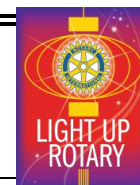


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March is Literacy Month

Today: John Becker – Mayor of Pitt Meadows

Next Week: Business Meeting – No Speaker

Happy Birthday	Happy Anniversary	Invocation
Mar. 4: Jim Coulter		Mar. 3: Adrienne Dale Mar. 10: Mike Davies

CALENDAR OF CLUB EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Mar. 27	6:30pm	Pub Night to support our outbound Exchange Student Amber with her travel expenses.	Royal Canadian Legion, 12101 224 St.



Very exciting!

Today (Feb. 17) we had the first session of our own Meadow Ridge Rotary Four Way Test in Schools Program in a grade six class in the Frank Wright Middle School in Imperial, CA.

They loved it and requests from other teachers have already started to come in.

Matt DeBruyn

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Rotary Moment

Dave Rempel told us of [not of his own "Rempel Moment", but of] a Rotary moment of polio survivor John Nanni, a member of a Rotary Club in New Jersey, who as a youngster was paralysed by polio from his neck down for six months. His "aha" and "wow" Rotary Moment was that, and as a Rotarian, he had the honour of being a part of the Rotary PolioPlus delegation to the UN General Assembly special session to "Unite Against Polio". He was introduced to Peter Salk, the son of Jonas Salk who discovered the original polio vaccine. He also met, among others, Bill Gates of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, and Canadian Rotarian Ramesh Ferris, a polio survivor, who hand-cycled across Canada for polio eradication [and who, by the way, Peter & Ineke Boekhorst once heard speak at a Rotary convention]. Mr. Nanni was amazed to see the presidents of Pakistan and Afghanistan sit next to each other for the entire event, as a sign of unity against polio. For him, it was one of the defining moments in the past decades to see world leaders unite through UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon's dedication to make polio eradication one of his major efforts during his term.

Happy and Sad Moments

Bob Shantz [who has had recently, and is having, his own unfortunate Medical Moment] was sad to advise that **Irena** had some form of a quack up and broke her ankle, but was happy to announce that our treasurer **Walter Volpatti** was able to get the

Of the things we think, say or do

Is it the **TRUTH**?

Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?

Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?

Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

Duck Race off to a Momentous start with the arrival of the newly minted gaming licence [we assume that the 12,000 newly hatched rubber duckies are still paddling their way like mad across the Pacific towards their new home in Maple Ridge].

With all that food we enjoyed at the recent Rotary Fireside at the **Forster** residence, **Mark** was said that we need not worry about leaving all that food behind because his mother saved the day by inviting all her senior friends over to her suite, in the basement of their home, to eat up the left-overs.

Mark Forster also said he and **Peter Boekhorst** attended together the District Grant Seminar, so that our Club now qualifies as an eligible Club to obtain District Grants for our service projects. [Two members from our club had to attend for the Club to qualify]. Applications have to be in, however, by August 31, 2015.

Wait a Moment! We had one Guest



Our only guest was **Matt Baillie**, one of the very enthusiastic organizers of the Rotaract Club, who announced that Rotaract is putting on a fund-raiser to support the Mission Youth House. We are all invited to support them by attending at the Mission Springs Pub on Thursday March 12 from 5:00 to 9:00 pm for Burgers [and Beverage] at a cost of only \$20.

[FYI- "Homeless youth in Mission have previously had few resources to turn to in a time of need. They avoid places frequented by homeless adults, instead seeking help at youth centres in other cities. When they don't find the help they need they risk entering a void in the current system and ending up in dangerous situations. The Mission Youth House (MY House) is hoping to fill this void and provide a safety net for youth."]

Who's Who

Our speaker was one "fantastic" lady - namely **Ineke Boekhorst** - who is, without a doubt, the busiest person in Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows, but who nevertheless always has a moment or two to spare for a good cause. These are some of the things we learned about her:



Ineke was born in the small town of Hilversum, just outside of Amsterdam, in her "hometown" of Holland. She popped out as number 5 in a family of 7 children. The year was 1950. Her father owned seven international bookstores throughout Holland - with the thought that he would someday give one to each of his 7 children - but..... [as Robbie Burns wrote in his best Scottish accent]: "the best laid schemes o' mice an' men / gang aft agley".

In 1971 she tied the knot with Peter [after which Peter had his own memorable "Aha" and "Wow" Moment].

Later in 1979, they sold everything and moved with four children (ages 2 to 7) to Canada. Landing in Montréal, they bought a motorhome and drove across Canada, where they enjoyed and marvelled at the many beautiful sights across our wide land. On the prairies the kids thought the grain elevators looked like milk cartons, and called them "milk carton houses".



