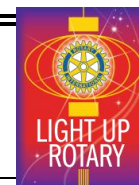


Meetings: Tuesday 12 Noon, Bella Vita Restaurant

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March is Literacy Month

Today: Carol Todd - The dream of helping children

Next Week: Annika Polegato - How Alouette Addictions supports our community

Happy Birthday	Happy Anniversary	Invocation
Mar. 21: Debbie MacRae		Mar. 17: Angie Edmonds Mar. 24: Mark Forster

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.
June 12		Installation Dinner	Pitt Meadows Golf Club

Meadow Ridge Rotary Student Exchange

Pub Night Fundraiser

raising funds to assist our outbound student AMBER



Event: Pub Night
Location: Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #88, Maple Ridge
Date: Friday March 27
Time: Doors open 6:30, dinner 7:30
Cost: \$20, includes Chicken or Steak dinner + one drink
Tickets: Ineke: iboekhorst@telus.net - 604-467-2420

Thanks for your support!

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Considering the size of our play roster of 36, we had a rather poor turnout for today's game, which Head Coach **Eric Mollema** (fearing for his job) hopes is temporary. But once again we were happy to have as our star guest **Matt Baillie**, one of the organizers of the Rotaract Club, who reminded us of the Rotaract fund-raiser at the Mission Springs Pub to support the Mission Youth House. (By the time you read this, that game will be over, but we hope they were able to hit it out of the park on the fundraising.)

Those of us who attended training camp at the home of Assistant Coach **Mark Forster** and his wife **Pauline** on the night of February 13 will not only remember the great meal they prepared for us, but also the fact that Mark divided us into three scrums so we could get concussed together about possible future fund raising projects. He promised to bring forward those ideas at a future meeting of the club for our consideration. Well, "the future is now" (as well as friendly). Mark called a "time out" early in the meeting and chalked them all up on a board or two, and gave us a bunch of stickers which we then stuck on the events that we felt would be best to pursue. From that feedback, Mark will set the play and draw up the game plan for further discussion.



Happy and Sad Loonies [we mean dollars, not our players]

First up to bat was **Jim Coulter**, our faithful Sergeant-at-Arms, who is also a director of the Meadow Ridge Hospital Foundation (of which our own **Laura Cherrille** is the Executive Director). Wearing his MRHF helmet, he thanked our Club on behalf of the Foundation for our financial support.

Bob Shantz said that his team Captain, **Irena**, is back (safe!) from Las Vegas, but that her run for home plate was temporarily delayed for a few hours when something or someone backed into her plane while on the tarmac. They had to bring in a pinch hitter which they all, eventually, boarded - and continued on their flight home.

General Manager **Ineke Boekhorst** said that, with no one in the penalty box, she had all six of her grandchildren on the ice at one time for the whole game over the weekend, and took them all to the Langley Events Centre where a fun time was had by all.

Announcements

Eric Mollema announced that our Installation Dinner will be held on Friday, June 12, by which time all cuts will have been made and our Roster finalized for the July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016 season. At this event, our Coach will be fired, our new Coach Mark Forster will be hired, and the trophies for MVR, Rookie of the Year, Most Rotarian-like, Most Improved, etc. will be given out.

Bat man **Peter Boekhorst** asked us all to check our membership profile on ClubRunner and make sure that all our statistics are current. Also, check out your photograph. Peter is going to make a new combined Club Directory for Meadow Ridge and Haney Rotary Clubs, complete with the pictures of all of us who are on the Roster. You will want your mug shot to look its best, so check it out and consider sending Peter a new one [or maybe one taken 15 years ago will be better?].

Dave Rempel is giving his best shot at our Frisbee Golf Classic to be held on August 22 and 23 on Dave's Links in Ruskin. Our team (the Meadow Ridge Forty-Nooners?) will be up against the Haney (Bogeys?) on Sunday August 23, with at least one other team playing the previous day. The play-offs will then be held to see who gets the coveted "HE-IS-OUR-MAN" Trophy.



A note of caution: As you all know, Dave has a lot of fowl friends, so please, you can "ace it", try your best "backspin" or "chip shot", and you can even fling it "in the jungle", but no Birdies, Eagles or Albatrosses allowed on Dave's back nine. After the game, we will all go back to Dave's Clubhouse for a pot luck dinner.

Ineke Boekhorst and her team of scouts found that our 2015-2016 out-bound exchange student, **Amber**, met all Rotary's draft eligibility requirements with flying colours, and now is the first draft pick for a team in Europe who will be sending us one of their own.



Amber is in need of odd jobs such as window washing or yard work, to help pay for her road trip to Europe. Ineke says she is a great girl and a fine choice as this year's Rotary Exchange student.

If anyone has a job for her, please give Ineke a call.

Bob Shantz says the plans for that most prestigious of all sporting events (next to the Frisbee Golf Classic, of course), namely, the Maple Ridge Rotary Duck Race, are proceeding smoothly. His place of business will again act as the Ticketmaster Outlet - to distribute the tickets once again this year (but that the collection of the tickets and money will be handled by the Haney Club). The Duck Race Committee is still looking for someone who can be hired to organize and run a Family Day Event at the Race Site.

Past club president **Ken Knuttila** is in hospital with a serious kidney problem and pneumonia. No doubt a card wishing him well would cheer him up.

Business Meeting

Some of our club's officers, directors and committee chairs gave reports on their best plays, the contents of which were circulated via email for us all to see.

Betty Johansen, Club Service Chair, said that our April 21 regular noon meeting will be devoted to Membership, so we are all asked to think of someone who would make a good Season Ticket Holder, and ask them to come and check out our game. The Club will pay for their admission on April 21 [but our Head Coach said that the freebee is just for those with the right 4-Way Test aptitude - i.e., girlfriends and beaus don't get in free].

Ineke Boekhorst, International Service Chair, advised that the trip to Russia in September is going ahead, but that the game in Nicaragua has been rained out (actually, her exact words were a bit of an understatement: that "the trip is a little bit on the rocks right now"). It appears that the Global Grant will not be forthcoming, and there are other unexpected problems beyond our control.

50/50

Bob Shantz started out playing a good game by winning the ticket, but failed to ace it, blaming his caddy **Jim Coulter** for giving him the shaft (the wrong one, that is, namely the Jack of Clubs). This was unusual for Bob not to get a hole-in-one, because (as we, who have competed with him in the 50/50, all know) he is usually on top of his game. For example, he was out golfing once when he was hit on the head by a golf ball. When the other golfer came to get his ball, Bob said, "I'm a lawyer and this is going to cost you \$5,000. The other golfer said, "Didn't you hear me yell FORE?" Bob quickly replied, "I'll take it!!!". Which just goes to prove the old saying: "a bad day on the golf course is better than a good day in the office".



[Of course they also say "A game of golf is a good walk ruined" and "It takes a lot of balls to play the way I do".]

Submitted by Laurie Anderson