

Meetings: Tuesday 12 Noon, Bella Vita Restaurant

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SEPTEMBER IS NEW GENERATIONS MONTH

Today: Phoenix MacLaren - Her experience at the Rotaract North America Conference

Next Week: Business Meeting

Happy Birthday	Happy Anniversary	Invocation
Sep. 15: Graeme Ross Sep. 21: Karen Hendrickson	Sep. 17: Adrienne Dale	Sep. 15: Jim Coulter Sep. 22: Adrienne Dale

CALENDAR OF CLUB EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Sep. 23	6:30pm	Rotary Duck Race Cheque Presentation	Meadow Gardens Golf Club
Oct. 27	noon	District Governor Bill Robson's official visit	
Dec. 8	Noon	Meadow Ridge Rotary AGM	

SOME SET-BACKS FOR POLIO ERADICATION

The World Health Organization says officials have found two children stricken by polio in Ukraine, the country's first cases of the paralytic disease in nine years.

Health officials had warned Ukraine was at high risk of a polio outbreak due to its low vaccination rates; only half of children were immunized against diseases like polio last year.



In this April 2013 photo pediatrician Fyodor Lapiy examines a child before administering him a combined vaccine. Only about half of Ukraine's children are fully immunized against vaccine-preventable communicable diseases, compared to over 90% in Western Europe, according to UNICEF.

WHO said the risk of Ukraine exporting polio to other countries was low but noted the region where the cases were found shares borders with Romania, Hungary, Slovakia and Poland.

POLIO RESURFACES IN MALI FROM EBOLA-HIT GUINEA, WHO SAYS



A health worker checks the temperature of a baby entering Mali from Guinea at the border in Kouremale in October 2014, during the worst Ebola outbreak on record. Recently, a Guinean toddler travelled to Mali and became that country's first case of the crippling disease in more than four years, the World Health Organization reports.

There is a high risk of polio spreading in Ebola-ravaged Guinea and Mali, the World Health Organization said on Monday, after a Guinean toddler travelled to Mali and became that country's first case of the crippling disease in more than four years.

Preliminary tests by authorities in Mali's capital showed the 19-month-old was paralysed on July 20, seven days before being brought to

Bamako for treatment. The strain of the virus is the same as one detected in Siguiri in Guinea's Kankan region, in August 2014.

The Mali polio case, caused by a strain of the virus known as type 2, is the second setback in a week for global efforts to eradicate polio, after two cases were reported in Ukraine.

"The risk of spread is considered to be high in both countries due to low rates of vaccination coverage in both Mali and Guinea," WHO spokesman Cory Couillard said in an emailed comment to Reuters.

"Both countries are taking coordinated emergency response measures to bring the outbreak to an end quickly."

In Kiev, Health Minister Alexander Kvitashvili said Ukraine is obtaining about 1.2 million vaccination doses under a UNICEF program funded by Canada.

The Mali and Ukraine cases are both vaccine-derived polio, meaning the virus spread after being excreted by people who have been immunised with live oral polio vaccine.

Vaccine-derived polio outbreaks are rare, but pose more of a risk in populations where health systems are fragile and people immunisation coverage is low.

EBOLA HITS VACCINATION RATES

WHO figures show Guinea's polio vaccination coverage fell from 63% to 42% in 2014, as the Ebola outbreak caused chaos and overwhelmed an already weak national health system. In Mali, by contrast, polio vaccination coverage rose to 84% in 2014, from 72 to 77% in preceding years.

A global vaccination campaign has largely stamped out the virus, and only Pakistan and Afghanistan have reported cases of wild polio virus this year. Like Ukraine, Madagascar and Nigeria have suffered vaccine-derived cases.

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

President Mark opened the meeting, Past President Adrienne Dale did a fabulous job of the anthem and Laura Cherrille gave the invocation.

Matt DeBruyn gave us a Rotary moment. He read a letter from one of our bursary recipients who is on his way to being a carpenter. It was clear from the letter that he needed the funds having lost a significant part of the family income to disability. He had also done his homework citing the 4-way test among other uniquely Rotary buzz concepts. It seems that while the bursary program has its difficulties, it make a big difference to one person and his family.

