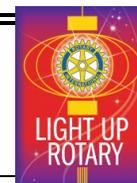


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March is Literacy Month

Today: Barbara Morgan - Emergency Preparedness

Next Week: Myrna Norman - Understanding Alzheimer's

Happy Birthday	Happy Anniversary	Invocation
		Mar. 31: Doris Gagel
		Apr. 7: Betty Johansen

CALENDAR OF CLUB EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Apr. 21	noon	Membership Meeting	Bella Vita Restaurant
June 12		Installation Dinner	Pitt Meadows Golf Club

ROTARY PUB NIGHT FOR AMBER - THE RESULTS ARE IN!

What a fabulous fun pub night event we had.....

Thanks soo much to everybody who participated in any way; that means if you donated something for the Silent Auction, donated a bottle for one of the 2 "Toonie Toss" events, if you donated straight cash, because you couldn't make it to the event, but still wanted to show your support, if you volunteered your time during the organizing stage, or during the event itself.....and of course also those who bought a ticket and just had a good time!



We thank all of you, Meadow Ridge and Haney Club members; we couldn't have done this without you.

If you were there you heard Stefanie (Amber's Mom) talk about Amber and how much Amber and the family appreciate our support. It was great to have Amber's Mom & Dad and several other family members and friends in attendance.



I think everyone enjoyed the food, the fellowship, and the Toonie and Frisbee Toss event and Silent Auction were just a lot of fun too!

On top of that we managed to gather an awesome amount of money for Amber, which will certainly assist her a lot towards

a large part of her expenses, including her open ticket to Sweden, insurance and special required formal clothing, etc

The Net proceeds of our Pub Night, you ask???????

Well, we will be able to hand Amber a cheque for:

\$3,135.00...simply amazing!

Once again, Thank You so much for supporting this well worth fundraiser, in support of our outbound Exchange Student, Amber

Submitted by Ineke

[See the pictures on the website](#)

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Rotary Moment

Rotary Moment was given by **Graeme Ross**, who was asked to be the manager of his six-year-old son's rugby team. He applied the four way test and ended up with the job.

Angie Edmonds, our Community Services Chairperson, presented **Philip Hartwick** with a cheque from our Rotary Club in the amount of \$1,500 for the **Arts Angels program** sponsored by the **Maple Ridge Pitt Meadows Arts Council**. In accepting the presentation, Philip advised that the funds will go to purchase tickets for persons who could otherwise not participate in arts programs.



Their web site states: *The Arts Angels program provides tickets to local social service agencies who in turn distribute them to those who might not otherwise be able to access arts programs and "ACT Presents" live performances. The Maple Ridge Pitt Meadows Arts Council is focused on "Bringing Arts to the Heart of our Community". Your support of the Arts Angels program helps us to expand participation in the arts and in turn provide healthy, inclusive experiences that can enrich lives and the personal well-being.*

Happy and Sad dollars

Angie advised that she attended the Rotary Leadership Institute, session #1, and was so impressed that she plans to attend session #2 which will be held in September. She advised that the facilitators were very good, as was the opportunity for fellowship and the chance to meet members from other clubs.

Dave Rempel visited two Rotary Clubs in Coquitlam and got a very good reception to his invitation to participate in the trip to Russia and our Frisbee Golf social to be held in August.

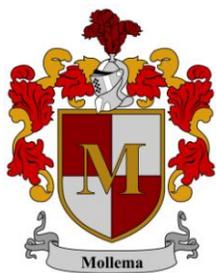
Ineke and Peter Boekhorst visited their daughter Marjolein in Kelowna and received a \$20 donation to our Pub Night (to raise money for our outgoing exchange student) from a member who wanted to help but couldn't attend in person. [Nice - every bit helps].

Announcements

Mike Davies advised our members that the club is in a position to give out a Paul Harris to a non-member who has done exceptional things for or in the community; and if we have strong feelings about who might deserve and appreciate a Paul Harris Award, then please advise Mike - and when doing so, jot down something about the person and why you believe they are a worthy candidate.

Mark Forster reminded us that on April 11 there is a District Training Seminar, and he encouraged our attendance. If you haven't been to one - contact Mark.

Guest Speaker



Our president **Eric Mollema** had the pleasure of introducing himself as our guest speaker, and entertained us with a "Who's Who" about our president (at least the first half of his life -in South Africa) complete with some humorous pictures. Eric's family originated in Holland, where his family can trace their ancestors back a few generations.

In the 1960s, his parents moved to South Africa. He lived in various places with his family there and lastly moved to Pretoria where he remained until he emigrated to Canada.

The game of Rugby played a significant part in his school life - right up until his final year in school in 1980.

Between 1981 and 1984 was conscripted to go into the National Service (as all young white men



were required to do) where it appears they had to rough it out in the bush land, honing their survival skills. He then attended university and joined the Military Unit. The survival skills which he learned in the National Service must have served him well as he seems to have survived a rather significant hazing.

To put himself through university, he had various jobs including being a conductor on a railway, working in the ambulance service, and sorting mail.

In 1991 he somehow talked **Urma** into marrying him. He obtained a law degree in 1994 and a master's degree in law in 1997. As is prone to happen during wedded bliss, his daughter Sonya came along (she will graduate from UBC in April and has been accepted at Oxford University to continue her studies), followed by their son Rijk about three or four years later.



Following his legal education, and two years of Articles, Eric began practicing law in South Africa. Eric found being an entrepreneur more challenging than being a lawyer and (as was allowed or even encouraged in South Africa) he became a businessman and a lawyer at the same time. He established a mortgage broker business, and by the time he sold that business it had 64 branches in South Africa and 890 employees. He then established "Mortgage Works", which he ran between 2003 and 2010.



Also, he got into the scuba diving business (which he also enjoyed as a hobby). He even thought owning a Party Bus would be a good idea and bought and refurbished one, but then thought better of it (after realizing that he would have to do such things as clean the toilet, which was not his cup of tea).

[As Eric had at least another 20 minutes of interesting stuff and photographs to tell us about himself, he will no doubt be called on again to fill in when our guest speaker is unable to make it]. In conclusion, President Eric had the pleasure of the thanking himself on behalf of club for his presentation [but forgot to tell himself that we would be sending a book in his name to our literacy program in Nunavut].

50/50

Peter Boekhorst proved that diamonds are not a guy's best friend, when he drew the 8 and left the pot for some other lucky soul on another day.

Submitted by Laurie Anderson