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NOVEMBER IS ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH

Today: Cari Hoffmann, Fraser Health - Planning for Incapacity

Next Week: Meadow Ridge Rotary AGM

Happy Birthday	Happy Anniversary	Invocation
		Dec. 1: Patrick O'Brien Dec. 8: Dave Rempel

CALENDAR OF CLUB EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Dec. 2	6-9 pm	Haney Rotary Club Christmas Party	Pitt Meadows Golf Club
Dec. 11	6:30 pm	Christmas Party at Patrick O'Brien	10328 276th St. Maple Ridge
Dec. 18	6:00 pm	CP Holiday Train – Shake a can for the Friends In Need Foodbank	Haney Wharf
Dec. 22	noon	Christmas Lunch – Steal a Gift!	Bella Vita
Dec. 29		NO MEETING	
Dec. 31	6:30 pm	New Year's Gala – Tickets \$95 Clint Callison / Mark Vosper	Meadow Gardens Golf Course, Pitt M.

Hard to believe, it's almost December!

Our Club has many things going on throughout December
PLEASE mark all these dates in your daytimer:

- **FOODBANK donations:** Starting Dec. 1, help fill our donation bin for the Friends in Need Foodbank; PLEASE bring a non perishable food donation or cash
- **NEW YEAR's Eve Gala** Two large signs at each meeting, indicating the # of tickets sold + which items we still need sponsorship for- please see Mark V. or Clint.....See Ineke, if you have something for the Silent Auction.
- **END POLIO NOW PLANTS:** PLEASE order your plants NOW; we need to sell approx. 50 more!
\$15 ea, 3 for \$40; see Ineke
- **Exchange Student Jhon:** Haney and Meadow Ridge Club are mailing a "care package" to Jhon's family in Peru. Please donate some cash to complete this project. Additionally we are sending money to purchase a lawnmower, so the kids can use the soccer field! Tax receipt provided for any cash donation of \$20 or more!
- **Dec. 2 - Haney Club Christmas Party** at Pitt Meadows Golf Club.
- **Dec. 11 - Fireside:** Come and join us at Patrick's home

- **Dec. 18 – CP Holiday Train:** Can you assist 6 pm at the Haney Wharf? We are asked to "shake a can" for the Foodbank....bring the family, this is great community event!
- **Dec. 22 - Club Christmas Lunch:** last meeting before Christmas; please bring a wrapped gift (about \$10) ... we'll have a nice Christmas lunch and gift exchange (steal gifts!). Guests welcome (make sure to bring a gift for each person!)
- **Dec. 29 - NO MEETING:** Christmas break
- **Dec. 31 New Year's Gala:** Meadow Gardens. Now is the time to purchase your tickets, \$95 each....great deal; invite friends and family to share your table (8 per table) and let's celebrate
- **Russian University Student; looking for one week host:** July 2016 a University student from Russia (studying Business) is visiting Maple Ridge (arranged by Dick Drew, Haney Club) We need 2 host homes, willing to host 1 week each. This is a wonderful experience! Please see Ineke for details.

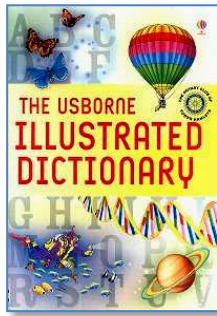
Please feel free to contact Ineke or Mark Forster if you require details on any of the noted items.

Yours in Rotary,
Ineke

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

President Mark Forster advised that the directors had voted to grant to **Irena Shantz** an honorary membership in our Club, a move which was ratified unanimously at our meeting.

Ineke Boekhorst advised that our club has gone ahead with the Dictionary Program, and have ordered the dictionaries to be given out to grade 4 students in September and October 2016. Throughout the world, 18 million children have received this dictionary so far, as part of Rotary International's effort to increase literacy. We are looking for co-sponsors. It will be a three year program, and will cost approximately \$33,000 over the next three years. There are currently 1,070 grade 4 pupils in School District 42, and each will receive a dictionary (which costs approximately \$10 per book).



Happy and Sad

David Rempel reported on the Russian Borscht Night, and thanked all Rotarians who participated. He advised that approximate 92 people were in attendance. Although fundraising was not the goal of the evening, it was also successful in that department.

Walter Volpatti went to the event, and was happy that he got out by 8:30 pm, giving poor Dave Rempel a rough time by saying that he didn't think it would happen when he saw that Dave was going to stand up and give a talk.

Betty Levens said that she was given the job of looking after two kittens (which belong to one of her children) while her child and family is away on vacation, and the little rambunctious kittens were wearing her out (imagine if the kittens were kids!).

Guest Speaker's topic: "You Can't Make This Stuff Up!"

Dr. Adrian Walton who is a veterinarian and the owner and manager of the Dewdney Animal Hospital located at 228th & 119 Ave, was our guest speaker. He was introduced by Laurie Anderson.



Adrian got his Bachelor of Science degree in at Dalhousie University, studying marine biology and oceanography.

At Simon Fraser University he obtained his Masters of Aquiculture, and at Guelph University obtained his Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine. Adrian obviously has very diverse interests, as shown by the fact that while at Dalhousie Adrian he wrote a thesis entitled "a new equation for acoustically determining the lengths of sperm whales".

Adrian's past experiences including the following:

- While in the Philippines, he had the job of analyzing the effects of the salt water tropical fish trade on Philippine coral reefs.
- While living in Seattle, he was a volunteer zookeeper involved with sea otters, otters, and other marine mammals.

- While living in Florida, he assisted in the medical care of tropical sea turtles, manatees and fish.
- While living in Toronto, at the Metro Toronto zoo he was the zookeeper and trainer of South African Cape fur seals.

And, what isn't on his *curriculum vitae* is that he has a Zoo.

In it are:

- 4 dogs
- 1 cat
- 1 saltwater aquarium
- 1 freshwater aquarium
- 1 chameleon
- a 50 year old turtle
- 6 poison dart frogs
- Venomous lizard
- large Komodo Dragon type lizard
- a wife and 2 kids

Adrian's adopted Komodo dragon was found walking around the FedEx building in Abbotsford (but "Relax, it's FedEx"). He did not say where his kids were found.

Adrian says that practising veterinary medicine does result in having some very unusual experiences, not dissimilar to those described by James Herriot in his book entitled "All Creatures Great and Small". Thus the title of today's talk.

[James Herriot was a British veterinary surgeon and writer, who used his many years of experiences as a veterinary surgeon to write a series of books each consisting of stories about animals and their owners. He is best known for these semi-autobiographical works, beginning with All Creatures Great and Small in 1972. A British television series, of the same name, was adapted from the book.]

Adrian's memorable experiences included:

- Chasing a lost Lama around the streets of Maple Ridge on Dewdney Trunk Rd and 228th in the middle of the night.
- Rescuing snakes, including a python and a cobra.
- Having to examine a Yorkie pup while it was still being breast fed (by its owner!).
- Being part of the team that investigated the Whistler dog sled killings.
- Rescuing and rehabilitating "Trooper" and other mistreated dogs.



In conclusion, Doctor Walton said that, in his opinion, the measure of a country is how they treat their animals.

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Libby Nelson again left the Queen of Hearts in the deck.

Submitted by Laurie Anderson