

Meetings: Tuesday 12 Noon, Bella Vita Restaurant

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NOVEMBER IS ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH

Today: Sylvia Russell - Superintendent of SD 42

Next Week: Gordon Kirkland - Organ donation and his new book

Happy Birthday		Happy Anniversary	
Nov. 22	Laurie Anderson	Nov. 26:	Matt & Lynda DeBruyn

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

When using Google Chrome browser, download the form pdf-file and open in Acrobat (Reader). From here you can submit it.

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

President's Quote for the Day:

*I might wake up early and do some exercise,
or I might win the lotto,
the odds are the same.....*

November is Rotary Foundation Month:

Last Sat. Nov. 12, Ineke and Laurie attended the Rotary Foundation Dinner in Mount Vernon; celebrating 100 years of Rotary Foundation. We received recognition for our donations towards the End Polio Now Campaign.

This week and every meeting this month, you'll find a collection box for the Rotary Foundation on the table. We encourage you to donate your loose change, or whatever you can to the Rotary Foundation. At the end of the month we will donate the total collected to the Rotary Foundation, as our contribution to the 100 year celebration of the Rotary Foundation. We will draw a name and that person will receive a tax receipt for the total of all funds donated throughout the month.



Ineke was also at a Shelterbox event in Kamloops that raised enough for 5 boxes. Congratulations to the exchange students in Kamloops (there were 6 - wow!) who cooked the dinner and organized the fundraiser.



Ken Paterson, who most of us remember, is a year older today and was a founding member of our club on March 3, 1990.



Some notes:

Dec 3 is the Santa Claus parade downtown. Volunteers are needed to collect food and dollars.

Dec 10 Our Christmas party with the Christmas play and dinner. We start with a social at Angie's home at 4pm. More details next week.

Dec 16 is when the Holiday Train comes to town. This is a great family event and a big fund raiser for the food bank. We'll have a "get together" at the Billy Miner before the event.



Tuesday Dec. 20 we'll have a fun gift exchange and Christmas lunch; bring a "gender-neutral" nicely wrapped Christmas gift \$10 value and we'll have a really fun "stealing" party. Spouses and partners are especially welcome that day.

Happy/Sad

- Mike Davies' sister Pat Useem from Indiana is visiting.
- Libby is pleased with the success of the Rotary Foundation dinner.
- Sharon celebrated the 50th birthday of her son. I guess her work is largely done.

Sharon is the New Generations chair and she extolled the YAIL (Youth Adventures in Leadership) taking place January 20 to 22 in Crescent Beach. We are looking for candidates.



A pack from our club is going to the leadership seminar including returning member Karen, Deborah and David Riddell.

We are looking for a chair for the international committee.

David Riddell has agreed to be President-elect assuming acclimation on Dec 6th at our AGM. We will be giving out free smart phones, so he can text the meeting to us from the precious (his cell phone). OK, that was a bit mean, I take it back. I'm just jealous of his digital expertise.

Eric Mollema inducted Karen Hendrickson into the club. Welcome back Karen!



Speakers:



Ana Castillo was our 2006 exchange student from Oaxaca, Mexico. She has been trying to immigrate to Canada and is living here now. She is seeking permanent residency status. The rules are strict, but if someone is able to help her get the last few points needed to get her into the skilled worker express entry system it would be much appreciated.

Mark Forster:

Mark and Pauline have a very interesting business in transcription services. While applicable to many businesses, they started in the medical field. They started small, but eventually bought the system from a company going out of that business. They serve 8,000 doctors all over North America using the system to transcribe dictated medical letters into printed words.



In 2005, Pauline won the Entrepreneur of the Year Award from Douglas College for this business. It is applicable to more than just MDs; Lawyers, investment advisors, vets are all possible future growth areas.



50/50:

The Queen of Diamonds showed her face to the draw winner – not who we were looking for and the pot goes unclaimed for another week. It is about time that Brian Bekar showed up to take the prize since the deck is getting very skinny.

President's Closing Quote:

When nothing is going right, go left.

Submitted by Patrick O'Brien