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## NOVEMBER IS ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH

**Today:** Dr. Adrian Walton, Veterinarian - Pets

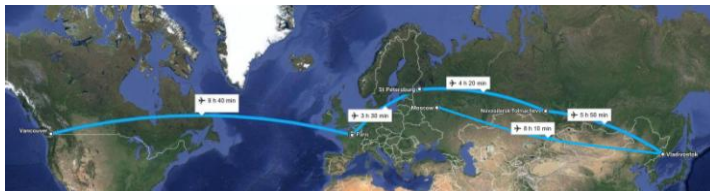
**Next Week:** Cari Hoffmann, Fraser Health - Planning for Incapacity

Happy Birthday	Happy Anniversary	Invocation
	Nov. 26: Matt & Lynda DeBruyn	Nov. 24: Libby Nelson Dec. 1: Patrick O'Brien

## CALENDAR OF CLUB EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
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.

## RUSSIAN BORSCHT NIGHT – NOV. 19



Thanks to everyone who came to our celebration event, Thursday November 19. WOW, what a night!

About 100 people joined us at SRT, to review the presentation about our Trip to Russia and Kazakhstan.

It was great to see so many Rotarians, people involved in adoptions and even some of our MLAs + Dan Ruimy our brand new MP.

We actually came up with the idea in Russia, while on our trip. Dave and I really enjoyed the wonderful Russian food our hosts served us, which was pretty well the same we would usually have during Rotary or other gatherings. Very basic and healthy borscht, perogies (palmeli) with sour cream, salad of cucumbers and tomatoes, cheese, Russian sausage and the delicious black bread.....

We spoke to the chef, Karen Gin, at SRT, who was immediately very excited about the idea.

Karen and the students put together a wonderful buffet menu (including delicious desserts!); they prepared, cooked and served it. Everyone in attendance I spoke to, was very impressed, all was awesome!



We never meant this to be a "fundraiser", but did expect to maybe make a few hundred dollars.

All attendees were very generously bidding at the Silent Auction, Live Auction and we also made a bit on the Toonie Toss.

Most Silent Auction items came from Russia, even the doorprizes were authentic Russian!

Thanks for your interest, it was great for Dave and I to share our experiences with all of you....AND I believe all in attendance had a pretty good time too.....

Thanks again for purchasing tickets, donating items and spending your money at the event; all proceeds will be used towards our Russian projects.

We don't have all money collected yet, but when all is said and done we probably make between 1300 and 1400 dollars!

THANK YOU.

Submitted by Ineke

## LAST WEEK'S MEETING

### Rotary Moment

**Libby Nelson** reminded us that the four-way test starts out by saying "In the things that we *think*, say or do", not just in the things we say or do. She therefore challenged us to incorporate the four-way test into our thinking, not just into our actions.

### Guests

- **Peter Herman**, a guest of Eric Mollema. [Peter moved here from Ontario, and noted that we have beautiful scenery "when you can see it" here in rainy, misty British Columbia.]
- **Corinne Forster**, without whom we would not have Mark as our president [she is his mother].
- **Pauline Forster** [Mark's better half]
- **Len Lewis** [he is thinking of joining our club - let's try to encourage him to that way of thinking].
- **Sarah Nelson** - our exchange student's first host parent [who is fluent in Spanish]
- **Jhon Reategui**, our exchange student from Peru.

Our President **Mark Forster** presented our exchange student Jhon with a Four Way Test medallion, followed by Jhon [through Sarah as his translator] telling us a bit about himself.



### Happy and Sad

**Ineke Boekhorst** gave a happy and a sad loonie. Happy to have our exchange student with us, and sad to advise that her son Kim broke his hip when riding [falling off] a bicycle and underwent surgery, but [hippy do da] he is now back home recuperating.

**Dave Rempel** said how glad he was that we have such a supportive club for our various club activities [including, of course, the Russian "borscht course" coming up on Nov. 19].

**Patrick O'Brien** was happy to advise that a new partner will be joining in his practice in January.

**Betty Johansen** is off on holidays and won't be back to the club until December, while our other **Betty [Levens]** said she was not going anywhere - was that a gripe?

### Guest Speaker - Truth and Reconciliation Commission



Maple Ridge Mayor **Nicole Read** gave one of our best programs so far this year, with a moving and insightful talk about her research in connection with the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) and how the Indian Residential School (IRS) system wreaked havoc upon our First Nations peoples.

Nicole is well-qualified to talk on the subject. For 15 years she has researched the history of the Indian Residential Schools, including research on claims for over 50 BC First Nations, including the Katzie First Nation. She is the former Project Manager and Records Lead for the TRC, and was named the most

inspirational graduate student of the Simon Fraser University history department!

At the beginning of her talk, Nicole made a poignant observation. The IRS system did not in any way pass the Four-Way Test. As we heard her talk, it became even more obvious to us all that the IRS system failed miserably - it was not truthful, it was not fair to all concerned, and did not in any way build goodwill and better friendships, and was not beneficial to all concerned. As Nicole said, it is sorry chapter in the history of our country.



### **A Poster Child for Assimilation**

Thomas Moore as he appeared when admitted to the Regina Industrial School and Thomas Moore after tuition at the Regina Industrial School [ca. 1897]

*Saskatchewan Archives Board*

Early versions of church-run residential school started in the 1830s.

In 1867 the British North America Act entrenched in the Constitution parliamentary authority over "Indians". The first *Indian Act* was passed by Parliament in 1876.

In 1879 the "Davin Report" encouraged the use of education for assimilation, and in the 1880s the federal government adopted the early form of the IRS model.

Some of the examples of how the children were treated included the following:

- Wendy LaFond was told she was going to a residential school to keep her sister company, "but the first thing they did when we got there was to separate us".
- Fred Sasakamoose said, "I was an employee - a slave. We used to milk about 60 cows in the evening..."
- And of course, there was physical and sexual abuse. There have been 37,951 independent assessment claims, resulting in compensation of \$2,690,000,000.

In the early years of the system, the odds of a residential school student dying, was 1 in 2. Throughout the history of the schools the odds of dying for children in Indian Residential Schools was 1 in 25. The odds of dying for Canadians serving in World War II, was 1 in 26.

There were 139 residential schools across Canada, with more than 150,000 students. The last one closed in the 1990s. Today there are 80,000 living survivors. Research has shown that at least 6,000 students died while attending the schools.

Nicole recommended that we watch the National Film Board film entitled *We Were Children*, and that we visit the TRC's website at [www.trc.ca](http://www.trc.ca)



### **We Were Children**

*Tim Wolochatiuk*

*National Film Board*

In this feature film, the profound impact of the Canadian government's residential school system is conveyed through the eyes of 2 children who were forced to face hardships beyond their years. As young children, Lyna and Glen were taken from their homes and placed in church-run boarding schools, where they suffered years of physical, sexual and emotional abuse, the effects of which persist in their adult lives.

**'We Were Children'** gives voice to a national tragedy and demonstrates the incredible resilience of the human spirit.

50-50

Once again, our esteemed treasurer **Walter Volpatti** pulled the winning ticket, but only succeeded in increasing the odds for the next ticket winner by decreasing the height of the deck.

Submitted by Laurie Anderson

### 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!**

**We will be at Ridge Meadows Hospital Nov. 27, 10am-4pm**

To order plants, please see Ineke Boekhorst

A poster for a New Years Eve Gala. It features a black top hat, a yellow star with '\$95 Ticket', and a red carpet leading to the event details. The text includes the date, time, location, and ticket information.

## 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:

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