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APRIL IS MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH MONTH

Today: Eileen Dwillies – Haney Farmers Market

Next Week: Prof. Darren Blakeborough, of the UFV - “Aging in Popular Culture”

Happy Birthday	Happy Anniversary
April 28: Peter Boekhorst	April 28: Janis & Wayne Elkerton

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Apr. 30 - May 1		District Conference	Semiahmoo Resort in Blaine, WA.
May 12-15		RYLA	WA, United States
June 23	TBD	Installation of new Board of Directors	TBD
Aug. 7	Noon – 2 pm	Rotary Duck Race	Maple Ridge Park

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS:

Our speaker at our May 3 meeting is Darren Blakeborough, who is an Assistant Professor of Social, Cultural and Media Studies at the University of the Fraser Valley. He will be presenting to us on the topic of “Aging in Popular Culture”.

He was the guest luncheon speaker at a two-day “Elder Law” conference which I attended (with a few hundred other lawyers) at the Pan Pacific Hotel in Vancouver, and I found him to be a very lively and interesting speaker.

We are very privileged to have him come to speak to us on a very interesting topic (interesting not only to those of us in the “elder” stage of their existence, but also to those who do not yet admit to being labelled as such !).

As he is taking time out of his busy schedule to come to our Club, I ask that you all make a special effort to attend this meeting. You will not be disappointed.

Thank you. Laurie Anderson

LAST WEEK’S MEETING

Rotary Moment

Laurie Anderson said that he read on the internet that a *Rotary Moment* can be a two to three-minute personal story that reflects a highly memorable experience in your Rotary life. It might be an experience that impacted you so greatly that it transformed you from simply being a member of Rotary to becoming a Rotarian, or an experience that you will always remember as a key point in your Rotary life, and that while the Wine Fest might not quite fit that category, it was nevertheless a great moment for the club.

Dave Rempel and his crew pulled off a great event thanks to the hard work of our chairman Dave and the Rotary volunteers. It was a “moment” that the club should be proud of.

Dave Rempel and Ineke Boekhorst gave a report on the Wine Fest. They were particularly grateful to the Valley Fair Mall who provided the venue free of charge and were most cooperative and helpful. The event was well attended with approximate 250 guests, numerous wineries, and some beer venues. Although the final figures are not in, it is expected that the event will raise approximately \$10,000. It was also an excellent social event where many members of our community attended and gave it great reviews.

The **installation night** of our new incoming executive for the 2016/2017 Rotary year has been set for Thursday night, June 23, 2016. Mark it on your calendar!

Dave Rempel advised that Sunday, September 18, 2016 is the date set for our next **Frisbee Golf event**, to be held in conjunction with the Haney Rotary Club.

Program - Jhon Reategui - Exchange Student - with Mike Murray

Our special guest speaker was our International Exchange Student Jhon Reategui who, with the help of Mike Murray (from the Haney Club, who was Jhon’s previous host family - just prior to Jhon moving to Angie Edmond’s home where Jhon is presently staying), told us about his life in Peru and his impressions of British Columbia. When Jhon arrived here, he only knew a couple



of words an English (like “hello” and “where is the bathroom”), but after just a few short months is now able to talk to us in English and answer our questions. He advised us as follows:

I live in a village named Jose Carlos Mariategui across the river from Sapo Playa, which in English means Frog Beach. My village is located on the Amazon River in the forest. It is in the north east part of Peru. There are 200 people in my village and 1800 in Sapo Playa. In Sapo Playa there are no cars, only bicycles and motorcycles.



We use boats with motors to travel on the river. Some families have generators to supply electricity, but my family does not. My friends and I visit other people’s houses where they have a generator and TV and watch games from the outside through their windows (which are open).

I have running water in my house but not for drinking. We get our drinking water from a village water source where the water is filtered and treated with chemicals. I shower every day at a waterfall which is three minutes walk from my house. I go to school in Sapo Playa which has 300 students. There are 27 to 30 students in secondary grades. I went to school for 11 years and I graduated. In secondary school I study communication, math, art (music, visual arts drama), PE, science (biology, physics, chemistry) and technology (computers). There is no Internet in the school or village. The first time I used the Internet was in Lima at the house of the Rotary Club President. I didn’t know what Facebook was. But I do now, and for me the communication was very easy and fun.

