-15

ROTARY RELEASES \$34.8 MILLION FOR POLIO FIGHT

Posted by Sean Hogan on Jan 26, 2015 on District 5050 Website

Rotary International released \$34.8 Million to support polio immunization in 10 countries, including the 3 remaining endemic countries of Pakistan, Afghanistan and Nigeria.



CLICK HERE TO READ THE FULL STORY

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Guests (in no particular order - except, of course, alphabetical) :

Assistant District Governor **Clive Evans**
Ken Holland (Haney Club member and past president)
Jake Jude (Club Bursary Recipient)
Scott Kyle (Fireman and son of Sharon Kyle)
Irena Shantz (Realtor and better half of Poppa Duck)
Wendy Whitter (Notary and Haney Club member)

Happy and Sad

Ineke Boekhorst was extremely happy to announce that we have found a host family for our exchange student - none other than our own **Angie Edmonds!**

Walter Volpatti was pleased to announce that we have been awarded \$25,000 Gaming Grant.



MLA's Doug Bing and Marc Dalton present the Gaming Grant to our Treasurer Walter Volpatti and Ineke Boekhorst

David Rempel, together with **Ineke Boekhorst** and **Jim Michals** will be off to Russia in March on a Rotary club exchange, where they will meet with (among others) the Novosibirsk Rotary Club who visited our club a few years ago.

AG **Clive Evans** advised that he enjoyed reading our Four Way Flasher.

Bob Shantz reported that 12,000 little yellow rubber duckies have left their homeland in China and are now paddling like crazy across the Pacific Ocean with every hope of arriving here to float leisurely down the Alouette River on the day of the 2015 Rotary Duck Race.

Announcements

Ken Holland announced that we are all invited to the Haney Rotary Clubs Valentine's Day dance to be held on Wednesday, February 11, 2015 at 6 PM at the Meadow Gardens Golf Club, with the cost of only \$30 per guest, where a romantic time will be had by all.

Our club's **fireside** will be held on February 13 at the home of **Mark Forster**. This will be in lieu of our February 11 regular club noon meeting. (We are all reminded to please leave our fireworks at home.)

President Eric Mollema advised us that our own **Libby Nelson** is a member of the prestigious **Arch C. Klumph Society** of Rotary International. (When your cumulative giving to the Rotary Foundation reaches \$250,000, you are invited to an induction ceremony at the Rotary International headquarters in Evanston, Illinois, USA and your picture and biography is included in the Arch C. Klumph Society interactive gallery.)



When our club president put Libby on the spot and asked her to say a few words about it, Libby said that she did not attend the ceremony (*Libby is a modest lady*), and that she was able to make this donation in honour of her late husband who was a passionate Rotarian (*as obviously Libby also is*) as a result of a life insurance policy which she and her husband put in place (*no doubt by careful planning and financial sacrifice – what a great example to us all*).

Mini Program (not in size, but in length)

On short notice (*in place of a scheduled speaker who was unable to attend*), **Scott Kyle**

introduced **Jake Jude** who was presented with a \$1,000 Bursary from our Club to help him attend the University of the Fraser Valley. Jake is a member of the Youth Academy, and after attending university, may consider a career in fire fighting.



The Maple Ridge Fire and Rescue Web Site says this about the Youth Academy (which our Club has supported in the past):

School District No. 42 is working in partnership with the Maple Ridge Fire Department to provide a unique opportunity for secondary school students to fulfill their work experience requirements. This program is designed for students aged 16 to 18 years who are interested in firefighting as a possible future career. This program places students in a Fire Academy situation. Once selected, a student will experience everything a firefighter would experience but in an encapsulated form. Students will receive instruction on personal protective equipment, basic firefighting skills, maintenance and upkeep of the Fire Hall, and equipment / firefighting apparatus along with CPR, first aid, fire prevention and public education.

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Our Sergeant at Arms **Jim Coulter** showed that (as one of our members said) "his heart was in the right place, but the money wasn't", when he drew the 10 of Hearts from the 51 cards remaining in the deck.

Submitted by Laurie Anderson

Glenwood Elementary Playground Improvement Committee
Presents...

GRAND OPENING



You are invited to the Grand Opening for
Glenwood's newest Playground Project



This project was made possible in partnership with
Meadow Ridge Rotary Club and the generous support of
our community! Join us to celebrate this wonderful
addition to our playground!

Thursday February 5th at 2:45 pm

Please join us for

Speeches ★ Ribbon Cutting ★ Cake

Glenwood Elementary 21410 Glenwood Ave, Maple Ridge, BC

Parent's Night: Your Kids & Drugs.. A Forum



presented by:



Real life perspectives on drug and
alcohol use from teens and professionals

- find out about current drug trends
- Q&A with teens and Alouette Addictions staff
- see what drugs are out there and what to do about it.
- learn to recognize signs of use

Coming Wednesday, February 18
Pitt Meadows Secondary
6:00 pm

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