

Meetings: Tuesday 12 Noon, Bella Vita Restaurant

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SEPTEMBER IS BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY MONTH

Today: Bill Briscoll and Sean Spear - Raincity Housing and Support Society (Homeless Shelter)

Next Week:

Happy Birthday	Happy Anniversary
Sep. 23: Mark Vosper	Sep. 25: Adrienne & Warren Dale
	Sep. 26: Mark & Linda Vosper

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
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

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

President Ineke's Opening Quote of the Week

by Pablo Picasso: "The world today doesn't make sense, so why should I paint pictures that do?"

President Ineke noted that the first Rotary Page went in the Maple Ridge News, and urged everyone to take a look at it if they haven't done so already. Ineke thanked those Rotarians who placed an ad in the paper and thus made the Rotary Page possible.

"What Happened in Langley Stays in Langley"



Ineke thanked **Adrienne Dale** for organizing the Rotary camping weekend which was held on September 9th, 10th and 11th in the Fort Langley campground adjacent to the Fraser River. Those that did not attend missed a great fun weekend.

While most stayed in their campers, four brave souls who slept in tents were **Mark & Linda Vosper** and **Eric & Urma Mollema**.

Our Guests were District Gov. **Scott Dudley** and his wife **Christine**, ADG **Preet Pall**, and Past District Gov. **Sean Hogan**.

Happy and Sad - happenings in the life of our members

Assistant District Gov. **Preet Pall** - happy to be here and to meet with us and help any way she can.

Betty Levens - she liked her picture which was in the Rotary Page in the NEWS.

MEADOWRIDGE ROTARY NEWS

Monthly

Ordinary people doing Extra ordinary things

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Libby Nelson - she is happy that she will be on holidays for the next two weeks, but has a sad dollar as she will miss our Frisbee social.

Sean Hogan - (who has a good Irish name) has a happy dollar as he is off to (where else?) Ireland with his sister and father to visit some relatives, and then winds up his trip in (is this happy or sad?) Winnipeg.

Dave Rempel - had a great social at his home last Saturday with friends who celebrated their 30th annual Frisbee tournament.

District Gov. **Scott Dudley** - will never get hungry in Canada as there is always Tim Hortons and Poutine.

Matt DeBruyn - stated that on Oct. 4-6 and 12-14 the dictionaries will be given out to all grade 4 students in SD42 (3 schools/day). Instead of visiting each of the 64 classes, the dictionaries will be delivered to the schools in person by Rotarians. All grade 4 students will meet in the gym of their schools and the Rotarians will hand the dictionaries out to the students, who then will write their names in the front covers of their respective dictionaries.

This is a **Rotary Hands-on Project**. He noted that help is needed for the final labelling of the dictionaries on September 22.

Deborah Hyslop – she is very happy to be back in Maple Ridge and therefore able to attend our club on a regular basis. She now works with Clint Callison in his business - the Co-operators - Callison Financial Services Ltd. She is going on a course, and will be away for two weeks visiting her family in Boston.

Guest Speaker - Official Visit of District Gov. Scott Dudley



DG Scott Dudley was introduced by **ADG Preet Pall**:

Scott Dudley and his wife, Christine or “Saint Christine” which she is called and deservedly so, live on Whidbey Island in the City of Oak Harbor, Washington.

Scott joined the Rotary Club of North Whidbey Island Sunrise back in January of 2001 but became a “Rotarian” on a wheelchair

distribution trip to Mexico several years later. He has since done great work in both Haiti as well as Honduras.

Recently, he was a recipient of Rotary International’s “Service Above Self” Award. He is a Major Donor as well as a member of the Paul Harris Society and a member of Rotary Foundation’s Bequest Society.

When he is not working on his Rotary Club’s next project or volunteering at the Rotary District Level, Scott can be found managing his investment office in Oak Harbor, Washington.

Scott stays active and has recently completed his 21st marathon.

He also served as the Mayor of the City of Oak Harbor, from 2012 through 2015.

Scott and Christine love to travel and have a total of five children.

Those that know Scott know that he is a huge Seattle Seahawks fan but even a bigger fan of Rotary!