I found out about the Rotary Youth Exchange Program when I was a volunteer in the library in Sapo Playa in my school where I represented my community to visitors from Canada and the United States. Megan is a Conapac Worker and she asked me if I would like to apply for the Rotary Youth Exchange Program. She is friends with the Rotary Club President in Lima. The Rotary Club in Lima sponsored me.

[Editors note: CONAPAC is a Peruvian non-profit organization whose mission is to promote conservation of the rainforest through education of its stewards, the people who live along the Amazon and Napo Rivers.]

I have a very big family because I have four sisters and three brothers. My youngest brother is 6 years old and my oldest brother is 25. I also live very close to many other relatives. My great-grandmother lives with us and she is 97.

My father is a fisherman and the farmer. He grows watermelon, pineapple and corn. He works on a banana plantation in the rainy season. He sells his watermelons at a market in Iquitos. Every week I would take 200 melons in our boat to the market which is six hours by boat from our village. Iquitos is the largest city close to my village, with a population of 400,000 people. My father and I also go hunting to help feed the family. We have one house in the village and one in the jungle which is about 30 minutes by boat from our village. We hunt animals like deer in the forest. I hunt deer with a rifle, but I am not very good at it.

A typical day when I am living in our village is that I get up at 4:00 in the morning to go fishing with my father for 30 minutes to an hour. Then at 7:30 I go to school. I come home at 1:30 and our family eats lunch together. Lunch is the biggest meal of the day. In the afternoon I do homework, volunteer in the library and help my parents. On Saturday and Sunday I play soccer with my friends. I play on the soccer team from Sapo Playa. Here in Maple Ridge I play on a men’s soccer team where we play at night under the lights and some games have been very cold.

At home the rainy season is from January to March each year and it rains every day, all day. My family moves to a different location because the river floods. Our houses are on stilts so there is no damage from the flood. There is no school during this time. The school is flooded and there are anaconda in the water. So I go to live with my grandparents in Iquitos where I work in a clothing store. The weather in Sapo Playa is very hot, around 35 most days in July and August, and very humid.

As for the differences between Sapo Playa and Maple Ridge, Maple Ridge is colder. My school in Maple Ridge is bigger, about 1400 students, and provides opportunities to choose courses. In Sapo Playa we have about 200 students, and I would never be able to choose my courses. Here I have friends from other countries. There are no cars in Sapo Playa. In the jungle the trees are very big and different. We have no Internet in our village. Food is different. Here I liked pasta, especially pizza, and vegetables. In Sapo Playa it is always chicken with rice or fish with rice. I travel to school in Sapo Playa in my canoe and here I go to school in a car. If I buy a pizza in Peru I have to go to Iquitos, and after a 7 hour canoe ride home, the Pizza will be cold. My favourite thing to do in Canada is play sports – soccer, rugby, basketball and especially snow boarding. The other things which I like about Canada are my host families, my friends from international countries, and all the people I’ve met. When I get home I would like to study in the University in Iquitos or Lima. I would like to study medicine but it is very expensive. I would study science first or music.

One day I went by myself about 5:00 a.m. to a lake in the jungle not far from my village. With a big hook tied to a rope I caught a three metre long Cayman, and tied the rope to a tree and tried to kill it, but after about 5 hours the Cayman did not die until I got my rifle. As my canoe was only three metres long, I had to go get a longer 5 metre canoe. I finally arrived back in my village about 10 or 11 o’clock at night with the dead Cayman in the canoe.

My parents, who had been very worried, were “not happy”. However, the Cayman fed a lot of people in the village.



Porsche Cayman

(Jhon: next time hunt for this Cayman!)

I want to thank both Rotary Clubs and my host families, Mike and Angie, for hosting me here. This has been an amazing experience for me.

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Walter Volpatti once again showed that he is good with numbers but not at picking the right card.

Submitted by Laurie Anderson