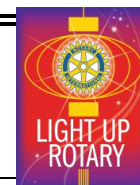


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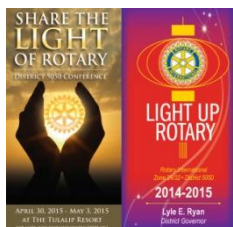
March is Literacy Month

Today: Business Meeting – No Speaker
Next Week: Carol Todd - The dream of helping children

Happy Birthday	Happy Anniversary	Invocation
Mar. 11: Patrick O'Brien		Mar. 10: Mike Davies Mar. 17: Angie Edmonds

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.



Share the Light of Rotary!

Join us at the District Conference
April 30 to May 3, 2015
 at the Tulip Resort and Casino

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Rotary International President's Representative: Jerry Hardy



Jerry Hardy and Diana Kellerman join us from San Antonio, Texas where he served as Governor of District 5840 in 2013-14 ("Engage Rotary, Change Lives"). Jerry was selected by Rotary International President Gary Huang as his official representative to our District Conference.

Rotary International Director: Mary Beth Growney Selene



Mary Beth Growney Selene is one of 17 Rotarians serving as Directors of Rotary International for a two year term (2013-15). She is a member of the Rotary Club of Madison West Towne-Middleton, Wisconsin, USA. For her biography, [CLICK HERE](#).

Rotary International Director Elect: Dean Rohrs



One of our own members, Dean Rohrs from the Langley Central Rotary Club, will serve as a Rotary International Director from 2016-2018. [CLICK HERE](#) for Dean's biography.

Conference Highlights: Speakers

Keynote Speaker: Amanda Wirtz



Amanda has an uplifting and inspiring story about her life and the challenges she has faced.

First: Rotary Exchange Student, Naval Cryptologic Analyst, Business Owner, Professional Violinist.

Then: Patient, Student, Graduate, and Researcher of her own rare disease.

Now: Ms. Veteran America and Charter President of United Services Rotary Club - a Facebook Rotary club for members of the armed services.

Amanda will share how she succeeded by asking "The Right Question".

Conference Registration Rate

\$295 (youth discounted registration is \$220)

NOTE: Registration Deadline is March 31, 2015

As we are required to give our numbers commitment to the hotel by April 1, and will not be able give refunds as of April 1, 2015.

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

President Eric opened the meeting, Mark Forster led the anthem and Past President Adrienne Dale gave the invocation.

John Becker, mayor of Pitt Meadows was our guest.

Mark Forster was honoured as the Rotarian of the Month for all his qualities, but especially for being the host – and what a quality host! – of our latest Fireside.



There is a pub night on March 26th. Twenty dollars buys a meal and a drink with the proceeds going to help our exchange student get to Europe. Fellowship is priceless.

Dave Rempel says the international student could use some work such as housekeeping or landscaping.

There is a board meeting on the 11th.

Adrienne is suggesting a camping the weekend after Labour Day. She is looking for suggestions on location.



Last year's camping "crowd" (we still have some empty chairs!)

Ken Knuttla is in hospital.



Speaker today was the Mayor of Pitt Meadows, John Becker.

John is a lawyer and has spent the last 30 years in our area. He has been involved in local volunteer groups and politics as both a counsellor and now mayor. He is a "lifer" when it comes to learning, having added special interest courses in family succession and will soon complete an MBA.

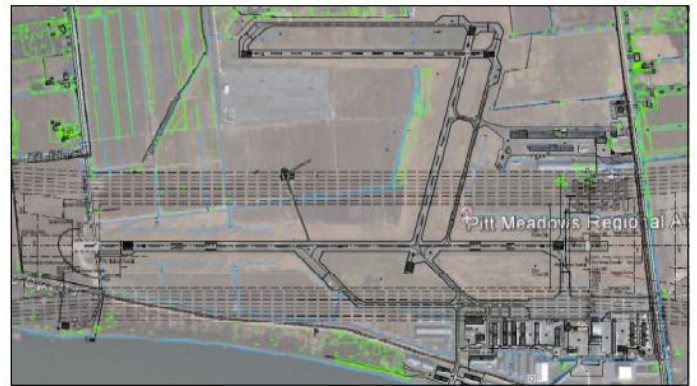
Mayor Becker gave us an overview of Pitt Meadows and contrasted it with the region. It is not a growth city as 85% of the land is in the ALR, unlike Maple Ridge, which expects a huge amount of commercial and residential growth and has a significant land bank. Through densification and strategic growth, the city hopes to enlarge its tax base while controlling transportation constraints by having good paying jobs close to

the urban centre. The North Lougheed special study area and the connector will be decided this term. It has the community split such that the best that the council can hope for is an open, consultative, and transparent process so that the group that ultimately is disappointed by the decision at least had a reasonable crack at being successful.



The mayor is concerned about our homelessness, mental illness, and drug addiction challenges. He points the finger at the provincial government mainly for not putting the resources behind a workable solution for these folks who are suffering and the communities in which they live. Police services to this population are being separately accounted and collated across the region with which to confront Victoria and Ottawa to begin changing this deplorable situation.

The mayor campaigned on a zero tax increase this year and had an open forum that was surprisingly poorly attended, especially considering the amount of publicity it received and the strong petition.



The airport is an area of concern as development is appreciated, but the attendant noise is leading to a conundrum such as Marie Antoinette might consider (can't have your cake and eat it too).

It appears that the mayor has his work cut out for him!

It was nice to have Terry Becker here today. Apparently not nice enough though to give her more than a sniff at the 50/50 jackpot as she drew a heart of three and you can't dress that up as a queen.

Submitted by Patrick O'Brien