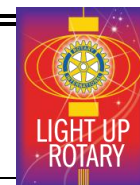


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April is Magazine Month

Today: Jim Coulter – Who’s Who

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

Happy Birthday	Happy Anniversary	Invocation
Apr. 28: Peter Boekhorst Apr. 29: Lindsay Hendy	Apr. 28: Janis & Wayne Elkerton	Apr. 28: Betty Levens May 5: Debbie MacRae

CALENDAR OF CLUB EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
June 12		Installation Dinner	Pitt Meadows Golf Club
July 19	11am	Rotary Duck Race – Race at 1pm	Maple Ridge Park – Alouette River

ROTARY DUCK RACE



If you haven't already seen it parked on Saturday at the Farmer's Market, here is our **Rotary Duck Race Grand Prize!** Be sure to get your 1 in 10,000 chance ticket. I would say the odds are favourable.

POLIO VACCINE CELEBRATES 60TH ANNIVERSARY



Dr Jonas Salk with one of the first children to receive the vaccine. © WHO

April 12 marked 60 years since the Salk polio vaccine was declared safe, effective, and potent. In that time, the number of polio cases has dropped by 99 percent worldwide. With just three countries remaining polio-endemic, we are closer than ever to eradicating this crippling disease.

Read more at www.rotary.org

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Club **President Eric Mollema** presided and **Sharon Kyle** led us in the singing of O Canada and also the Invocation.

This was a Membership Meeting, and our Guests were:

Gerry Puhan
(guest of Eric Mollema) of Dominion Lending Centre

Dean Meloni
(guest of Eric Mollema), financial Advisor with Edward Jones



Lindsey Norcross,
President of the Ridge Meadows Hospice Society.

Michael Ree
(guest of Graeme Ross), Realtor with Sutton Group



Donna Telep
(guest of Ineke Boekhorst), Mortgage Broker



Happy and Sad Bucks

- **Deborah Hyslop**, who now works in Port Coquitlam [and therefore cannot attend our regular meetings] was happy to be here during her “vacation” for a few days in our fair city.
- **David Riddell** said we would all be thrilled to know that Rotary has a new attendance program for club secretaries to keep better track of our members.
- **Libby Nelson** was in her hometown of the Village of Fruitvale, where she lived for 30 years, and the lady she nominated was named Citizen of the Year.
[Did you know that Libby was the Mayor there for 15 years?]

President elect **Mark Forster** introduced our program by showing a brief video about Rotary and its various activities. Mark advised that he had been “striving to be a Rotarian” for about the last 4 years and was “still working on it” [although we all know he has been doing a pretty good job of it].

He called upon four of our members to tell us why they like being Rotarians and their involvement in it.

Mark Vosper referred to the Rotary Motto “Service above Self”, but said that Rotary is more than that: on the international stage it is the eradication of Polio; and locally is events like our Duck Race, Wine Festival, Oktoberfest and other events to raise money for doing good in the community. He observed that many Rotary members are also very active in community organizations.

[Such as the Hospice (of which Mark is the Executive Director), the Hospital Foundation (of which Laura Cherrille is the Executive Director), the Meadow Ridge Education Foundation (of which Ineke Boekhorst, Dave Rempel and Laurie Anderson are Directors), the Pitt Meadows Foundaton (of which Ineke is a board member), to name a few]

Mark also said that being a Rotarian is not all about just coming to meetings and selling tickets – it is also fellowship and camaraderie.

Graeme Ross, one of our newest members, said that before he joined Rotary all he knew about our organization was what he had heard about the Duck Race and saw the Rotary sign on the highway.

When he learned of the Four Way Test, felt that he was already living that in his daily life. He said that the Rotary meetings expand our view of things such as listening to speakers such as Jennifer Stack from the SPCA, Carol Todd (the mother of Amanda) and the mayors of our two cities.

He said that Rotarians were “good company to keep”, and gave as an example Rotarian and Oak Harbour Mayor Scott Dudley, who gave one of his kidneys to Phil Rosario (husband of Keesha Rosario, past president of the Haney Club).

Our third speaker was **Adrienne Dale**, who said that she joined Rotary in 1998 in South Africa becoming a member of the Randburg club in District 9300. She had the privilege of becoming a Group Study Exchange Team Leader, taking young professionals to Australia in 2008.

When she emigrated to Canada one of the first thing she did was to look up the Rotary club where she knew she would be welcome, as Rotary Clubs are much the same the world over.

During her recent visit to Sydney Australia, she met with some of her previous club members from South Africa, as well as people

she had met on her exchange trip to Australia, and a contingent from British Columbia.

Ineke Boekhorst was our fourth speaker, who joined our club in 1991 [and has been our most active member ever since]. Ineke has been a 100% attendance member for the past 24 years. Donna Telep was an active member of our club when Ineke joined.

Ineke listed a number of events which our club has been involved in or sponsored for the benefit of the community over the years since the club was formed in 1990, including:

- the construction of the artificial turf sports field
- the lacrosse box
- the Salvation Army Brown lunch program
- Shelter Box Canada [which resulted in 60 shelter boxes at a cost of \$1000 each]
- the Esteemed team [where successful local athletes have inspired our schoolchildren]
- Christmas Haven
- local celebrations such as Canada Day
- the Score Clock at Samuel Robertson High School
- the Nunavut literacy program
- purchase of equipment for the Ridge Meadows Hospital
- raising funds to help build the Hospice building
- the Arts Angels Program
- the Community Services Counsel with its program such as Meals on Wheels
- purchase of musical instruments for Whonnock School
- score signs for Minor Lacrosse
- playground equipment at Glenwood Elementary
- KidSport

Ineke also shared her enthusiasm for attending Rotary International Conventions, of which she (and Peter also) has attended in countries all over the world.

“Rotary has been a big part of my life and that of my family” including her daughter Marjolein, who currently lives in Kelowna and is an Ambassador for Shelter Box, an Assistant District Governor, and the District Chair for Membership.

In January 2014 Ineke and her husband Peter (among other Rotarians including Angie Edmonds) attended their first “hands on project” when they travelled to Nicaragua to build kitchens onto two schools there in a small village, thereby helping to make sure that the young children received at least one good cooked meal a day. Says Ineke, “it was a life-changing experience” which each of us should try to participate in.

Following our meeting, a number of us (**thanks to Dave Rempel’s efforts**) tried our hand at throwing a Frisbee through a ring thereby raising some money for the club - while having some fun doing it.

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Mark Forster won the Jack of Spades, but nothing else.

Submitted by Laurie Anderson

