

Meetings: Tuesday 12 Noon, Bella Vita Restaurant

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SEPTEMBER IS BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY MONTH

Today:

Next Week: DG Scott Dudley's official visit

Happy Birthday	Happy Anniversary

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Sept. 9 - 11		Rotary Camping Weekend is in Fort Langley	fortcamping.com
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 View map
Sep. 21	6:30 pm	Cheque Distribution of the Duck Race Proceeds	Meadow Gardens Golf & Country Club

RI PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



In the summer of 1917, only a few months after the United States entered the first world war, Rotary held its eighth annual convention in Atlanta. Although many Rotarians at the time thought the convention should be cancelled, the Board of Directors ultimately agreed with Paul Harris that it should continue as planned. In the midst of such uncertainty

and fear, Harris penned, as part of his convention greeting, some of the most-quoted words in Rotary:

Individual effort when well directed can accomplish much, but the greatest good must necessarily come from the combined efforts of many men. Individual effort may be turned to individual needs but combined effort should be dedicated to the service of mankind. The power of combined effort knows no limitation.

Fittingly, it was at this convention that then-President Arch C. Klumph proposed a Rotary endowment fund "for the purpose of doing good in the world." The power of combined effort was joined by a new power: that of combined resources. It was a combination that has proved unstoppable and has been behind so much of Rotary's work for the last 100 years. Today, it is difficult to imagine Rotary without its Foundation. It was the Foundation that turned Rotary from an organization of local clubs into an international force for good with the power to change the world.

In this Rotary year, we are marking the centennial of our Rotary Foundation in the city where it all began: Atlanta. Our 108th Rotary International Convention promises to be one of the most exciting yet, with inspiring speakers, great entertainment, and a wide array of breakout sessions to help you move your Rotary service forward. And of course, we'll be celebrating the Foundation's centennial in style.

Whether you're a regular convention goer, haven't been to one in a few years, or haven't yet attended your first, the 2017 convention will be the one you won't want to miss. Atlanta is a great destination in its own right, with great food, friendly people, and many local attractions to enjoy. But the real reason to come to the convention is always the convention itself, and the people, ideas, inspiration, and friendship you'll find there. To learn more, and save money on registration, visit www.riconvention.org. See you in Atlanta!

John F. Germ - President 2016-17

LABELLING DICTIONARIES ON SEP. 1

Last Thursday September 1st we were putting a label in each of the dictionaries for the grade 4 students. With the help of Eric Mollema and daughter Sonya and son Rijk, Betty Levens and Libby Nelson we did 105 of the 134 boxes.

Thank you, Matt.



50/50 Draw - Jackpot at \$396.00 + 1/2 of today's sales, 28 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

President Ineke's Opening Quote of the Week

by Bob Hope:

"You know you are getting old when the candles cost more than the cake."

Guests

Steve Boggs - a guest of Brian Becker, from Washington state.

Khalida Ali - assistant to our Member of Parliament Dan Ruimy

Dan Ruimy - our Member of Parliament and guest speaker

Happy and Sad - what happened to our members last week

Brian Bekar, our Sgt. at Arms, met up with former club member and Sgt. at Arms **Jim Coulter** to play a game of golf.

Libby Nelson was pleased that her grandson past his school exams.

Walter Volpatti pointed out that although **Mike Davies** could not attend our meeting today, but he came early and set up all our paraphernalia.

President Ineke and Peter are leaving directly after the meeting to go to Peachland in the Okanagan where they will be camping with their family.

Dave Rempel also went recently to the Okanagan, where Dave played some tennis and his wife was given something to wine about - she enjoyed visiting some vineyards.

Matt Debruyne, not to be outdone, got down to basics and went tenting in the Okanagan (forsaking his Time Share?), and had to be evacuated because of a forest fire that took him on a somewhat circuitous route back home.

Betty Levens had the happiest dollar of all, as she recently won \$2,500 (at something).

Guest Speaker – Dan Ruimy,

MP for Pitt Meadows and Maple Ridge



About Our Guests: Dan Ruimy owns "a small, but well-filled, used bookstore and coffee shop called "Bean Around Books and Tea" in Maple Ridge which maintains an eclectic collection of over 20,000 books in most subjects, where both old and young can have a cup of tea or coffee, get lost among the shelves, and chew the fat. He is originally from Montréal (so like a

good federal politician, is fully bilingual), currently lives in Maple Ridge and previously called Port Coquitlam his home. In his former (that is, non-political) life, he worked for several franchise companies and opened up 140 new restaurants such as McDonald's and Quiznos across Canada. That experience taught him how to spot potential problems and find solutions.

Khalida Ali was Dan's financial agent during the election campaign and now his executive assistant in Maple Ridge. Prior to that she worked in the housing industry.

From Our Guest: What is life like for a new member of Parliament in Ottawa? "There is no life in Ottawa". I get up at 6:30 and am going all day until 9:00 or 9:30 at night. I am on two committees which keep me busy. I have never been in politics before but can attest to the fact that not all politicians are crooks or are in it for selfish reasons. Why did I decide to go into politics? I feel it is important to maintain a strong presence in the community, whenever I am not needed in Ottawa. The biggest frustration people have is that their governments don't listen to them. I have learned what happens if people are included in the community. In my shop, people talk to each other and interact with each other. A 15-year-old will engage with an 87-year-old. I ask myself, what can I do? I am not a politician. I decided that I can bring people together, have town hall meetings, get involved in the community and get people to talk to one another. People having different political views need to talk to one another.

(When asked what was most surprising or unexpected thing to him when he arrived in Ottawa, he said it was all the yelling and heckling and interruption going on in Question Period - no communication!)

I have been given a great opportunity by being elected as a Member of Parliament. I am sometimes afraid I will not live up to the challenge, and I do not want to waste this opportunity. We have three levels of government – municipal, provincial, and federal. This should be more interaction between them. Some cities and municipalities are thriving, and others are not. I take every opportunity I get to speak to the Ministers in the various departments and tell them what is needed here in Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows. I see my role as bringing attention to our problems.

I am on two Standing Committees, firstly, **Human Resources, Social Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities**, which studies topics relating to:

- Employment insurance
- Employment benefits and support measures
- Income security programs
- The Canada Labour Code
- Post-secondary education and training
- Social programs for seniors, families, children and persons with disabilities

and secondly, I am the **Chairman the House of Commons Standing Committee on Industry, Science and Technology** which studies and reports on legislation, the activities and spending of Industry Canada and its portfolio members, and other issues related to:

- Industry and technology capability;
- Scientific research and development;
- Telecommunications policy;
- Investment, trade, small business and tourism; and
- Rules and services that support the effective operation of the marketplace."

Canada has lost much of its manufacturing industry, but is great at Research and Development. We need to focus on higher education and finding new ways of doing things through newer technologies.

50-50

Libby Nelson once again came “close” to the winning ticket, but the 4 of Clubs was a “no cigar”.



Another Quote By Robert Frost

“A bank is a place where they lend you an umbrella in fair weather and ask for it back, when it starts to rain”

Submitted by Laurie Anderson