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## NOVEMBER IS ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH

**Today:** Installation of a previous member: **Karen Hendrickson**

**Next Week:** **Sylvia Russell** - Superintendent of SD 42

Happy Birthday		Happy Anniversary
Nov. 15	Ken Paterson	

### CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Dec. 6	Noon	AGM & Election of Officers	
Dec. 10	6:00 pm	Christmas Social – Theatre in the Country Dinner & “Miracle on 34th Street”	9975 272 St., Maple Ridge

#### CYCLAMEN SALE:

We will have our annual Christmas plant sale again this year with all proceeds towards the Starfish Backpack Project.



The order forms will be on the table this week. Or it is available online at [meadowridgerotary.ca/Downloads](http://meadowridgerotary.ca/Downloads) When using Google Chrome browser, download the bulletin pdf-file and open in Acrobat (Reader). Then open the attachment.

#### LAST WEEK’S MEETING

##### President’s Quote for the Day:

*When life gives you limes,  
rearrange the letters until they say SMILE.*

President **Ineke** welcomed back **Mike Davies**, who is returning from his recent bout in the hospital.

Ineke made a Starfish Backpack presentation to a corporate sponsor, Westminster Savings, and got a great response, as 5 packs were donated at a cost of \$525 each.

**Deborah Hyslop** has volunteered go to with **Peter Boekhorst** to do the corporate recognition follow-up for our sponsors.

**Adrienne Dale** advised that **Angie Blanco and husband Duane** have agreed to have a “pre-Theatre in the Country” Christmas social at their home on December 10 at approximately 4 PM for those Rotarians going to the production of “Miracle on 34th Street”.

Ineke advised that the International Committee have interviewed three possible candidates for our student exchange program, but we still need one Rotarian to volunteer as a host family if the program is to go ahead.

Guests: **Matthew Seligman**, a guest of **Doris Gagel**, and honorary member **Irena Shantz**.

Happy and Sad - among several participants in the loonie toss, two of the following were:

**Dave Rempel** (the School Trustees representative on the Arts Council) thanked the club members who gave a donation in support of the Arts Council scholarship program.

**Eric Mollema** donated two dollars - his mother-in-law is leaving after a six-week stay with them, and Eric’s wife Urma is back from a trip [Eric didn’t say which was the happy buck in and which was the sad buck, and we aren’t venturing a guess].

Guest Speaker PDG - Larry Stinson, QC – The History of the Rotary Foundation

November is Rotary Foundation Month and this Rotary Year will celebrate the Centennial of the Foundation. It is therefore appropriate that our talk today was about our charity.



**About our Guest:** Larry was our Past District Governor for District 5050 in the 2008/2009 Rotary Year.



Larry was born in Rossland, British Columbia, where he spent his early childhood and then moved to Calgary, Alberta with his family where he resided until he was 21. He returned to British Columbia in 1965 to attend law school at the University of British Columbia [where he was a classmate of Laurie Anderson]. Following graduation from law school in 1968 he practiced corporate and securities law in Vancouver for six years. In 1975 Larry and his wife Karola moved to Chilliwack and purchased a small farm. Larry took up polo which he played for many years in the Pacific Northwest. Larry continued his legal career with the local firm of Baker Newby LLP where he is a partner and still goes in to the office a few hours each week. [Old lawyers never die, they just lose their appeal].

Larry has been active in community affairs, having served as a director of the Chilliwack and District Agriculture Society for a number of years, as a director of the 2003 BC Seniors Games held in Chilliwack, as a Director and Board Chair of the University College of the Fraser Valley Foundation and as a member of the University of the Fraser Valley Board of Governors.

Larry joined the Rotary Club of Chilliwack in 1993 and served as its President in 2001 - 2002, the year Richard King was RI President. Larry has served at the District level as an Assistant Governor three times and as a presenter at PRLS, PETS and District Assembly.

Larry is currently the Assistant Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator (RRFC) for Rotary Zone 24 West. RRFCs serve as a key resource on all Foundation matters, both program and financial, and as a vital link between Rotarians and The Rotary Foundation. RRFCs can help promote the Foundation and its programs and fundraising initiatives, as well as set and achieve program, grant, and giving goals. Zone 24 covers the area of Canada, Alaska, Maine, Michigan, New York and Washington, and includes 16 Districts (including our own 5050), 851 Rotary clubs, and a total of 30,850 Rotary members. Zone 24 West has 8 Districts.

**His Chilliwack Club** has approximate 150 members, and there are three Rotary clubs in Chilliwack with the other two clubs having approximately 150 members between them, for a total of 300. The population of Chilliwack is approximately 80,000 (compared to approximately 100,000 people in Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows), and these inspiring clubs manage to maintain approximately 6 times as many Rotarians between them as we do in our two municipalities. Larry says that they bring in approximate 20 new members per year in his club to maintain their club at the 150-membership level.

