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AUGUST IS MEMBERSHIP & EXTENSION MONTH

Today: Valerie Patenaude - Maple ridge Historical Society - Local disasters

Next Week: Graeme Ross - Credit Counselling Society

Happy Birthday	Happy Anniversary
	Aug. 11: Laura Cherrille & Jeff Erlandson

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Aug. 27		Summer BBQ at Patrick O'Brien's home	10328 276 St, Maple Ridge View map
Sep. 13	Noon	DG Scott Dudley's official visit	Bella Vita Restaurant
Sep. 18		Frisbee Golf at Dave & Sharon's home	10607 277 St, Maple Ridge View map

SUNDAY, AUGUST 7, 2016 ... 6TH ANNUAL ROTARY DUCK RACE

After re-labelling all the "ducks in training" on Friday night at Bonnie Telep's home (Thanks for the Chinese food, it was awesome!), it was time to release the little guys from their storage tubs on Sunday; it was RACEDAY!

And swimming they did! About 5800 of them!

The weather was great and many people came out around 12:30 to see the annual event.

At 1pm, following the 2 "Giant Ducks" floating down the river, all our rubber duckies followed quickly and the race was over in just a few minutes!



Scouts and Fire Department did an awesome job in getting all the "runaways" back in line and the 5 winners were properly collected and "bagged" for verification. Winners were announced (one of the winners was present)

And the winners are:

Place	Ticket nr.	Prize	Winner
1 st	4075	MR Chrysler – 2015 Dodge Dart	Julie McNicol
2 nd	4790	Marks Shopping Spree	Jeff Kosuk
3 rd	5381	Fuller Watson - Furniture	Sue Levens
4 th	1253	Meadow Gardens Golf Pkg.	Geof Allen
5 th	8554	Haney Sewing & Sound – 40" TV	Derell Campbell

Irena organized a balloon release to commemorate the first anniversary of Bob's passing; many people wrote moving messages to "Poppa Duck" on the balloons and it was a really beautiful and fitting moment on this Duck Race day.



Between the kids games, which were very popular, Kevin doing the MC'ing, Salvation Army with the Food Truck, St John Ambulance taking care of First Aid, many last minute duck race ticket sales, mascot walking around, Brian and Walter taking care of parking, it was a really fun day.....and the weather was much better than expected!

Thanks to all Rotarians, I believe every single one of you, participated in some way!

Thanks to those who came out yesterday to assist with the kids games, labelling, selling tickets, parking, etc.....Rotary Duck Race is done for 2016!

All that remains is handing out the prizes and the cheques to the ticket selling groups, which will take place at a later date, TBA shortly.

Submitted by:

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ROTARY GARAGE SALE - AUGUST 6, 2016



Thanks to all fellow Rotarians who in any way participated in this annual event; part of the BIA Community Garage Sale in Memorial Peace Park.

Some of you donated articles, some of you helped with pricing, set up and breakdown, some of you assisted with sales and some of you helped with all of it; whichever it was: Thanks So Much

Rotarians had another great chance to talk about Rotary with people in the community....and had a lot of fun at the same time.

We actually had an awesome day and cleared \$522.80 to boot!!!

Everything left-over was donated to the Ridge Meadows Thrift Store and they were very happy too.

Just like to mention Dave Sheppard from Haney Sewing and Sound, who was able to let us borrow their truck to transport everything (as the Friends in Need Food Bank truck broke down last minute!); Thanks so much Dave, your assistance was much appreciated!

As previously announced, for everyone who participated in the Garage Sale in some way, Meadow Ridge Rotary Club will make a donation in your name to the Rotary Foundation.

This year marks the 100th birthday of the Rotary Foundation and RI President John Germ encouraged all Rotarians worldwide to make a minimum donation to the Rotary Foundation of \$26.50, which represents the first donation from Arch Klumpf of \$26.50, starting the Rotary Foundation in 1916!

Thanks again to everyone for your participation,

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LAST WEEK'S MEETING

President Ineke's Quote of the Week

1993-94 Past RI President Robert Barth from Switzerland.

"If we want to see another century of Rotary, we must make Rotary attractive to young people.

Many young people share our beliefs. To get them involved in Rotary, we must concentrate on activities that capture their attention, so they are willing to make a commitment.

It is not the responsibility of young people to come to our clubs. It is ours to invite them."

Guests (other than the speaker)

Neil Smith - of the Haney Rotary Club

Mike Norfolk - of the Rotary club of Redruth, Cornwall, England, whose Rotary club was chartered 60 years ago.



