



Meetings: Tuesday 12 Noon, Bella Vita Restaurant

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## AUGUST IS MEMBERSHIP & EXTENSION MONTH

**Today:** MP Dan Ruimy - Life on Parliament Hill

**Next Week:**

Happy Birthday		Happy Anniversary
Sep. 3: Dave Rempel	Sep. 4: Doris Gagel	Sep. 2: Debbie & Fraser MacRae

## CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Sept. 9 - 11		Rotary Camping Weekend is in Fort Langley	<a href="http://fortcamping.com">fortcamping.com</a>
Sep. 13	Noon	DG Scott Dudley's official visit	Bella Vita Restaurant
Sep. 18	3:30 pm	Frisbee Golf at Dave & Sharon's home	10607 277 St, Maple Ridge <a href="#">View map</a>
Sep. 21	6:30 pm	Cheque Distribution of the Duck Race Proceeds	Meadow Gardens Golf & Country Club

## LAST WEEK'S MEETING

President Ineke's Opening Quote of the Week  
by Wayne Gretzky:

*"Even if you're on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there."*

### Cheque Presentation

Community Services Committee Chair **Mike Davies** presented a cheque for \$500 in support of **Christmas Haven** to **Alyson Cuthbertson** (the Chair of Haven) and **Holly Henderson** (a Volunteer Coordinator of Haven).

What is Christmas Haven? Every Christmas Eve since 1998, a group of community minded volunteers organize a free, non-denominational, and wheelchair accessible Christmas Dinner, promoting a sense of belonging and camaraderie on a night that often brings hardship to those with little or no support and everyone who may not want to be alone at that time of year.

Christmas Haven is held at The ACT in downtown Maple Ridge from 6 pm to 9 pm. This venue is the centre point for a dinner of turkey and all the fixings; local entertainment; children's activities; and a visit from Santa. The Christmas Haven is 100% volunteer driven, operated by a dedicated Steering Committee and is only made possible through the generosity of our Community.

Alyson stated that 350 meals were served last Christmas at this event, which partners with the Caring Place which caters the event. Our Rotary club has sponsored this event for approximately the past five years.

## Guests

In addition to Alyson Cuthbertson and Holly Henderson, **Lynda Lawrence** was our guest for the day.

### Happy and Sad - happenings in the lives of our members

**Mark Forster** just returned from a trip to Las Vegas where the temperature was a scorching 41°.

**Laurie Anderson** spent three days playing tourist in Victoria, and had the luxury of flying with Harbour Air from the Pitt Meadows Airport to Victoria Harbour, and back, a trip that took only a five minute drive from his house and a 35 minute flight to the Capital.

**Eric Mollema's** mother and a niece have returned to South Africa after a two-week visit with Eric's family.

### Report on the Wine Festival Committee

**Dave Rempel** reported that the money raised at the Wine Fest will be distributed by giving \$2500 to Alouette Addiction and \$2500 to the Starfish Pack Program, with the balance of the funds going to our Rotary club for our other charitable purposes. Ineke advised that the directors of our club approved supporting the Starfish Pack Program at the last board meeting, and by a show of hands at this meeting a majority of members in attendance approved supporting the Starfish Pack Program also.

### Report on the Thanksgiving Food Drive

**Mike Davies** reported that three club members have volunteered to distribute informational brochures to homes in the community, followed a few days later when the food donations will be picked up on September 17 in support of the food bank.

## Program - **Ineke & Peter Boekhorst**

Their trip to the 2016 RI Convention in Seoul, Korea

**Ineke and Peter** were two of 42 persons from District 50-50 who attended the 107th Rotary International Convention. 43,000 Rotarians from 160 countries descended on the city of Seoul to hear inspiring speakers and enjoy the fellowship of fellow members from around the world.

Speakers at the Convention included:

- Secretary-General of the United Nations - Ban Ki-moon (who himself is a Rotarian) offered a message of gratitude: "Rotarians do remarkable work around the world. You help the United Nations reach our goals, and you help the world understand the United Nations".
  - The Prime Minister of South Korea Hwang Kyo-ahn, who was the Charter President of the Rotary Club of Seoul before he served as Minister of Justice, spoke about Rotary's history and presence in South Korea, now the fourth-strongest Rotary country in terms of membership and one of the strongest supporters of The Rotary Foundation, per capita.
- "Ours is a nation built on the ruins of war," he said. "Our recovery from those dark days has been called a miracle, but it is the kind of miracle that Rotary knows well: of many hands working together to achieve a common goal that could not have been achieved alone."
- The Prime Minister of Sri Lanka - Ranil Wickremesinghe
- "A Rotary club provides a country with something that every community in every country needs." He said it complements the government's work "by offering a way for people who want to make a difference in their community to do it for themselves, together, without having to run for office first."
- Gary Knell, president and CEO of National Geographic Society, who spoke about our shared responsibility to explore and protect our planet.

They must have worn out a lot of shoe leather as they did a lot of walking during the trip.

On Day 1 they watched the changing of the guard at the palace.



On Day 2 they participated in the 3K Walk for Peace, during which time they dressed up in traditional Korean costumes, and attended the opening ceremonies in the evening with its many flags from participating countries. Said Ineke, "being at the convention made us feel part of our enormous organization, and proud to be Rotarians".



They attended the House of Friendship where they got to meet Rotarians in traditional costume from around the world and learn about what Rotarians are doing in other countries. They also attended a Korean Cooking Workshop [they must not have done a bad job as they were able to eat their own cooking - unlike some of the traditional food cooked up by their B&B hosts].

Trustee Chair Ray Klinginsmith proclaimed that The Rotary Foundation has never been stronger than it is today.

He said: CNBC, a leading consumer and business news outlet in the U.S., ranked Rotary No. 5 among the top 10 charities changing the world in 2015.

The Rotary Foundation is truly better than ever before?" said Klinginsmith, who reported more than \$269 million in contributions last year.



Rotary International President Ravi Ravinder gave the closing speech, and told about his own mother, who at age 30 was afflicted with polio. She was in the hospital for 1½ years, and although was told that she would never walk again, did leave

the hospital walking. Pres. Ravi promised that with the help of Rotarians, we would soon have a "world without polio".

Ineke encouraged all Rotarians to at least attend one Rotary International Convention. Costs can be reduced by careful planning. For example, Ineke and Peter stayed in a B&B in Seoul which cost them only \$45 per night, and [despite the food cooked by the hosts] they thoroughly enjoyed interacting with the hosts who showed them around and were very gracious. The next International Convention will be held in Atlanta, Georgia in 2017.

## 50-50

**Laurie Anderson** was gracious enough to increase not only the size of the 50-50 pot but also the chances of finding the Queen of Hearts by defenestrating the 2 of Hearts from the deck of cards.

President Ineke's Closing Quote for the Day: *Laziness is nothing more than the habit of resting before you get tired.*

**Submitted by Laurie Anderson**