DG Scott Dudley then spoke to us. He said that although he joined Rotary in 2001, he did not feel like a true “Rotarian” until he went with a group from his Oak Harbour Rotary Club to Mexico to help deliver 280 wheelchairs to those who cannot afford them. He said that meeting the recipients and hearing their stories of how the wheelchairs affected their lives and was a life-changing

experience for them, also changed him as a person. For example, he met the mother of a disabled child who was five years old, and in order to get him to school each day she had to carry him on her back. She stated that without the wheelchair, he would no longer have been able to go to school when he got a bit older because he would be too heavy for her to carry him. The wheelchair therefore did more than give him transportation – it enabled him to get an education.

Said Scott, “We take so much for granted. For example, we turn on the tap and get clean drinking water. We have food and health care. By living here in Canada and United States, we have already won the lottery.”

When the earthquake hit Haiti in 2010, DG Scott was going to go there to help put up shelter boxes, but he was not able to go because of civic unrest in the region. When this trip to Haiti was cancelled, he decided to visit Rotary clubs in Canada. One of the 13 clubs he visited was the Haney Rotary club where he learned from **Keesha Rosario** (who is a past president of that Club) that her husband **Philip Rosario** had polycystic kidney disease and that he was going to die without an immediate kidney transplant. Scott was familiar with polycystic kidney disease as it had afflicted his mother and members of his extended family. Although Scott had never met the Rosario’s, he immediately volunteered to give one of his kidneys to Philip Rosario. Within four days after that first meeting, the transplant had taken place at the Vancouver General Hospital. He was asked, “Why not donate to an American or somebody that you knew?” Scott’s answer was “let me tell you about Rotary”.

While about 123,000 people are waiting for organ transplants, nearly 102,000 of them need kidneys. 7,000 Persons will die this year because they cannot obtain an organ transplant.

“Whether it is giving a wheelchair to someone in Mexico or a kidney to someone in Canada, it is seeing the effect which this has on the recipient and family members, that makes it an amazing experience”, Scott said.

As Rotarians, when we do good in the world we create ripple effects. This is a great year to be a Rotarian. It is expected that polio will be eradicated from the world by the end of this year or early 2017.

This year The Rotary Foundation is celebrating its 100th year since its inception, and we should celebrate that event. District 5040 and 5050 will host a **Million Dollar Dinner** to celebrate 100 Years of The Rotary Foundation “Doing Good in the World”. Rotary International President John Germ will be the keynote speaker. The event will be held on Monday, January 9, 2017 in Tsawwassen where we can all meet him and hear him talk. Also plan to attend the District Conference. “Don’t keep Rotary a secret”

The following is the news clip that was heard on the radio about the kidney transplant at the time:

PITT MEADOWS (NEWS1130)

The wait for a normal life is over for one Pitt Meadows man. Phil Rosario has [Polycystic Kidney Disease](#) and today, he'll get a new kidney all thanks to one man from Washington State. Rosario is expected to have his life-altering surgery at 1 p.m. at Vancouver General Hospital. It's a procedure that should take up most of his day. How he got the kidney in the first place is "an incredible story of humanity" according to Phil's wife, Keesha Rosario. At a Rotary Club meeting in Metro Vancouver, Scott Dudley, the Mayor of Oak Harbor, WA, was in attendance and that's when he agreed to give up his own kidney. "It's like divine spirits, it's pretty unbelievable. He went forward right after that and got tested. I had no idea," explains Phil. Keesha is still in disbelief. She couldn't imagine a family member donating an organ, let alone a stranger or an acquaintance that they didn't even know coming forward. Phil refers to Dudley as a "perfect stranger" who was impacted by the disease and that's why he is compelled to help out. "He's had family members that have passed away because of it, so he's well aware of kidney disease. He himself doesn't have it, it skipped his generation." Both Phil and Keesha hope their story encourages others to "pay it forward" and raises the awareness of organ donation.

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Brian Bekar had his heart broken again when he pulled the 9 of Hearts out of the deck, and was heard to say, "Why, tell me why, is the Queen of Hearts so shy?"



Another Quote by Bob Hope....

A bank is a place that will lend you money if you can prove that you don't need it.

Submitted by Laurie Anderson