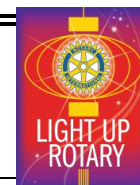


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Today: Laurie Anderson – Who’s Who

Next Week:

Happy Birthday	Happy Anniversary	Invocation
	June 2: Mark & Pauline Forster June 4: Brian & Sharon Bekar	June 2: David Riddell June 9: Kim Roberts

CALENDAR OF CLUB EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
June 12	6pm	Awards and Installation Dinner	Pitt Meadows Golf Club
July 19	11am	Rotary Duck Race – Race at 1pm	Maple Ridge Park – Alouette River

RI PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE



When I began this Rotary year as your president, I wanted us, above all, to *Light Up Rotary*. I wanted us to share with the world how many wonderful friendships and experiences we have found in Rotary, and how Rotary has transformed and enriched our lives. I knew that by telling others about Rotary, we would increase membership,

build stronger clubs, and improve our ability to help people in need.

As we end this 2014-15 Rotary year, I am honored by your response and will always be grateful for how you have risen to this challenge. You have answered my call to Light Up Rotary by holding many successful Rotary Day celebrations in your communities; you have outdone yourselves in your contributions to our Rotary Foundation; and you have moved all of Rotary forward with new members and new clubs.

When I chose my theme for my year as president, I was inspired by the words of Confucius, who said, "It is better to light a single candle than to sit and curse the darkness."

This year, more than 1.2 million Rotarians, along with Interactors, Rotaractors, Rotary Youth Exchange participants, and Rotary Peace Fellows, have lit their own candles in tens of thousands of communities. Together, the lights we have kindled have created a great light that shines for all the world to see.

I thank all of you for the opportunity to serve as your president this year, and for the hard work and dedication of our volunteer leadership and our staff members. I came to them with high expectations – and they delivered.

I also am grateful for the many friends I have made during this Rotary year, and for the wonderful visits I've had to so many places. I will always remember, with great fondness, riding on the Rotary float in the Rose Parade, watching children enjoy the Japanese drummers at the Rotary Day open house at RI headquarters in Evanston, and bicycling through the night in Colombo during the Ride to Light Up Rotary event, celebrating a polio-free Sri Lanka.

I have seen a new energy in Rotary this year, and felt a new excitement. We've seen more and more women and young people join Rotary as well – including my wife, Corinna, and our three children.

I hope that in the year to come, you will continue your wonderful work to *Light Up Rotary* – and to help it *Be a Gift to the World*.

Gary C.K. Huang
RI President 2014-15

LAST WEEK’S MEETING

Guest

Our guest for the meeting was **Jose Brazeau**, invited by our incoming president **Mark Forster**. Jose works in conjunction with the Maple Ridge Seniors Village, an assisted living and care facility on 119th Avenue.

Some of us got it wrong last week. We understood that it was **Bob Shantz** who had broken his hand and thus caused his upcoming surgery to be delayed. It turns out that it was the surgeon who found he couldn't do his work with one hand tied behind his back, thus delaying Bob's operation until July or maybe later.

Cheque Presentation

Mark Forster, a prominent Mason as well as a Rotarian, presented our club with a cheque in the amount of **\$2,000 from the British Columbia Masonic Foundation**, a Division of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia and Yukon. The letter accompanying the cheque was from the Office of the Grand Secretary, George Moore, who wrote: "We are pleased to be able to support your effort in this small way and wish you every success in attaining your objectives and fulfilling your wish list".



Business Meeting

As usual, most of our directors submitted their reports online, thus not only shortening our meeting but also our newsletter.

However, **Secretary David Riddell** said in his year-end report that annual attendance has been between 52% and 75%. We have 38 Members in our Club, and between July 2013 and May 2015 Club membership has risen from 31 to 35 members, so we now have 35 active members and 3 honorary members. Our Club is split 54%/46% males/females. Full membership attendance, after make-ups are applied, is 80.64%. Our Club President **Eric Mollema** and Treasurer **Walter Volpatti** are the only two members to have made all 43 meetings so far this year.

Treasurer Walter Volpatti gave us a breakdown of the **four accounts** that we have in the club. In our **Foundation Account**, all funds in there are spoken for, and we hold \$2,500 in connection with a Duck Race sponsor, and \$2,150 for Shelter Box member donations. In the **Sports Banquet Account**, we have dispersed all funds to the community that are going to be dispersed (\$46,000), and because the Tennis Club project did not go ahead there is \$30,000 extra that was not contemplated. \$8,600 was used to buy new ducks for the Duck Race (we will recover approximately 50% of that from the Haney Club) and remaining funds (of about \$31,000) will be moved to our Club Account. In our **Gaming Account**, after various bursary another committed funds are accounted for, there will be a remainder of approximately \$23,000. This will not affect our funding for next year, and our gaming application for further funds will go forward in October 2015. Lastly, in our **Club Account**, we have net assets of approximately \$60,000 of which \$29,000 will be needed as security for the 2015 Duck Race line of credit. As noted above, we will be transferring \$31,000 from the Sports Banquet Account into the Club Account.

International Service chair Ineke Boekhorst advised that the Nicaragua project will be going ahead in 2016 if all goes well.

Four members from all our meadow Ridge club and one member from the Haney club are planning to go on the trip to Russia in early 2016, where they will make contact with the Russian club who visited us several years ago, and visit several cities where they will be billeted by Rotary members in that country.

Club members have donated \$2,400 which will be enough to purchase two Shelter Boxes. The Shelter Box Program has distributed 1,500 shelter boxes in Nepal. Ineke pointed out that the shelter boxes that are distributed to places throughout the world are held in warehouses and previously purchased, waiting for the need to arise. For this reason they did not qualify for the contribution of dollar-for-dollar by the federal government, which requires all donations to purchase the boxes sent to Nepal to be contemporary.

Vocational Service chair Matt DeBruyn stated that six out of the eight applicants for bursaries for this past year have been paid out to the recipients, and two are on the waiting list. With respect to applicants for next year, six applications out of the eight available bursaries have been applied for, and five of them have already been officially approved. Six applications out of the eight available bursaries have been applied for, and five of them have already been officially approved. David Rempel is contacting the schools to try to get the word out about the availability of the bursaries to qualifying students.

Matt also advised that the Four Way Test is completed for this school year, but the committee is aiming for seven classes to be held next year.

Rotary Duck Race:

Bob Shantz advised that the number of groups applying to sell duck tickets are down, as are sales of duck tickets. **Irena Shantz** and **Brenda Garcia** are working hard on the activities to be held on the race day. The idea is to go directly from the Duck Race into the activities, to keep the crowd on-site to enjoy the activities and the food which will be available.

Ineke stated that dates are open at the venues for ticket sales near the end of June and the third week of July. She suggested that club members get a team together to sell tickets at the sites and to advertise Rotary.

Socials:

Adrienne Dale reminded us that September 11-13 are the dates set for the annual "Camp Out", with the possible venue at Cultus Lake or Fort Langley. For those who do not have a camper or who do not wish to shelter in a tent, there is always the option of simply coming for the day to enjoy the fun and fellowship which the event will surely enjoy.

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Laurie Anderson removed from the deck the Queen of Diamonds, who appeared very distraught to think that we should favour the cranky (and some say heartless) Queen of Hearts over herself.

Submitted by Laurie Anderson

