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## MARCH IS WATER AND SANITATION MONTH

**Today:** Greta Borick-Cunningham - Alouette River Management Society

**Next Week:**

Happy Birthday	Happy Anniversary
March 4: Jim Coulter	

### CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
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

### RI PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Some years ago, I was asked to speak at an Interact club in my home city of Colombo, Sri Lanka. I have always taken my interactions with Rotary youth very seriously, so I prepared my remarks carefully and put the same effort into my presentation that I would for any other event. After the meeting, I stayed to chat with a few of the Interactors, answering their questions and wishing them well.

I came out of the classroom where we had met into the autumn afternoon. The bright sun was shining directly into my eyes, so I found a bit of shade behind a pillar where I could wait for my ride.

As I stood there, hidden from view, I overheard a group of the very Interactors who had just listened to my speech. Naturally I was curious: What would they be saying? What had they taken away from my presentation? I quickly realized that what they had taken away was not at all what I had intended.

They were not talking about what I had said, the stories I had told, or the lessons I had come to their school to impart. To my astonishment, the major topic of conversation was my tie!

I listened with amusement as they chattered about my Western clothes, my background, my business; every aspect of my appearance and behaviour was dissected and discussed. Just as they began to speculate about what car I drove, my ride arrived and I stepped out into view. They were perhaps a bit embarrassed, but I just smiled, got into the car, and drove off with a wave. Whatever they learned from me that day, I learned far more. I learned that the lessons we teach with our examples are far more powerful than those we teach with words. I realized that as a Rotary leader and a prominent person in the community, I had, for better or worse, become a role model for these young people. Their eyes were on me in a way that I had never before appreciated. If they chose to emulate me, they would model themselves on what they saw, not what I told them.

All of us in Rotary are leaders, in one way or another, in our communities. All of us bear the responsibility that comes with that. Our Rotary values, our Rotary ideals, cannot be left within the confines of our Rotary clubs. They must be carried with us every day. Wherever we are, whoever we are with, whether we are involved in Rotary work - we are always representing Rotary. We must conduct ourselves accordingly: in what we think, what we say, what we do, and how we do it. Our communities, and our children, deserve no less.

K. R. Ravindran  
President, Rotary International

## LAST WEEK'S MEETING

### Rotary Moment

**David Riddell** noted that today, February 23, 2011, is exactly the 111th anniversary of the first meeting of a Rotary club (or as Peter said in last week's 4-Way Flasher, it is Rotary's Eleventy-first birthday).

### Guests

- **Clive Evans** (our Assistant Governor)
- **Jasmine Hillier** (prospective member)
- **Cameron MacKenzie** (guest of Patrick O'Brien)
- **Ernie Daykin** (Guest Speaker)

### Happy and Sad

**Dave Rempel** was happy to see our former mayor as our guest speaker, and particularly happy to report on a couple who had adopted a child from Kazakhstan

**Ineke Boekhorst** was happy to be off to **PETS** - so that she can "take another kick at the cat", as we Canadians say. But don't call the SPCA yet! We can presume the Dutch folk are every bit as fond of their pets as are folks from other nations so it should not be assumed that this feline-unfriendly idiom was intended to bring up imaginings of poor little kitties being booted about by Ineke. She won't find any kittens where she is going because PETS is not a petting zoo, but rather the President-Elect Training Seminar.

*Ineke was the past president of our Rotary Club in 2001- 2002 and is taking on the position once again starting July 1, 2016. To "take another kick at the cat" does not mean (to us nice Canadians, at least) "to vent frustration upon an undeserving object lower in status than the one doing the kicking". According to the Oxford Dictionary of Idioms, the expression "taking another kick at the cat" is "Canadian informal" and bears the meaning of "an opportunity to achieve something". That is our Ineke – she never misses an opportunity to achieve something good. And Ineke was just nominated for the Business Leader of the Year award!*

**Patrick O'Brien** was happy to introduce his new associate at RBC Dominion Securities, **Cameron MacKenzie**. Cameron previously worked as a CA at Ernst & Young and will be working along side Patrick to serve their clients (who include a good number of Rotarians).

