

Meetings: Tuesday 12 Noon, Bella Vita Restaurant

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Today: **July 14 Meeting is cancelled due to the Fireside & duck tagging at Bob's place @ 5:30pm**

Next Week:

Happy Birthday	Happy Anniversary	Invocation
July 10: Eric Mollema		July 21: Mark Vosper July 28: Laurie Anderson

CALENDAR OF CLUB EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
July 19	11am	Rotary Duck Race – Race at 1pm	Maple Ridge Park – Alouette River
Aug. 23		Frisbee Golf at Dave Rempel's place	10607-277th St. - Maple Ridge
Oct. 27	noon	District Governor Bill Robson's official visit	

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Out with the Old – and In with the New.



The first meeting of the new Rotary year started off with our new Club President Mark Forster presenting to past President Eric Mollema the previous year's banner, bearing the theme "Light up Rotary"



and replacing it with the new banner for this year, reminding us all to "Be a Gift to the World".

Mark then gave us his president's message, with his own theme:



This year's theme for K.R. "Ravi" Ravindran, our Rotary International President for the 2015-2016 year is "Be a Gift to the World".

Well, I have a theme too and it's not all about me! So my theme for this year is to "Make your Mark in Rotary".

Each of us can and does have a responsibility to make our mark on the world, in whatever way we can. We are all capable of reaching out, meeting the four way test, and of doing good things in our daily lives that will affect those around us. As Rotarians, we encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster the development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service through our businesses, occupations, and in our personal lives.

In Rotary, we are accepted as a member of our club, but we are not made Rotarians in the true sense of the word. That is a distinction each of us must gain for ourselves. We were all welcomed to the club not only for the fine fellowship we share, but also for the assistance we provide to help us carry out the club's projects for the purpose of making our community, our country, and the world a better place to live.

We must make our own mark in Rotary! The mark that represents the objects of Rotary. We have a duty to make that mark wherever we are, and in whatever circumstance we find ourselves. Whether it be helping our neighbour, supporting our fellow Rotarians or providing a service both within and without

our communities. We do these things because that is what we subscribe to as members of this organization. All it requires is commitment. It is up to all of us to inspire others to make their mark in Rotary and to create new windows of opportunity to serve our communities. So think of ways you can make your Mark, and inspire others to do the same.

What do I want to accomplish this year? Here are a few of my personal goals.

- increase participation and attendance at our regular meetings,
- implement the fundraising ideas initiated last year,
- participate in a hands on project in our community,
- revisit and update the club strategic plan with a view to the future,
- encourage our members to support the Rotary Annual Giving Program through regular monthly contributions.

I look forward to working with all of you to make your Mark in Rotary this year. Let's infuse all our members with the desire to do more than come to a meeting once a week. Let's continue to work together to mark out a future we can all be proud of! At the end of this Rotary year, let's look back with pride on what we've done to further our involvement and Make our Mark in Rotary and allow us all to be that Gift to the World.

Mark Forster
President 2015-2016, Rotary Club of Meadow Ridge

Rotary Moment

Ineke Boekhorst read to us from the latest issue of the Rotary Magazine a brief article from another Rotary member as to why they joined Rotary.

Says Ineke, "I couldn't have said it better myself".
[If you missed the meeting, check it out in the magazine].

Guests

Brian Bekar, acting as our Sergeant-at-Arms, introduced the three special guests:

- from the far away Australian Outback, **Guy Kingwill** from the Mildura Deakin Rotary Club, in Mildura, Australia.
- from the not so far away Kelowna Outback, **Nicholas and Jordan**, two of Ineke and Peter's grandchildren (whose mom, Marjolein, is an AG of Rotary District 5060).

Happy and Sad

Brian Bekar is happy that he has only one more permit to obtain in order to complete the construction of his new Marks Work Warehouse store which will be opening soon at its new location.

Matt Debruyn was happy that, on a recent trip, a broken axle on his trailer was discovered while his vehicle was stopped for gas and not while he was driving down the road [which otherwise could have resulted in Matt and Lynda breaking their own axles].

Walter Volpatti give up \$10 to wish **Bob Shantz** success and best wishes for his operation which is scheduled for July 10th.

Ineke had all seven of her grandchildren over for the weekend - [what stamina!]. She also noted that the Langley Rotary Club has in its possession 5,000 Canadian illustrated dictionaries, and that our club could consider taking some of those off its hands as a fundraising/literary project.

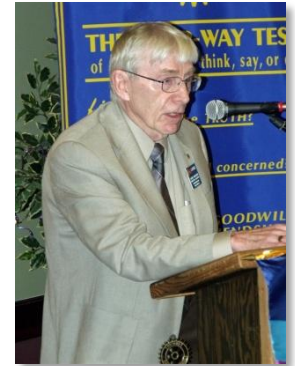


Paul Harris Recognition

As his last duty as outgoing club President, **Eric Mollema** recognized **Mike Davies** with a Paul Harris award for his service to the club, including his chairing the Paul Harris committee.

Speaker

Laurie Anderson touched on the topic of "Planning for Incapacity - Powers of Attorney and Representation Agreements". He noted that there are three areas that one should plan for, namely, financial affairs (covered by powers of attorney), and healthcare and personal care (both covered by representation agreements).



Firstly, **Mark Vosper** [who, as Executive Director of Hospice, 'knows what he's talking about'] told us about the importance of planning for the end of life experience.

Then, Laurie reviewed what legal procedure is available to deal with financial affairs if a person does not plan ahead, namely, an application to court pursuant to the Patients Property Act, which is an expensive procedure and requires a court order based on the evidence of two doctors as to incapacity, the posting of a bond in most cases, and probably reporting to the Public Guardian and Trustee.

An "enduring power of attorney" avoids this procedure, and allows a person (called the principal, or grantor, or donor) to appoint their agent (called the attorney) to look after their financial affairs if they become incapacitated. It is called "enduring" because it endures or continues despite incapacity. Laurie also noted the difference between a power of attorney which takes effect immediately and a "springing" power of attorney which only takes effect upon the proof of the event of incapacity, and discussed when powers of attorney terminate, rules and restrictions that are contained in the Power of Attorney Act, and who can make a power of attorney.

Although the Health Care Consent Act automatically gives certain family members and sometimes a close friend (in a special order of priority) the ability to consent to healthcare on behalf of an incapacitated person, this does not apply to personal care, and the powers of this "temporary substitute decision-maker" is more limited that is possible through a written Representation Agreement.

50/50

Ticket taker **Brian Bekar** found himself the winner of the 50/50 draw, but he lost out on the pot by retrieving the King of Diamonds from the shrinking deck of cards.

Submitted by Laurie Anderson