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## NOVEMBER IS ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH

**Today:** Ian Speckman, Maple Ridge Chrysler - The car business

**Next Week:** Maple Ridge Mayor, Nicole Read - Truth and Reconciliation Commission

Happy Birthday	Happy Anniversary	Invocation
		Nov. 10: Debbie MacRae Nov. 17: Jim Michals

### CALENDAR OF CLUB EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Nov. 19	6 pm	Russian Borscht Night – Tickets \$25 Ineke Boekhorst / Dave Rempel	Samuel Robertson Tech. 10445-245 St.
Dec. 8	Noon	Meadow Ridge Rotary AGM	
Dec. 11	6:30 pm	Christmas Party at Patrick O'Brien	10328 276th St. Maple Ridge
Dec. 31	6:30 pm	New Year's Gala – Tickets \$95 Clint Callison / Mark Vosper	Meadow Gardens Golf Course, Pitt M.



**New Years Eve Gala**  
Thursday, December 31st, 2015  
6:30pm  
Meadow Gardens Golf Club  
19675 Meadow Gardens Way  
Pitt Meadows, BC

**The Rotary Club of Meadow Ridge**  
Invites you  
to a night of live music "The Hits" plus,  
Theatrical and Comedy Skits  
A dinner buffet, midnight buffet, and  
champagne will be shared by all!  
Dress code is fun formal or come as your  
favourite Hollywood star

Get your tickets at Meadow Gardens Golf Club or:  
Co-operators  
106-20690 Lougheed Hwy  
Maple Ridge, BC  
Phone: (604) 460-3650  
Ridge Meadows Hospice  
Society  
102-22320 119th Ave  
Maple Ridge, BC  
Phone: (604) 463-7722



**Rotary Club of Meadow Ridge**  
**Borscht Night**  
Incl. Traditional Siberian Food

**\$25.00**

Thu, Nov. 19, 2015 at 6:00-8:30 pm  
Samuel Robertson Technical School  
10445 - 245 St., Maple Ridge

For tickets see Dave Rempel or Ineke Boekhorst

### Christmas Plants for Polio Eradication!

We are selling beautiful greenhouse grown 6" Cyclamen.



These fabulous plants, are locally grown (Amsterdam Greenhouses), come with a handmade Christmas card for easy gift giving ..... all you have to do is sign your name on the card!

This is the perfect gift for staff, associates, clients, friends, neighbours, hairdresser, teacher.....you name it!

Plants will be delivered Tuesday Dec. 8 or 15 (or earlier/later, if you require)

**Only \$15 each or 3 for \$40 (tax included).**

**ALL proceeds to END POLIO NOW Campaign!**

To order plants, please see Ineke Boekhorst

## LAST WEEK'S MEETING



Club President Mark Forster gave a belated Rotarian-of-the-month pin to **Ineke Boekhorst** in honour of her trip to Russia.

### Rotary Moment

**Clint Callison** gave us our Rotary “Moment” about the Four-Way-Test. (In honour of his distinction for giving us the longest Rotary Moment in the history of our club, President Mark Forster offered to send a book in his name to our literary project in Nunavut.)

### Guests

Our only guest (apart from our speaker) was **Leonard Lewis**, who also attended last week’s meeting as the guest of Mark Vosper. Len moved to British Columbia from Ontario with his family.

### Happy and Sad

**David Rempel** gave a couple of loonies to remind us of the Russian Borscht Night to be held on November 19 at Samuel Robertson Technical School, where Dave and **Ineke Boekhorst** will tell us about their trip to Russia. He also reminded us that the Wine Fest will be held on April 29, 2016.

**Angie Edmonds** will be away next week, as she is going under the knife for a hernia operation.

A number of our members, including **Libby Nelson, Betty Levens, Ineke Boekhorst**, and our guest speaker, went to the recent Haney Rotary Halloween Bingo Party.

### Guest Speaker

Our guest speaker was **Michelle Broughton**.



Michelle is the current president of the Haney Rotary Club and a Notary Public in Maple Ridge. Michelle gave an interesting talk about the history of the notaries public in British Columbia, what notaries do, and what training a person needs to become a notary public in our province.

In the mid-19th century during the early years of our province, there were few or no lawyers to serve the public, and in 1864 the first notary was appointed by the governor. Notaries served an important part of our history, and were very involved with the record-keeping at a time when the province was growing in the 1800s. The first registered land title document in this Province was signed by a Notary Public. In 1872 the first Notaries Act was passed. By 1875, 40 notaries existed in the province and by 1909 there were 89. Today there are only about 340 notaries practicing in the province (compared to approximately 10,000 lawyers)

With the advent of an increasing number of lawyers graduating from law school, the question arose as to whether Notaries were any longer needed.

*(Note Takers comment: The lawyers challenging the need for the appointment of new notaries probably framed their argument in terms of the lack of qualifications that notaries possessed to do legal work, but there was no doubt among a number of members of the legal profession a concern about the competition).*



In 1955 there was an agreement between the Law Society and the Notaries Society to freeze all Notarial Districts and the number of notaries that were in existence at that time, which was approximately 322. Thereafter, until approximately 2007 the only way one could become a notary was to purchase the “seal” of an existing notary who retired or died or was willing to sell their seal.

Michelle Broughton became a notary in 2007, following in her mother’s footsteps, who was a notary in Gibsons. If she was to take over her mother’s practice (who was retiring) she would have had moved to Gibsons, because under the rules which existed at that time the seal had to remain in its existing location of Gibsons and could not be transferred to another district. As a result, notary seals in lucrative areas with established businesses were selling for huge sums of money (up to \$500,000 in some cases). Michelle made a deal with retiring notary Jon Harris and purchased his seal in Maple Ridge. Two years later (*talk about unfortunate timing for Michelle*) the law changed and there was no longer any restriction on the number of Notaries or where they could practice - thereby reducing the value of notaries’ practices.

Today, new notaries must undergo an extensive two-year training program, after which they must pass six statutory exams, in order to receive a Masters of Applied Legal Studies degree. They must also complete a five day mediation course, a BC Notaries Practical Training program, and a practicum within an existing Notaries practice.

Michelle states that most notary practices consists of approximately 75% real estate related, 20% wills, powers of attorney and representation agreements, with the remaining 5% for other notarial services such as notarizations and authenticating international documents. Notaries are not allowed to go to court, deal with family law, probate, or any type of litigation.

Michelle stated that she really enjoys being a Notary Public and providing services to her clients, and hopes that she can continue to do so for many years to come.

### 50/50

**Laurie Anderson** once again had the privilege of missing the Queen of Hearts.

**Submitted by Laurie Anderson**