**Larry presented to us the following History of The Rotary Foundation (TRF)**

1917 - Rotary President Arch Klumph proposes an endowment for doing good. His remarks at the Rotary Convention in Atlanta, Georgia planted the seed for today's Foundation. The Rotary Clubs of Kansas City, Missouri, makes the first donation - \$26.50



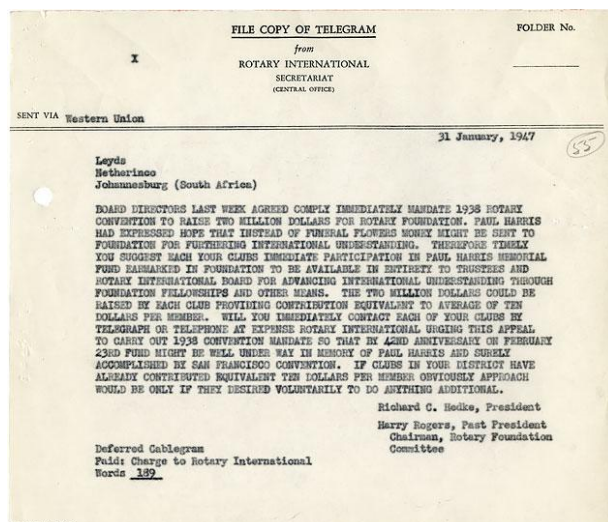
1928 - At the 1928 Convention in Minneapolis, The Rotary Foundation is formally named and a Board of Trustees created.

1930 - The Foundation makes its first contribution - \$500 to the International Society for Crippled Children. The International Society for Crippled Children was started by a Rotarian and friend of Paul Harris, Edgar Allen. Edgar Allen with Paul Harris and others helped form Easter Seals.



1936 - Institutes for International Understanding were formed to help inform the public about global humanitarian issues.

1947 -



When Paul Harris dies, Rotary International sends a telegram to members telling them of his wish that in lieu of flowers that they make a donation to TRF. \$1.3 Million was contributed in his memory.

1957 - Paul Harris Fellow recognition begins. By 2006 the number of Fellows reaches 1 Million.



1963 - Carl Miller, 1963/64 International President, starts the Matched Districts program pairing clubs and districts in different countries to promote international understanding.



1965 - Matching Grants program is launched. Group Study Exchange begins.

1978 - Health, Hunger and Humanity (3-H) grants are started to improve Health, alleviate Hunger and enhance Human and social development.

1979 - Rotary approves the first 3-H grant project to purchase polio vaccine for children in the Philippines.

1980 - Rotary commits to “eliminating polio through immunization”. RI President Clem Renough, inspired by the eradication of smallpox, enlists the assistance of Dr. Albert Sabin, developer of the oral polio vaccine.



Dr. Albert Sabin

1981 - Trustees create The Rotary Foundation Endowment for World Understanding and Peace, which later becomes The Permanent Fund and now The Endowment Fund.



1985 - The PolioPlus program is launched. What is the “plus”? Initially it referred to the additional vaccines administered along with the polio vaccine.

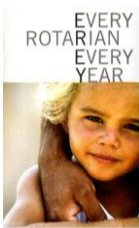


1988 - The Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) consisting of Rotary, WHO, US Center for Disease Control and UNICEF.

1995 - The PolioPlus Partners program is created to support National Immunization Days (NIDs). The program provides funding for banners, brochures, T-Shirts, caps, coolers for the vaccines, etc.

1999 - Rotary Peace Centers are founded.

2004 - Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY) initiative is created and The Arch Klumph Society to recognize contributions of \$250,000 or more.



2007 - Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation issues a challenge to TRF to raise \$100 Million to fight polio which it will match. They subsequently raised that to \$200 Million and increased their own contribution by \$255 Million.



2009 - Rotary and US Aid launch the International H2O Collaboration.

2013 - Simplified grant model goes into effect, replacing 3-H, matching District Simplified Grants as well as the Ambassadorial Scholarships and GSE programs.

2015 - Number of polio-endemic countries is down to two. Polio cases world-wide are down 99.9 percent since GPEI was launched in 1988.

2016 - TRF’s Centennial Year commenced July 1 and will wrap up at the Convention in Atlanta, Georgia (where it all began).



In answer to **Eric Mollema’s** question at the end of the meeting, Larry emailed to say that the net assets of the Rotary Foundation at the end of the 2015 Rotary Year were just under \$1 billion and have now exceeded that figure. Total contributions to the end of the 2014 – 15 Rotary Year were \$3.8 billion.

## 50/50

**Betty Levens** missed the Queen of Hearts by one card.

*[Betty, do you know where the expression “close but no cigar” came from?*

*Back in the early days at carnivals, cigars were a very common prize given out to winners at the time. Because of this, most etymologists think it likely that the phrase originated from when someone came close to winning one of the nearly impossible games, but ultimately lost, earning “no cigar,” with game workers belting the phrase out when people lost, trying to draw crowds and encourage the person who got close to try again. As these fairs traveled around, the phrase spread rapidly.]*

President’s Closing Quote:

*How do you get a sweet little 80-year-old lady to say the F word? Get another sweet little 80-year-old lady to yell “BINGO!”*

**Submitted by Laurie Anderson**