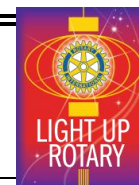


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Today:

Next Week:

Happy Birthday	Happy Anniversary	Invocation
June 14: Bob Shantz		June 9: Kim Roberts June 16: Graeme Ross

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

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Guests

Our guest for the meeting was **Frank Schartinger**, representing the **Ridge Meadows Fall Prevention Society**, who accepted a cheque in the amount of \$500 to assist in their programs.



The purpose of that organization is [not to reduce the seasons of the year from four to three, but rather] to reduce the frequency and severity of falls and fall-related injuries in older adults. They target both the community at large (such as Seniors Centres, Fitness Facilities and Retirement Communities) and those who have fallen or are at risk of falling in their home, e.g., in houses, in apartments, and in assisted living or supportive housing complexes. Their function is *“to develop partnerships and work collaboratively with municipalities, community organizations and seniors groups etc. in their formation of best practice “tool kits” for communities, and to create awareness of fall risk strategies and prevention strategies within Fraser Health communities.”*

As an example, Mr. Schartinger passed around a booklet designed for children, entitled “Safety Superheroes” that teaches children about ways and means of preventing their grandparents from falling, including such basic things as making sure that their toys [the children’s, not grandpa’s] are not left in passageways and stairs which could cause someone to trip, and to encourage

children, in turn, to encourage their grandparents to install safety features in their homes such as railings.

Happy and Sad happenings in our member’s lives

Mark Vosper has just returned from a great trip to England and Germany, visiting the country in which he was born [can you tell by his accent which it was?] as well as the country in which he worked for number of years [in the armed services?].

Dave Rempel said he was in the process of becoming a father of quintuplets [or is that quitswanlets?], as three out of the five eggs of his trumpeter swans have already hatched and a fourth is trying to peck his way out.

Sharon Kyle will be looking for a newfangled gadget which will act as an automatic voice interpreter, as she is expecting two visitors from Japan (they are coming to inspect the golf course) who cannot speak a word of English.

Libby Nelson presented our club with an exchange banner which she received from her former Beaver Valley Rotary Club, in Fruitvale, BC.



Master Finers

Our mystery greeter was **Jim Coulter** who somehow tricked about five of our members into paying a fine of \$1.00 each for not shaking his hand while he was distracting them by collecting meal and raffle tickets at the door, and **Betty Levens** also collected a few toonies from a few loonies who did not know the name of **our new District Governor for 2015-2016 - Bill Robson** from Langley Central.

Important Announcement

Incoming Club President Mark Forster said that to date there have been only 28 tickets purchased for our Installation Dinner to be held on Friday, June 12, 2015, and urged all club members to attend this event with their spouses and or prospective members or friends. **Current Club President Eric Mollema** pointed out that the club has to pay for 50 tickets no matter how many attend, so our presence at the event is urgently needed. [Get with the program, peoples!]

All members are entitled to receive two copies of our new **Club Membership Directory**, thanks to the hard work and time spent by **Peter Boekhorst** who designed, made up, laid out and put together this excellent publication, for the benefit of both the Meadow Ridge and Haney Rotary Clubs.

Program -Who's Who - Laurence (Laurie to his family, friends, Rotarians and long time clients) Anderson



Although his move from his birthplace in Raymond, Alberta to Vancouver, British Columbia is (by Canadian standards) only a hop, skip and a jump [which he accomplished as an 8 year-old as a result of certain “serendipitous” events] Laurie’s ancestors had farther to go in both time and space. His 8th great grandfather on his father’s side moved from England to Boston in 1635 at the age of 16 [with, no doubt, greater difficulty than that provided by the Canadian Pacific Railway].

It took his mother’s side of the family a little longer to cross the Atlantic, for it wasn’t until 1925 that his 22-year-old mother arrived from England, but this time on the Canadian side of the border. Both his father and mother, though worlds apart and through no effort [or fault] of their own, happened to be born into Mormon families. His father was born in Utah in 1897, and arrived in Alberta (then part of the Northwest Territories) with his parents and grandparents and other Church members in 1903 at the behest of the Mormon Church, which wanted to establish a [non-polygamist] presence in Canada. Thus the town of Raymond came into being approximately 20 miles from the city of Lethbridge.

His mother’s goal in coming to Canada was also religiously motivated - she wanted to better her life and establish a family with a Mormon husband which she feared would never happen in the town of Grimsby [the Grimsby Matchmakers Dating Site was apparently lacking at the time]. Thus the twain did meet.

After producing five children between 1932 in 1938, his parents probably thought they had called the last one “Quits”, but four years later called him “Laurence Wilford”. Laurence’s memory of his first 8 ½ years is that of a happy and carefree childhood. The

reality for his mother and his five older siblings, however, was slightly different. Because of the childhood illness of rheumatic fever which afflicted his father, his father suffered from congestive heart failure which interfered with his employment. A third or fourth heart attack [or the unexpected birth of his sixth child?] finally did him in at the age of 47, leaving his wife of 13 years with six children ranging in age from 1 to 11 years, and no financial resources except a house on the outskirts of town of questionable value. As the house was originally a grain storage building, had no insulation, inside plumbing or tap water of any sort, and had only a wood and/or coal kitchen and potbellied stove on which to heat the water from a well for washing the clothes and the brood and warming the house, it was not of the 5-star variety. What saved the day for his mother was that the Alberta Government provided a “Widow’s Pension” of \$80 per month and the Federal government introduced the Children’s Allowance program. [What saved the day for Laurie was that he did not know they were poor.]

His mother’s chance to make a better life for herself and her children finally came when her sister (who just happened to own a large house six blocks from Kitsilano beach in Vancouver) offered to take the family into her home until they could establish themselves in their new land of opportunity. Thus it was that in 1951 at the age of 8 years Laurie found himself in British Columbia - thanks to the generosity of his aunt and the perseverance of his mother. And, as they say, the rest is history [or as **Paul Harvey** always said, “And now you know the rest of the story”].

At the age of 22, Laurie married to Lorna, and five weeks later (in September of 1965) entered UBC law school [surprising himself by ranking fourth in grades in the first year while falling to seventh in the third year of law]. Jobs were easier to come by in the 50s and 60s, and Laurence was able to work in the summers as well as on weekends throughout the year (mainly delivering for the parcel post and picking up mail from the red boxes throughout Vancouver and West Vancouver) both while attending UBC and during his year of Articles. Lorna and Laurie decided [for some deranged reason] that Lorna would quite her job as a bank teller to have their children during this period. By the time Laurie was six months into his year of Articles, he and Lorna were the proud parents of their two kids, Stephen and Jordan.

Apart of course from his family, Laurence’s main interests have been: his practice of law [he is still practising at that - 46 years], fixing up their Pender Harbour cabin [it is now up for sale after 23 years], playing cowboy for a week or two every year at the Flying U Ranch on Green Lake near 70 mile house [22 years for Lorna and 12 for him], his membership in the Rotary Club [17 years, and 10 years in the Pitt Meadows Lions previously] and international travel. He and/or Lorna have had the privilege of setting foot on all seven continents [if you include New Zealand as part of the continent of Australasia, as David Riddell says you can do], and through these travels they have met some of their closest life-long friends.

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Last week the Queen of Diamonds – this week it is the Jack of Diamonds – (pulled from the deck by **Peter Boekhorst**).

Submitted (and redacted) by Laurence Wilford Anderson