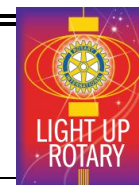


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February is World Understanding Month

Today: Membership Meeting

Next Week: Ineke Boekhorst – Who’s Who

Happy Birthday	Happy Anniversary	Invocation
Feb. 19: Mark Forster	Feb. 20: Deb Hyslop & Kerisma Vere	Feb. 17: Laura Cherrille Feb. 24: Jim Coulter

CALENDAR OF CLUB EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
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.

MESSAGE FROM ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT



Rotary International President
Gary C. K. Huang

There is a Chinese folk tale about a little frog who lived in a deep well. He was born in that well, and for him, nothing existed beyond the patch of sky he could see from his home on the bottom. Birds flew overhead, and sometimes they would stop and tell the little frog about the great world outside. But the little frog mostly ignored them. He did not want to make friends if it meant leaving his well.

One day, a sparrow swooped down and picked up the little frog to show him what he was missing. The sparrow carried him high over hills and valleys and rivers. The little frog could not believe his eyes! The world was so much bigger and more beautiful than he had imagined. The little frog thanked the sparrow and settled on the shore of a wide pond. He spent the rest of his days far outside of the well. Meeting the sparrow had changed his life.

Many of us have had our lives changed by membership in Rotary. We have become a part of something larger than ourselves. We have expanded our view of the world and our influence in it, and as part of Rotary, we are committed to creating a more peaceful world.

In January and February, individuals begin the process of applying to be part of the Rotary Peace Centers program. It is one tangible way Rotary equips future generations of peacemakers. But there are other ways we work for peace as well. It can begin with a conversation, with making a friend, with sitting down together to share a cup of coffee and an idea. These conversations are how peace begins. It’s not any more complicated than that. That was Paul Harris’ vision — a world where people have a way to come together, as friends, as equals, to build a better future for everyone. Together, we can make that vision a reality.

Together, in Rotary, we can create a healthier, happier, more hopeful world, a world of peace and friendship.

CREATE AWARENESS  LIGHT UP ROTARY

FIRESIDE AT MARK & PAULINE'S HOME

On February 13, we were the guests of **Mark and Pauline Forster** at their beautiful new home - the scene of our own "fireside".

Club members attending were: **Laurie, Ineke, Peter, Clint, Adrienne, Deborah, Sharon, Betty L, Jim, Eric, Urma, Dr. David, Kim, Bob, Walter, and Mark V.**

Special guests included three Grade 11 students from MRSS who had attended **YAIL** (see below), together with the "better halves" of some of our Rotary members (past and present): **Lorna Anderson, Lila Terwiel, Zdenka Cukor, Warren Dale, Shelley Michals, Irena Shantz, and Linda Vosper.**

Mark and Pauline, together with Mark's mother (who lives in the basement suite in the house) and their two dogs, welcomed us into their home, and out did themselves by cooking a fantastic meal, complete with Mark's special cowgirl salad (or was that cowboy?), and allowed us all to traipse through their new abode.



After some fellowship and dinner, **Sharon Kyle** introduced three students, **Austin Garcia, Darian Gaudette, and Kennedy Burlingame-Quan**, who told us about their experience attending **YAIL** (which stands for **Youth Adventures In Leadership**).

Of special interest was a 16-year-old student they met who has fulfilled a dream (originated by his father who passed away) by raising money and returning to India to establish a school for boys and girls (the majority of which were young women). One of the girls advised that she is planning to visit India herself and to visit the school which this young man has established.



David Rempel updated us on the planned trip to Russia for the Rotary Club exchange visit, and advised that the trip has been postponed until September 2015, which will hopefully allow more people to attend (and with the added benefit of the weather being more clement).

Dr. David also advised us of plans for another Frisbee Golf Tournament to be held in August 2015, when he hopes to get other clubs involved with a view to fostering fellowship between clubs and thereby promoting the works of Rotary.

Ineke Boekhorst spoke to us about our outgoing exchange student and the need for our club to raise some funds to help her finance her airfare and insurance costs for her the trip to Europe in August (the Country where the student is going has not yet been determined).

To conclude the evening, our **President-Elect Mark** divided us into three groups to "brainstorm" about possible fund raising projects which our club might participate in. Mark intends to bring forward at a future meeting the results of these ideas for the club's consideration.



For those who may not be familiar with the **YAIL** program, the following is a brief description taken from the Rotary Web Site:

YAIL is a program offered by Rotary International to participants in the 10th and 11th grades (ages 15 - 17). All costs are paid by the sponsoring Rotary club. Participating Rotary clubs range from Hope, BC to Everett, WA.

The program gives participants insight into some of the basics of what it means, and takes, to be a leader: to create a well-rounded individual with increased perspective and enthusiasm for growth, who is able to make informed decisions.

YAIL will teach participants through a variety of exercises involving leadership and growth - to empower students to network, plan, and set goals. There are four different sessions, each with a speaker, followed by an activity. The activity and the speaker are directly related to allow participants to use the skills learned in the new activity. The sessions are: Pre-judging and Assumptions; Goal Setting and Time Management; Risk Taking; Choices and Problem Solving. Participants will be divided into groups with an experienced youth facilitator. The program is led by youth, with guidance from adult Rotarians, in accordance with Rotary guidelines.

Candidates are selected and sponsored by a local Rotary Club, with a mix of males & females, Canadians & Americans. We typically have a broad range of personalities and many different types of leaders - coming from academics, sports, arts or other parts of the community. There are both verbal types and quiet ones who lead by their behaviour and by example. There are also participants that don't believe they are leaders, but learn that they are and can be leaders.

Submitted by Laurie Anderson