Two of Ineke's sisters had already immigrated to Canada and were living in Maple Ridge, so they travelled here with the family and all six of them lived in their motorhome for three months until they were able to purchase a small home on 121st Avenue. They then moved onto 3 acres in Webster's Corner where they raised chickens, ducks, a pony, goats, sheep, and even a cow. In 1988 they moved to Pitt Meadows, and still live in that same house today.

1994 was a tragic year. Ineke and Peter's second son was killed in a motor vehicle accident on September 4 - which also happens to be the birthday of their daughter Marjolein.

Volunteering has always been a major part of Ineke's life. When her kids were young, she volunteered in Scouting, 4-H Clubs, St. Patrick's School, and the Maple Ridge Figure Skating Club and Haney Neptune Swim Club (both of which her children were members), just to mention a few.

Being an entrepreneur at heart, when her youngest child started school, she went into business, and in 1985 purchase the "Brass Nut" (selling a variety of small items) which was located across from what is now London Drugs in the Valley Fair Mall. Then, with John Menning and Norma Mitchell, they started a company called BMM and managed the BingoPlex at the corner of 224th and 119th Avenue. Next, in 1990, was "The Winning Edge", an embroidery business which, among other things, did corporate logos, etc. And last but not least, she went into business with former Rotarian Debbie Pearce and they became chocolatiers, purchasing "Chocolates by Grace" on 224 Street, which became a major supplier of chocolate corporate logos for such businesses as HSBC and Johnston Meier Insurance. [Peter no doubt helped out as the volunteer chocolate taster and receptacle for "seconds" that did not make it to the chocolate box]. They ran that successful business for nine years, and then sold it. In 2007, Ineke became the Executive Director of the Downtown Maple Ridge Business Improvement Association - a full-time job which she loves and still holds today.

Ineke has been an active Rotarian for the past 25 years ["active" is an understatement, but there is no word in the English language that will suffice]. She was introduced to Rotary by Past President Kenneth Patterson in 1991. She has held all positions in our Rotary Club, including being our President in 2001 - 2002. She has served on every committee and fundraiser event, including the Sports Banquet since 1998, the Four-Way Test Program in our elementary schools [Ineke heard about this program while attending a RI Convention and brought it back to our club for implementation], the Shelter Box Program, our Exchange Student program, the Rotary Duck Race Committee, [and everything else you can think of].

She has attended 10 Rotary International Conventions throughout the world. She, along with Peter, went to Nicaragua in 2014 and had a “fantastic” two-week experience building kitchens onto 2 schools in a small village in that country.

Her daughter **Marjolein** is a member of the Westbank Club, a Past President, District 5060 Membership Chair, RLI Trainer, PETS Trainer, and currently is Assistant District Governor.

In 2010, Ineke was chosen as Maple Ridge Citizen of the Year (shared with Mike Murray).

[The following is a list of organizations outside of Rotary that Ineke has been involved in as a volunteer within the communities of Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows:

- *Board Member of Friends in Need Foodbank. (since 2006)*
- *Board member of Ridge Meadows Education Foundation*
- *Member of the Spirit of BC, Community Organizing Committee – Olympics*
- *Board member and founding member of Caribbean Festival (since 2000)*
- *Board Member and founding member of Festival of Light Society (since 2009)*
- *Member and founding member of Arabian Nights Festival (2007)*
- *Board member of MR Christmas Festival and Santa Parade*
- *Member of the Annual Canada Day Celebration organizing committee. (since 1997)*
- *Board Member and founding member of the Heritage Day Festival*
- *Board Member of Pitt Meadows Community Foundation*
- *Volunteer Community Policing; Citizens on Patrol (since 2006)*
- *Judge for PM Day Parade annually*
- *Committee Chair for Disability Games, chairing the “Kick Off” event 2009, including organizing a wheelchair Torch Relay from Pitt Meadows City Hall to Memorial Peace Park, Maple Ridge*
- *Volunteer at the 1986 BC Summer Games*
- *Olympic Torch Relay, Maple Ridge, 2010*
- *Paralympics, Maple Ridge Celebration site, 2010*
- *Organizing Committee Rivermania 2008*
- *Maple Ridge Citizen of the Year*
- *Through the BIA: (since 2007)*
 - *Board of Directors BIA BC*
 - *Economic Advisory Committee*
 - *Social Planning Advisory Committee*
 - *Spirit Square*
 - *Our Spirit Our Town*
 - *Adopt-A-Block, clean up campaigns*
 - *Festival of Christmas Trees in the Park*
 - *Sparkle Week*
 - *Initiated “Shop Local” events*
 - *First Downtown Maple Ridge Christmas Market (2009)*
 - *Spirit Banners for Downtown MR*
 - *Gateway for Downtown MR*
 - *Façade Improvement Project*
 - *Paint the Town Red – red mitten campaign*

50/50 Condolences to **Sharon Kyle**.

Submitted by Laurie Anderson