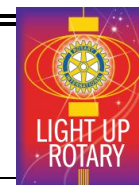


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## April is Magazine Month

**Today:** Annika Polegato - How Alouette Addictions supports our community

**Next Week:**

Happy Birthday	Happy Anniversary	Invocation
May 9: Walter Volpatti	May 1: Terry & John Becker May 2: Ken & Gayle Paterson May 8: Doris & Ted Gagel	May 5: Jim Michals May 12: Libby Nelson

## 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

## RI PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



One of my favorite parts of a Rotary convention is the House of Friendship. In Chinese, we say:

有朋自遠方來，不亦樂乎。

"To have friends come together from faraway places is a wonderful thing."

At the 106th annual Rotary International Convention, 6-9 June, the House of Friendship will reflect the excitement and

the diverse blend of cultures of São Paulo, the host city.

In between general sessions, you can relax and enjoy all that Brazil has to offer – sample the cuisine, browse locally made gifts, and take in top-quality entertainment. You also can get ideas for service and find partners at booths showcasing Rotary projects and Rotarian Action Groups.

And best of all, you'll have the opportunity to spend time with old friends and make many new ones.

The House of Friendship is a wonderful place to bring your convention guests – your family and your friends from home. By attending conventions with me, my family experienced the true internationality of Rotary. Eventually my wife, Corinna, and all three of my children joined Rotary clubs.

You and your guests will want to be sure to come early for World Water Summit 7, on 4 June, sponsored by the Water and Sanitation Rotarian Action Group, or for the Rotary Peace Symposium, 4-5 June.

This year we are honored that Dr. Oscar Arias, former president of Costa Rica, will be the keynote speaker at the Rotary Peace Symposium. Arias received the Nobel Peace Prize for brokering a peace agreement that ended the brutal civil wars in Central America.

Other events 4-5 June include the Rotaract Preconvention Meeting, the International Institute, and the Youth Exchange Officers Preconvention Meeting.

When the convention is over, spend time exploring all that Brazil has to offer – pristine beaches just a few hours away, the excitement and glamour of Rio de Janeiro, and the wonders of the Amazon rain forest.

Every year, I return from the Rotary convention inspired to do more, to give more in Rotary service throughout the year. Register today at [www.riconvention.org](http://www.riconvention.org).

I look forward to seeing you in São Paulo!

Gary C.K. Huang, President 2014-15

## LAST WEEK'S MEETING

### Rotary Moment

**Kim Roberts** related that, when a teenager, she observed a bully on a public bus taunting some refugee children but the bus driver did nothing. The next day the same thing happened. So she took matters into her own hands and went up to the bully and told him to sit down and stop what he was doing. It only took one person brave enough to stand up to him, because on the next day he ceased his behaviour. A good lesson learned early.

Our guests were **Irena Shantz** and past Meadow Ridge Rotary



Club President **Robert Campbell**, the latter of whom is visiting us all away from Nova Scotia. Not all of our new members may know that Robert and his wife Cailin Green, who are known as "Campbell and Green" to the music world, are musicians, singers and songwriters, and will be in British Columbia playing at various venues for the next three weeks. They will be playing in Maple Ridge at House

Concert @ Westacres, Maple Ridge, Friday May 15, from 7:30pm –10:30 pm. Check out their web site which gives further information, and which says:

*Husband and wife duo, Campbell & Green, delivers a relaxed, professional style and rapport. Their music serves as a conduit for the passion they share for each other and the world around them, reflected in their strong vocals and harmonies. Since teaming up in the fall, 2005, Robert and Cailin have put together an eclectic mix of original music and covers to entertain their audiences. Over the last few years they have concentrated on writing original material and their second recording titled 'east' was released June 2013.*

#### Happy and Sad

**David Rempel** said that his thoughts were with the people on Nepal who are suffering from the terrible earthquake in that country. On a happier note, he recently came back from a trip to a bird auction in Edmonton, which made him think of what a great country we have to live in.

**Mark Vosper** was happy to advise that his daughter was recently married in Germany, and that he was able to enjoy the ceremony even though it took place between 12:30 AM and 2:30 AM (presumably via Skype).

**Ineke Boekhorst** also acknowledged the tragedy in Nepal. She also reminded us that the District Conference is coming up in Tulalip, Washington, and that she and Peter will be attending and camping with other Rotarians in their motorhomes. Immediately thereafter, she will be travelling to Edmonton for a BIA-BC conference.

**Peter Boekhorst** has just turned 70!

He didn't say whether that was a happy or sad moment, but he got his just desserts when he was presented with a cake to celebrate the occasion. (Although he offered to share the cake with the rest of us, the restaurant provided us all with our own individual desserts, and provided no knife to cut the cake, so he had to take it home with him untouched.)



#### Announcements

**Bob Shantz** noted that so far this year there is only approximately 1/3 of the number of groups selling tickets to the Duck Race as compared to last year, which will put more onus on our club members to get out and sell tickets.

Speaking of Nepal, it was suggested that our club purchase a **Shelter Box** which can be sent to help the million plus homeless people in that country. \$1,200 purchases one Shelter Box, and if

12 of our club members can come up with \$100 each we can send a box to Nepal.

#### Program - Jim Coulter's Who's Who



Jim was born on March 4, 1951. He hardly got to know his hometown when his father moved to Agassiz in October 1952 and obtained a job as a milk delivery man. Starting in 1953 he worked for one company from which he retired in 1978. Tragically, at the age of 59, he died in a car accident in 1980.

Jim went the same elementary and high school through all of his school years and graduated in 1969. He was very

active in school sports, particularly baseball at which he excelled. In fact, after high school he remained active in baseball for 40 years.

As a young lad one of the first jobs that he got was at the Harrison Hotel where he served such famous guests as Bob Hope and Pierre Trudeau. In 1971 he moved to Kamloops to find other work, but then he and a friend decided to leave their jobs and take a four-month road trip across Canada - a memorable event which he does not regret doing.

In 1973, while working, he fell 45 feet to the ground from a telephone pole and was seriously injured. The fact that he was only 23 years of age probably saved his life, but even then it took him nine months to recover.

In 1977 he married, and a year later his first child was born. He got into the car sales business and became the manager of a used car dealership. Thereafter he got interested in the newspaper business and was offered a job in 1987 for the Kamloops Sentinel Newspaper. This seemed like a good career move to a secure job as that newspaper was one of the oldest publications in the province. Unfortunately, five months after he started the newspaper shut down (through no fault of his own). Thereafter he got other jobs in the newspaper business. To supplement his income he started his own successful side business, namely that of a mobile disc jockey where he provided music for various dances and other occasions. In 1993 he moved to Victoria and became the manager of a newspaper in Sydney. In November 2000 he became the managing editor of the Maple Bridge News, a job which he still holds today.

Jim has been very community minded throughout his life and has coached soccer for 25 or 30 years, as well as coaching hockey. He was also a scout leader for a period of time when his children were young. He has enjoyed racquetball, skiing, and even motorcycling. He is a past president of our local Chamber of Commerce, a director of the Ridge Meadows Hospital Foundation, and of course has been a Rotary member for many years. He also admits to being a terrible golfer.

Jim has five children of which he is very proud (one daughter and four sons). Coming soon to a hospital near you will be Jim's first grandchild.

#### 50/50

**Mark Vosper** now has two hearts, the 2 of Hearts that is, which he pulled from the deck after winning the ticket. The right suit - but not the Queen.

**Submitted by Laurie Anderson**