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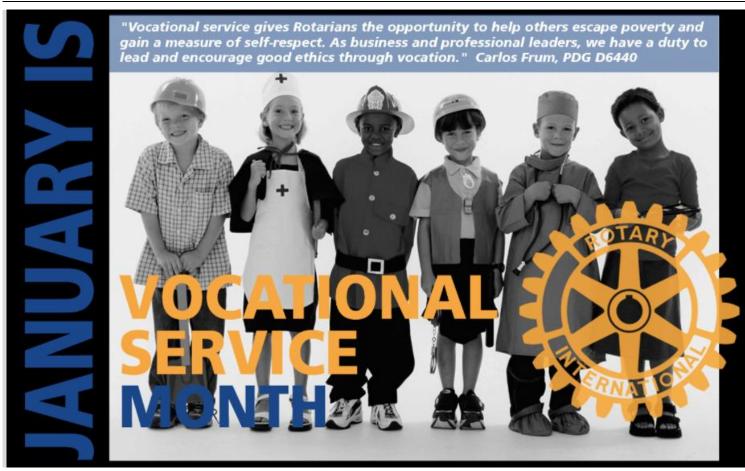
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Today: Vicki Kipps and Andy Cleven - Community Chest Presentation

Next Week: Business Meeting

Happy Birthday	Happy Anniversary

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Jan. 22-24		Youth Adventures In Leadership (YAIL) Ages 15-17	White Rock, BC
Feb. 20	8:45am – 3:00pm	Grants Management Seminar	Sunrise Banquet Centre - Surrey, BC
Mar. 5		Membership Seminar	Rotary Field House, Surrey, WA, US
Apr. 16	7 pm - 10 pm	Rotary Wine Festival	ValleyFair Mall, Maple Ridge
Apr. 30 - May 1		District Conference	Semiahmoo Resort in Blaine, WA.
May 12-15		RYLA	WA, United States

LAST WEEK'S MEETING



President Mark Forster presented each of **Clint Callison and Mark Vosper** with a Rotarian of the Month pin for their work as co-chairs of the very successful New Years Eve Gala.

Announcements - in Brief

January 22-24: YAIL

February 20: Grant Management Seminar

March 5: Membership Seminar

May 12-15: RYLA

April 16: Our Club's Wine Festival April 28-May 1: District Conference

Note: (President Mark and Peter went to the Grant Management Seminar last year, and President-elect Ineke will be going this year but needs a volunteer to go with her on February 20)

Happy and Sad

Walter Volpatti was pleased to advise that our club has received a gaming grant of \$25,000, which will cover the 12 month period commencing February 2016.

Ineke and **Peter Boekhorst** are just back from Westbank, where she talked about her and Dave Rempel's trip to Russia, and their plan to send a container of goods to that country.

Ineke presented some Rotary banners from Russia to the club.

She also learned of a Rotary project of making a quilt out of Rotary ties, and to auction off the quilt to raise money for the "End Polio" campaign. She has already collected a number of ties and asked all members to check in the closet for ties to donate.

Mark Vosper recently came out of a meeting to find that his car was going to be towed away for a parking infraction, but the good news is that he managed to persuade the attendant to let him take the car, but the bad news is that the cost of \$98.

President Mark advised that a Street in Maple Ridge is being named after **Bob Shantz**, and will be called Shantz Way.



<u>Guest Speaker: Dr. Irwin M. Cohen - "Police-based Crime Reduction"</u>



Dr. Irwin M. Cohen is the director of, and senior researcher for, the Centre for Public Safety and Criminal Justice Research at the University of the Fraser Valley in Abbotsford, and advisor to the RCMP on Crime Reduction. Dr. Cohen received his PhD from Simon Fraser University for his work on the disutility of state torture. He has also published many

scholarly articles and book chapters, delivered many lectures,

conference papers, and workshops, and written policy reports on a wide range of topics including policing issues, restorative justice, serious and violent young offenders, aboriginal victimization issues, and terrorism. Dr. Cohen has been the coprinciple investigator on dozens of research projects on a wide range of policing, youth, public policy, and Aboriginal issues. For his research into binge drinking, he received the 2007 Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) Citizens of Distinction Award for Research Prevention/Education.

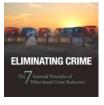
In the past, policing concentrated on catching criminals after the crime has been committed [how is that for alliteration?], but as the offenders were soon back on the street, this approach was often not very successful in reducing crime. So now in British Columbia the approach is to develop strategies to reduce crime, rather than emphasizing the crime itself. If the approach is to deal with the cause, rather than with the offense, crime will be reduced and those paying for it will get more "bang for the buck". This is important because the cost of policing is the largest single costs for municipalities. In 2013 Maple Ridge had 777 citizens for everyone police officer. This puts Maple Ridge in about the middle of the "cop to pop" ratio compared to other cities.

The primary objectives of crime reduction should be the following:

- -reduce crime
- increase public safety
- increase public involvement
- -increase integration of stakeholders
- improved public awareness of crime

The police cannot do it alone. There has to be increased public involvement, and integration of stakeholders (such as schools and other groups) as the solutions to crime reduction goes beyond policing. Police work has become much more complicated that it was even 20 years ago is. This is why, even though the number of crimes being committed is going down, the cost is going up. Police are adopting information and intelligence-led policies to determine what the actual problems are - and determine what is happening, where is it happening, who is doing it, and what is causing it. Only with this information will crime be reduced. Police need to focus on the problems and on the offenders, particularly the prolific offenders. Dr. Cohen states that we must think in terms of reducing crime volume, enhancing police capacity to respond to crime, and investing now to avoid long-term costs.

Note: to get more information go to <u>cir.ufv.ca</u> where you can download a book entitled <u>Eliminating Crime</u>: The 7 <u>Essential Principles</u> of <u>Police-based Crime Reduction</u>, that "provides the tools for any police organization to drive down crime. It sets out the proven principles for making a



community safe. It will allow police leaders and agencies to design their own strategies to solve the unique challenges to make any community safe".

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No winner this week. Too bad, Terry B., better luck next time.

Submitted by Laurie Anderson