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## FEBRUARY IS PEACE AND CONFLICT PREVENTION/RESOLUTION MONTH

**Today:** Ineke Boekhorst & Dave Rempel – Their trip to Russia

**Next Week:**

Happy Birthday		Happy Anniversary	
Feb. 19:	Mark Forster	Feb. 20:	Deb Hyslop & Kerisma Vere

### 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
Aug. 7		Rotary Duck Race	Maple Ridge Park

### 2016-17: ROTARY SERVING HUMANITY



RI President-elect John F. Germ chose

**Rotary Serving Humanity** as his theme for 2016-17.

Noting Rotary's unique ability to bring together committed professionals to achieve remarkable goals, Germ believes that "now is the time to capitalize on our success: as we complete the eradication of polio, and catapult Rotary forward to be an even greater force for good in the world."

### VALENTINE'S FIRESIDE AT MARK & PAULINE FORSTER

This Friday we had a Valentine's Fireside at Mark and Pauline Forster's home. It was a full house with 35 people. We even could welcome several guests: Zdenka Cukor, Irena Shantz and Deddy Geese from the Haney Club. And of course there were all the "better halves", or "not so better halves" depending on who you are asking!

Any way it was a very animating evening with lots of chit-chat. And Mark did a terrific job – with the help of Pauline – on the cooking: roast beef and salmon and everything that comes with it.

A big *Thank You* to our Presidential hosts!



## LAST WEEK'S MEETING

The meeting was brought to order by President Mark and Giselle Grubb, our exchange student led the anthem with a single syllable (Oh...)

**Invocation from Adrienne** detailed the experience of a healthy but empty life being rejuvenated by the opportunity to help. And that made all the difference.

### **Libby gave the Rotary moment:**

Rotary was spoken of as a miracle in 1917 because war was considered a viable option and peace was suspect. Rotary even then was about peace, openness and opportunity for all. I'm glad that there has been progress in society in the 100 years since those opinions of Rotary were expressed.

Libby was also the mystery greeter, but failed to score. Well done everyone.

We had two guests: Tanis Glenn, a guest of Angie and Giselle Grubb. Tanis Glenn is a fellow Rotarian, looking to join our club as her employment has changed to Maple Ridge and she lives here too.

### **Happy and Sad**

Sharon and Ineke had a great trip to the Rotaract meeting in Abbotsford, but were in a serious accident on the way home. Sharon's car was destroyed, but everyone walked away.

Patrick was extremely happy with his family ski trip to Silver Star. The boys bloomed like tulips on the first warm spring day.

**Mike Davies was the Fine Master**- (aka chief of the rotary badge secret police). Those who did not have their badge visible and or did not do something family oriented on family day received a butt whuppin'.

**Guest Speaker was** Giselle Grubb,  
our Exchange Student of 2013-14

Giselle went to France and had a life changing experience thanks to her determination and our clubs and RI. She detailed the interview process and the joy of being picked.

She was in a very pretty and historic regional town with a 200 year old school building. Her families were great and she got along well with the locals. She travelled extensively. Slightly less great were her counsellor and Rotary contact. She also noted an undercurrent of xenophobia which affected some of the exchange students and those not ethnic French.

Overall, she had a marvellous time and didn't really want to come home right away despite occasional bouts of homesickness.

Giselle is studying biology, hoping to be a surgeon one day. She is also on the UFV rowing team.



**Angie** drew the four of hearts upon winning the **50/50**. Thank you to the "also rans".

**Submitted by Patrick O'Brien**

