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SEPTEMBER IS NEW GENERATIONS MONTH

Today: Ivan Scott

Next Week: Business Meeting

Happy Birthday	Happy Anniversary	Invocation
Sep. 23: Mark Vosper	Sep. 25: Adrienne & Warren Dale Sep. 26: Mark & Linda Vosper	Sep. 22: Adrienne Dale Sep. 29: Mike Davies

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	

HELLO FROM ST. PETERSBURG

St. Petersburg – Sep. 16, 2015

We are having a fantastic time here. The weather is holding up thank goodness, just a bit of a sprinkle today, but not cold at all.

Just came from tonight's Rotary Club meeting.



It seemed like they really liked my presentation and I got lots of compliments after the meeting.

During the day we went to Peter the Great's Palace with surrounding enormous park with fountains etc.....really beautiful!

We went there by hovercraft, which was a great experience as well.

Yesterday we toured the city by car, went to the Hermitage and at night to a superb Swan Lake performance.

The Rotary Club has been just fabulous, everything is very well organized and they are taking very good care of us.

Tomorrow our last day here and tomorrow night on our way to Novosibirsk, where it sounds they have also great plans.

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EXCHANGE STUDENT JHON CRISTHIAN HAS ARRIVED

Our incoming Exchange Student from Peru, Jhon (pronounced John) Cristhian, has finally arrived.

He was supposed to get in Vancouver on Tuesday at 2:15pm, but he missed his connecting flight in Toronto due to heavy traffic and his unfamiliarity with the place. He got here at 6:55pm.

Jhon seems to be a very nice boy. His English is not that good yet, but that undoubtedly will change.

His first Host Parent is Sarah Nelson from the Haney Club, and Angie will host him later in the year.



Jhon and Peter at YVR



Jhon and Sarah
in Pitt Meadows

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

In Sergeant-at-Arms Jim Coulter's absence, David Riddell handled the door and money.

President Mark called the meeting to order at 12:00. On time for once!

A thunderous rendition of O'Canada was led by PP Eric; who was in splendid voice and whose upcoming citizenship was endorsed by President Mark. No, we did not come by boat, we sang to get in!

Betty Johansen did the invocation about something... very inspiring...

Cheque presentation



PP Adrienne presented a \$1,000 cheque to **Alouette Addictions Services Society**. Annika Polegato accepted the cheque and explained that the funds would be used to partly fund the adult parent forum and to expand the education program for parents and kids. They are also thinking about going into elementary school level. They are also putting together an educational video clip. She thanked Rotary once more for the cheque. Also present was Mo Korchinski, Alouette Addictions Board of Directors Chair, who did not say much, but smiled a lot...

Rotary moment

PP Mike Davies was slated for the Rotary moment, but could not do it, mostly because he was not there...

President Mark focused our attention on the Polio Plus setback in the Ukraine. There is an article about this in last week's "The Four Way Flasher".

Lunch was prawns covered in some burny stuff. The rest of us had hamburgers and fries.

Guest introductions were handled by Brian Bekar: Annika and Mo were welcomed again.

Happy & Sad

- Betty Johansen is going on a cruise next week.
- Jim Michals put in money but forgot to say something, and then announced that he has nothing to say.
- PP Adrienne put in a dollar for a great camping weekend.
- Brian Bekar put in a dollar as a Rotary miracle had occurred in our Club. Due to David's creative accounting, for the first time ever in the history of Rotary, a door intake had a \$10 surplus!! He immediately went on to suggest that we spilt the profit.
- Betty Levens put in a dollar for the 35th annual running of the Terry Fox Run. It is starting in Pitt Meadows on Sunday. Due to the speed at which time passes in Pitt Meadows, it will end in Port Coquitlam on Monday.
- PP Adrienne, who did not pay, brought it to the meetings attention that there were 8 volunteers for this weekend's Thanksgiving Food Drive.

Fines

PP Adrienne fined everyone who did not go camping and David Riddell for the unexplained surplus. Very suspicious...

The Mystery Greeter was Peter Boekhorst. Peter got quite a few members who all thought that Peter was sitting so still because he was hungry; with Ineke being in Russia. This belief was supported by the fact that Peter was sitting with his knife and fork in his hands and looking longingly at the kitchen.

Family matters

It was Graeme Ross's birthday on September 15, PP Adrienne's is on the 17th and Karen Hendrickson's on the 21st.

Announcements:

- The Thanksgiving Food Drive is this weekend.
- The Duck Race cheque presentation is taking place on Wednesday September 23, 2015 during the normal Haney Club meeting at Meadow Gardens.
- There is a Community Service meeting after the Club meeting.
- The DG's visit will be on October 27, 2015.
- The Club's Business Meeting will be on September 29, 2015.
- President Mark will coordinate with Irena Shantz about the clean-up assistance at her home. He will send an email to everyone with the details.

Guest speaker

The Guest Speaker, Phoenix MacLaren, was introduced by Clint Callison. It's Ryla Clint – not R – Y – L – A !!!



Phoenix is the President of the Fraser Valley Rotaract Club. Phoenix spoke about her visit to the Washington RYLA convention.

P Mark, PP Adrienne, David Riddell, Walter and PP Eric asked questions.

P Mark thanked Phoenix and mentioned that we would be donating a book in her name to our literacy project in Nunavut.

Phoenix did not look like she believed him...

PN Angie announced that our exchange student was arriving at Vancouver Airport tonight.

50/50

Today's pot of \$555.50 was won by Walter. He will be donating half of it to the Rotary Foundation.



President Mark closed the meeting with a toast to the Queen; on time for a change!

Submitted by PP Eric Mollema