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"Vocational service gives Rotarians the opportunity to help others escape poverty and gain a measure of self-respect. As business and professional leaders, we have a duty to lead and encourage good ethics through vocation." Carlos Frum, PDG D6440

VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH

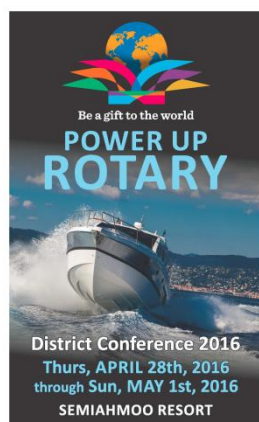
Today: Business Meeting

Next Week:

Happy Birthday	Happy Anniversary
Jan. 27: Sharon Kyle	
Jan. 28: Mike Davies	
Jan. 30: Terry Becker & Angie Edmonds	

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
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



This year's Conference will be held Friday, April 29th to Sunday, May 1 at [Semiahmoo Resort](#) in Blaine, WA.

On Thursday, April 28th an optional fun day of golf at Loomis Trails Golf Course and a pre-conference dinner open to all.

Speakers



Susanne Rea

Co-founder of
World's Greatest Meal
To Help End Polio



Dean Rohrs

Rotary International
Director (2016-18)



LAST WEEK'S MEETING

President Mark Forster was unable to attend the meeting, and **Angie Edmonds** did a great job chairing our meeting.

Rotary Moment: by Betty Levens

Betty said that she was born in England in 1935, and vividly remembers, when she was nine years old and her younger brother was five, he came home from school and said that a schoolmate had died. He had polio. Several of Betty's friends and acquaintances died during that period; and she remembers an iron lung being transported in a van, and wondering who that was for this time. Her Rotary Moment came when she joined Rotary which was committed to ending polio, resulting in this disease now being endemic in only two countries in the world.

Laurie Anderson was fine master, and among other things, fined any club member who hadn't read this week's or last week's Four Way Flasher.

Happy and Sad

Ineke Boekhorst just returned from a District Membership Meeting. She has attended those meetings eight or nine times previously, and was happy to report that this one was exceptionally good. She learned several helpful hints about membership recruiting and retention which she will share with us at a future meeting.



Ineke's daughter Marjolein (2nd from the right) was a facilitator.

Betty Levens, on the other hand, was not so happy when she discovered that the occupier of the strata unit right above hers has caused water to seep into her bathroom below causing a really sad mess.

Guest Speakers: Vicki Kipps and Andy Clevan -

The Community Chest



Vicki Kipps is the Executive Director of the Maple Ridge / Pitt Meadows Community Services,

and **Andy Clevan** has been active in the Maple Ridge Community Foundation for approximately 3 years (as well as coaching softball for many years and being a former advisor to the municipal Parks and Recreation Department for seven years).



They told us about the Community Chest, which is a partnership between the Maple Ridge Community Foundation and the Maple Ridge Pitt Meadows Katzie Community Network.

The Community Chest was formed to help people in crisis, where other community funding is not available. Its motto is "Put yourself in someone else's shoes - we all need help getting back on our feet sometimes". 100% of the money donated to the Community Chest goes to help people - none of the money goes to pay for overhead expenses of the partnership.

Examples where help is desperately needed, but other resources are not available:



- A person does not have the funds to pay one month's rent.
- A person cannot afford a bus pass to get to medical care.
- A young unwed mother needs a breast pump so that she can provide the milk for her baby, which will enable her to go to her part time job.
- A family with a young child is at risk because they can't afford to fix a broken lock on the door.
- A family who has suffered a home invasion needs help to pay for two additional counselling sessions to help them get over the trauma.

The Community Chest has limited funds, and often "gut wrenching" decisions have to be made as to whom they give their limited resources. They have criteria for funding and a referral process which makes sure that the funds are handed out properly. There are approximately 11 organizations that they accept referrals from, and make sure that the persons receiving the funds are not "double dipping", etc. The average amount of money given to individuals is approximately \$330-\$350, covering a wide range of needs.

To meet the need, they have a goal of raising \$40,000 for the coming year. Volunteers such as Andy Clevan and his wife are setting a good example by donating generously.

They are hoping that organizations such as the Rotary Club will consider committing for a period of three years to donate \$10,000 per year to the Community Chest.

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No winner this week, so the pot keeps a growin'!

Submitted by Laurie Anderson