Trade Apprentices Bursary Awards
Rotary Club of Meadow Ridge

Dear Rotarians:

My name is Robert Smith (not his real name), and I am graduating from (blank) Secondary School this June. I am an Honour Roll student and I am interested in applying for your \$1,500 Bursary Award, which would really help me during my next year of occupational training.

I have lived all my life in Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows, and have loved the spirit of community I have felt by living here. I went to (blank) Elementary School and have the same friends since, from as early as Kindergarten. I value the friendships I have made, and know that these people will be my friends for life.

I have volunteered at the Ridge Meadows Hospice Society Thrift Store, and have dealt with people in all walks of life. I have enjoyed helping this worthwhile charity, who helps those who need help. Service Above Self, the Rotary early motto, is the way I feel.

Four years ago, my father was in an accident which has left him permanently disabled. He is unable to do what he used to, including camping and dirt biking, like we used to. He has been on disability payments since, and has been unable to set aside money for my future education.

My mother works in the Maple Ridge community, and has done her best to make ends meet, through difficult times. She started an Educational Savings Plan for me, but only managed to put in \$400, due to my father's accident and lack of funds.

I am interested in following in my brother's footsteps and become a carpenter. He graduated with a "Top of the Trades" award, even during the hardship we were going through at the time. From early childhood, we remember playing with Lego's and puzzles, both of which have given me an excitement of accomplishment.

I understand that the Rotary Club gives to the community where the members live. My mother has taught me that every person can make a difference, and apathy is our biggest obstacle. When only a small percentage of the population votes, it shows that people are apathetic towards their future. Rotarians are optimistic about the future, as I am. When I grow up and have my own construction business, I will remember the help I received and will pay it forward.

I believe in the Four Way test:

- Is it the Truth?
- Is it fair to all concerned?
- Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
- Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

[Aside from tuition,] I will use the money received to purchase my tools, work, boots, rain gear, and assist my mother with living expenses.

I feel my future is bright, like an old song said, "My future is so bright, I have to wear shades."

I would appreciate your consideration of my application, and I promise you I will not let you down in my future endeavours.

Yours Truly,
Robert Smith

Thanksgiving Food Drive: Josh Penner of Meridian Meats explained the food drive program that culminates on September 19th. Volunteers drop off bags at people's houses earlier in the week along with an explanatory brochure- like a traditional paper route. Residents can fill the bag and leave it at their door for pickup by the volunteers on the 19th. This is a club project and a sign up sheet was passed.



Our guests were: Sherri Robinson, Charlotte Riddell and Michele Broughton, president of the Haney Club, Mike Chapman and Karla Hiltermann.

Dave Rempel and Ineke Boekhorst are off to Russia for a tour of Rotary projects and clubs. Safe Travels!

Speaker was Dave Stark from the Langley Sunrise Club, talking about **Rotary at Work:**



Rotary is promoting the inclusion of disabled persons in the work force. Hiring of persons with disabilities used to be a charitable enterprise, but it has become mainstream thanks to forward thinking Rotarians. It has been shown that disabled persons outperform able bodied persons in both retention and absenteeism. Further, it has been a useful business builder for companies to employ disabled people for the expression of inclusion it brings to the company's community personality. A model of employment success has been developed by Rotarians in Ontario in the last decade. Funding by the Vancouver Foundation amongst other groups, is attempting to bring the same kind of awareness and success to BC.

Mike Chapman has the coffee shop **Blenz** downtown and he has been extremely pleased and somewhat surprised at the great experience he has had. Initially, he was concerned that the hiring of disabled people was going to be a cost. It has turned out that it is now a central part of his labour and his community connection. Ineke echoed this experience through a project with the BIA.



Karla Hiltermann is with the **Association for Community Living** Mission and works on the placement and ongoing needs of both employees and business owners. Employment can be short or long term and only people who want to work will be trained and placed. We have at least two groups here in Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows, our own Association for Community Living and "Possibilities".



October 7th is Champions Day at the ACT to honour the people involved in this employment program. Two club members are needed to hand out brochures and welcome attendees.

Libby won the **50/50** draw, but was unable to pull the Queen of Hearts and so our queen has become the longest reigning Monarch in the history of the UK until at least next week.

Submitted by Patrick O'Brien