**Sharon Kyle** was delighted to see some daffodils popping up in her yard. (The expression is "take time to smell the roses", but would "time to admire the daffodils" have anything to do with her surviving that recent car crash which did a number on her new Ford Escape, but left her and her passengers physically unscathed?).



District Governor-Elect **Clive Evans** was happy to be visiting our Club, and noted that their exchange student recently celebrated his (or her) birthday far away from home.

Visitor **Jasmine Hillier** was thankful to be visiting our meeting, and appreciated the warm reception that she felt among us.

**Jim Coulter** dropped a five dollar bill in the cup, but said he wasn't sure whether it was a happy or sad one. (We all voted for sad). On March 4 he will celebrate his 65<sup>th</sup> birthday, which will be his last day at work as editor of The News newspaper as he is retiring from that position. He joined that newspaper in 2007.

On March 14 he will be moving to Kelowna where he will be working (part-time, at least) for the newspaper in that city. The sad news for our Club is that March 14 will also be the last day for him to be at our Club, as he has apparently declined the invitation to drive down from Kelowna every Tuesday at 8AM to see us.

### Announcements

**Dave Rempel**, the hard working Chair of our Wine Fest Committee, made out like a traffic cop handing out tickets to each member (for the Wine Fest, that is) and encouraged us to all sell them and help out at, and attend, the event.



### Program



Laurie Anderson had the pleasure of introducing someone who needed no introduction, namely, **Ernie Daykin**.

Ernie's roots go deep in Maple Ridge. His great-grandfather and grandfather (on his father's side) planted themselves in Maple Ridge in 1915. On his grandmother side of the family, they set roots here in 1879.

Ernie operated Windsor Plywood on River Road from 1976 to 2000. He was given the four-way test award by the Haney Rotary club during that period. He was on the board of the Chamber of Commerce from 1993 to 2000, and president of the Chamber of Commerce in 1999. In 1996, he was named Citizen of the Year in Maple Ridge. He was a member of the municipal council from 2002 to 2008, and was Mayor from 2008 to 2014. Ernie is still active in the community, which only goes to show that the old refrain, "the old gray mayor - she ain't what she used to be", does not apply to our guest speaker.



Ernie is currently the administrator of the low rental apartment complex (owned by the Baptist Housing Society of British Columbia) located near the corner of 222nd and Lougheed Hwy in Maple Ridge. The Baptist Housing Society built its first subsidized housing unit in Vancouver in 1962, thanks to generous grant of \$50,000 (a lot of money in those days) from the wife of the society's founder. The Society has grown, and now has numerous buildings providing low-cost housing throughout British Columbia, including the one in Maple Ridge which Ernie now manages. A recent housing development in Oak Bay, on Vancouver Island, was a joint effort of the society and others, resulting in a 156 unit complex which has now filled up.

Ernie points out that there are many people who, if it weren't for the low-cost housing available to them, would truly be "homeless". In the past decade the demographics of those occupying the building have changed. In 2005, most occupants might be classified as normal healthy seniors, including widows and single people. Today, on the other hand, most occupants are suffering from serious problems ranging from such things as mental illness to just aging. Ernie says that all "homeless" persons are not on the street.

Subsidized housing is really needed for many people. For example, Ernie pointed out, a disabled woman received about \$920 per month (with no other income) from the provincial disability pension. She wished to retrain for a job and become a contributing member of society, but if she did not have a permanent residence to live in, she would not be accepted for retraining. Another example: a senior citizen mortgaged his condominium to help his kid launch a business, which ultimately failed resulting in the gentleman losing his home and ended up living at the Caring Place.

Ernie looks after 93 suites in the building, but says that at least another 200 to 300 suites are needed to fulfill the needs in our communities which have a population of approximately 100,000 people.

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**Libby Nelson** increased the pot by a couple of bucks or more.

**Submitted by Laurie Anderson**

