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THIS WEEK'S LUNCH IS WORLD'S GREATEST MEAL FOR POLIO ERADICATION

Today: Patrick O'Brien – Polio Eradication

Next Week:



World's Greatest Meal

Happy Birthday	Happy Anniversary	Invocation
Oct. 18: Betty Johansen		Oct. 13: Patrick O'Brien Oct. 20: Betty Johansen

CALENDAR OF CLUB EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Oct. 27	noon	District Governor Bill Robson's official visit	
Dec. 8	Noon	Meadow Ridge Rotary AGM	

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Mark Vosper led us in O Canada

Matt DeBruyn did the Invocation:

Today, before I read to you what I wrote as an invocation, I would like to start by talking about Bob.

Bob probably read more books than all of us together. Not only that – he read more poetry than all of us together.

And, we have no idea how important that was for him. Poetry was his refuge. I learned that poetry was what gave him calm and a chance for re-energizing himself in stressful times.

But he could share poetry with few. Most of us, including me, just don't get poetry or nice prose easily.

I bet you that nobody remembers the invocation I gave at the last installation dinner, and I am sure it is not only because of my recital skills. I had to take Adrienne's place as she and Warren were stuck in traffic. I was stuck too – what to say? Then, Bob gave me a sheet of paper with text to use. I had a chance to read it three times before I had to stand up – and I did the best I could, but it wasn't enough.

I knew that the words did not go over.

At the dinner for the distribution of the Duck Race money recently we had the same text included in the invocation. And after the invocation, someone said: That was probably very good but I didn't grasp more than a dozen words of it.

Today, I want to try once more to send as least part of the message from this text - a message that is so much Bob.

In order to do that, I have taken the liberty of re-writing it:

WHEN THE FINAL BALANCE OF OUR LIFE IS STRUCK

When the final balance of our life is struck...

Our service to others will be remembered,
Our service to others will be used to measure our worth.

What we accomplished - without vain and glory -
will be used to measure our worth.

Our fighting injustice - without feelings of hate -
and our humility - without belying our convictions -
those will be used to measure our worth.

Our admiration of others - rather than our sense of envy -
will be used to measure our worth.

Not our worldly assets will be remembered.

Our service to others will be used to measure our worth,
when the final balance of our life is struck!

Adrienne Dale - Rotary moment (article from the last Rotary magazine)

The 2016-17 Rotary Year will be the centennial year for The Rotary Foundation, which started at the 1917 Rotary convention in Atlanta.

The Foundation has a Centennial Celebration Committee, which is chaired by Past Trustee Stephanie Urchick, and the committee has comprehensive plans for a full year of celebratory events, which will culminate in a giant celebration at the 2017 Rotary convention in Atlanta. The Foundation trustees, Rotary International directors, and Rotary staff members are all



Arch C. Klumph,
1916-17 president of
Rotary International
and founder of The
Rotary Foundation

committed to a successful recognition of the Foundation's anniversary because of the Foundation's significant role in helping our clubs and districts to conduct service projects around the world. The Rotary Foundation clearly has been a tremendous force for Doing Good in the World!

And as we contemplate our high-level plans for the centennial, we once more pause to recognize and appreciate that the totality of what happens in our clubs and districts is far bigger and longer-lasting than what happens in Evanston and at the conventions. As a result, the true success of the centennial celebration will depend on the quality and quantity of the celebratory events in our clubs and districts. The big question is whether our Rotarians around the globe will embrace the Foundation's centennial and undertake their own centennial projects and celebrations. So please do your part to stimulate the interest and involvement of your club.

The Rotary Foundation has been highly successful in assisting our clubs and districts to promote international understanding, goodwill, and peace in the world — and therefore, it is appropriate that all of our clubs and districts should participate in the centennial celebration. As usual in Rotary, there is no prescribed way in which the clubs and districts should join the celebration, and I hope our clubs and districts will be as creative in their celebratory activities as they have been in their myriad humanitarian projects throughout the years. This is the right time for all of us to express our appreciation for The Rotary Foundation!

Happy and Sad:

- Ineke was glad to be back from Russia and when Dave returns they will do a presentation to the club.
- Matt was happy that his appointment book was found and that he had 2 dates for a Four Way Test at Laity View Elem. - Oct 13th and Oct 15th - an email will be sent around.
- Brian Becker said he'll be away golfing for the next month.

Club News:

Mark announced that he received a thank you letter from KidSport:



Dear President Forster:

KidSport Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows is greatly appreciative of your latest donation of over \$23,000 towards KidSport's mandate of helping young people to participate in sports activities without facing what for some, are formidable barriers to participation. Participating in sports for children builds character, self-esteem and confidence among other benefits including the obvious connected to health and well-being.

Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows KidSport's biggest supporter and greatest base of support is Meadows Ridge Rotary Club. Without your Club's support, our task would be very difficult in meeting the high demand of families in our communities who badly want their children to participate in sports because they know the positive outcomes such activities have on their children and indeed, on their entire family.

Our group of committed volunteers works year round to assist young people to get involved in a myriad of sporting activities.

They do this by being involved directly in fundraising activities like barbecues and writing grants as well as directing contributed funds like those from Rotary to children who desire a fun and challenging place to grow and learn.

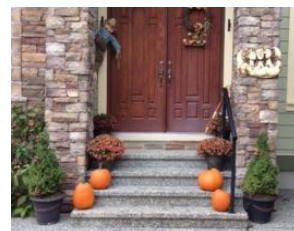
We are particularly pleased to hear that Rotary intends to continue the Duck Race next year and that perhaps in future, we can again be a beneficiary of the great work your members do.

Thank you for your continued support and everything you do for young people locally and in other areas of the world.

Sincerely,
Gary Manson, Chair

Next Week's speaker will be our own Patrick O'Brian regarding Polio.

You also can buy pumpkins from Patrick, with all the proceeds going to Polio Eradication.



Oct 24th is World Polio Day – our club will be using our meeting of the 13th as our World's Greatest Meal for polio. Any proceeds the club takes in that day will go towards our club Polio donation.

District Governor Bill Robson's visit is on Oct 27th.

Nov 3-10 is open for nominations for our club President Elect.

International committee is not going forward with the Nicaragua project, as their government is not guaranteeing the sustainability of the school. We looked at Coquitlam Rotary Club project, but it is not a hands-on project. Some Russia projects we have done in the past require additional funding, so we will see if any requests come after Ineke and David's visit.

Cyclamen sales will to Polio.

Our international student Jhon from Peru speaks no English so looking for Spanish speaking Rotarians to help out - can meet Jhon next Wed at the meeting at the Act.

Our **Guest Speaker** was Dick Drew from the Haney Club.

Dick and his wife along with some other Rotarians are going to host a Russian student for a month. The student will be around 18-20 - will be looking at our community - they would like to go around to 2 to 3 difference business per week - hosts supply food and transportation. Not a Rotary project.



Contact Dick if you are interested in being a host.

Mark Forster won 50/50 but drew the 7 of spades.

Submitted by Debbie MacRae