Happy and Sad

Angie Edmonds had her sister-in-law and mother-in-law visiting from Australia (*that is the good news*). Unfortunately, Angie fell and injured her nose (*that is the bad news*). But fortunately, being a woman, she can cover up the injury with makeup (*that is some more good news*).

Doris Gagel was happy to spend some time with her great grandson Dale who is visiting with his family from Prince George. Dale, who is autistic, is doing very well.

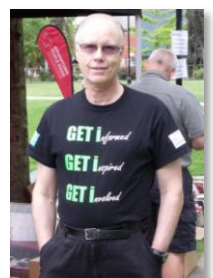
David Riddell just got back from Edmonton where his son **Edward** (known to his teammates as Eddie) played for the Province of British Columbia in the Canadian Floor Hockey competition, and they came home with silver! (*David also had the audacity to suggest that we should all be defenestrated – or at least fined- for not knowing where Redruth was located.*)

President Ineke enjoyed having her grandson Jordan visiting her for the weekend (now that he's gone, "all is quiet on the Western front").

Guest speaker - Gerry Pinel - GETI Fest



Introduction of our speaker: Gerry grew up in Maple Ridge and left when he joined the Air Force and subsequently worked for the oil industry in Alberta and British Columbia as an industrial systems technologist for 35 years. He returned to Maple Ridge where he has lived since 1978. Seven years ago he established GETI in Maple Ridge.



Gerry said that GETI is an acronym for Golden Ears Transition Initiatives. The first GETI Fest started out as a public party six years ago to showcase what they were about. They joined up with the Girl Guides (who wanted to put on an event on the same day as their own scheduled day) and the Farmers Market, and thereafter Municipality suggested they should make it an annual festival. Now, the 6th Annual GETI Fest is coming to Maple Ridge's Memorial Peace Park, on Saturday, September 17, 2016, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.



The GETI website (gearsti.org) says:

GETI is part of a global grassroots movement supporting citizen action toward reducing oil dependence and building local community resilience and ecological sustainability. There are currently:

- 480 official Transition Initiatives in 47 countries
- 29 initiatives in Canada and 10 in BC
- ...and over 650 more in the works!

A Transition Initiative (which could be a town, village, university or island etc) is a community-led response to the pressures of climate change, fossil fuel depletion and increasingly, economic contraction.... There are thousands of initiatives around the world starting their journey to answer this crucial question: "for all those aspects of life that this community needs in order to sustain itself and thrive, how do we significantly rebuild resilience (to mitigate the effects of Peak Oil and economic contraction) and drastically reduce carbon emissions (to mitigate the effects of Climate Change?)"... It all starts off when a small collection of motivated individuals within a community come together with a shared concern: how can our community respond?

This year's festival encourages us (town folk) to "GET Involved" in building a vibrant, resilient and localized future. We will achieve this by working collaboratively with the Haney Farmers Market, local first nations groups, Parks and Leisure, and local neighbourhood organizations and businesses. Displays and activities will showcase local groups and organizations, highlight urban development, the past and future of transportation, vibrant local business, sustainable agriculture, and healthy environments through the lens of community involvement. The festival will be filled with static and interactive displays, music, entertainment for the whole family, and much more. Visit Main Street (highlighting businesses and organizations that give back to our community), the Village Square (showcasing the GETI Action groups, community groups, and local sustainable businesses), The Artisan Village (local artisans and vendors), the Haney Farmers Market (food and more for our community), and The Station (where we stroll through transportation, past, present, and future).

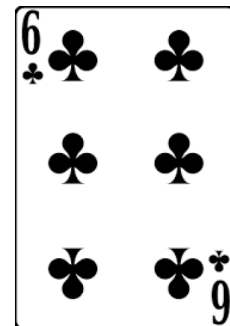
Gerry said that although an event of this size would usually cost \$75,000-\$100,000, this year's event will cost only approximately \$4,300 because of all the volunteers working hard. Their money was donated by a various groups such as VanCity Credit Union, the Co-operators, Envision Credit Union and Save-on-Foods, and others in the community.

President Ineke made a (*worthwhile*) suggestion that they might consider a change of name as it may be hard for us (*town folk*) to know or remember what GETI stands for. Gerry said they will keep the name (*thank you very much*) but they have decided this year to advertise the organization (which is a Society) through the purchase of about 70 T-shirts which will display a "play on words": GET Informed, GET Inspired, and GET Involved.

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This week's winner (and loser) was **Laura Cherrille**. Congratulations Laura on winning the 6 of Clubs!

Have fun! Join a Club!



Submitted by Laurie Anderson