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JANUARY IS VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH

Today: **Mike Davies**

Next Week:

Happy Birthday	Happy Anniversary
Jan. 13: Matt DeBruyn	Jan. 4: Sharon Kyle & Ron Langley

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Jan. 14	9 AM – 3 PM	District Grants Management Seminar	Rotary Field House, South Surrey Athletic Park 2197 148th Street (14600 Rotary Way), Surrey, BC
May 4-7		The 2017 "Make It Happen!" District Conference	Seattle Marriott Waterfront Hotel
Aug. 13		Rotary Duck Race	Maple Ridge Park – Alouette River

RI President's Message



An Ambitious set of Resolutions

As we enter 2017, we also enter the second year of the initiative known as the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. The goals, usually referred to as SDGs, pertain to a list of 17 areas where the people of the world can come together to address our most pressing economic, political, and social challenges. It is a hugely ambitious list,

and it has to be. The Ultimate aim of these goals is nothing less than peace, prosperity, security and equality for all of humanity.

How do you even begin to tackle such a project? At Rotary our answer is simple: one step at a time. These goals are nothing new for Rotary: They're already reflected in our areas of focus. We also understand that all of these 17 goals, just like our six areas of focus, are inter-related. You can't have good health without clean water. You can't have clean water without good sanitation. Good sanitation in turn helps keep children in school, which improves education, which improves economic prosperity and health. When you are talking about the advancement of an entire planet, on one indicator, no one goal, no one country, exists in isolation. To make real and lasting progress, we must all move forward together.

The idea of Sustainability is key to the SDGs— and to our service in Rotary. Sustainability simply means making progress that will endure. It means not just digging a well, but being sure that a community can maintain it. It means not just running a health camp for a week, but training local health workers. It means empowering families and communities to take charge of their own futures by giving them the tools they need to succeed.

Sustainability has always been at the heart of our thinking in Rotary. We've been around for nearly 112 years and intend to be around for many more. We've already seen the difference our work has made: in health, in education, in water and sanitation, and of course in our efforts to end polio.

Polio eradication is the ultimate in sustainable service: a project that, once completed, will benefit the world forever. And those benefits will go far beyond the eradication of a single human disease. The estimated cost savings we will see once polio is eradicated are about \$1 billion per year. That is money that can be returned to the public health budgets and directed to other pressing needs, carrying the good work of today forward for many healthier tomorrows.

John F. Germ - President 2016-17

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Happy New Year! This was the first meeting of 2017. We hope everyone had a good Christmas.

President Ineke's Quote of the Day by Oprah Winfrey:

Cheers to a New Year and another chance for us to get it right.

Happy and Sad Dollars

As it was the first meeting of the year, no one had any sad things to report, but lots of good things:

Matt DeBruyn was happy to be back for the Christmas holidays, and had a great time with the family (but will now be heading south again for a couple of months or so).

Walter Volpatti had a good visit with his mother in Trail, BC, and was happy to be able to come back with no problems on the roads.

Ineke Boekhorst and Peter had the family over for Christmas, and then went to Kelowna for New Year's, where they went sledding, and enjoyed (?? - yes, remember it was Christmas and New Year's - so no sad dollars) Jack Frost nipping at their noses with temperatures at -17°, and even -19° on the Connector (highway 97C) between Merritt and Kelowna.

Peter Boekhorst calculated that (it being January 3) we are already 0.8% through the new year of 2017!

Patrick O'Brien gave one happy buck for Peter's cheerful disposition as well the contributions of the Dutch people to the betterment of our country; and then threw in a couple more so he could warn us all not to carry out a scientific experiment that he, himself, tried recently. He claims that adding heat can cause ice (a solid) to melt to form water (a liquid). Ergo, because shoes are warm when you are wearing them, if you then step onto the ice with warm shoes (when getting out of your car, for example), that will immediately melt the ice surface causing slippery conditions. We assume (ass-u-me?) this experiment in applied science was a bummer for Patrick. Speaking up for de Dutch, **Matt DeBruyn** opined: "That is why the Dutch invented wooden shoes!", while **Brian Bekar** said he could help with the shoe problem - if we were in need of some good water-proof shoes, he just might happen to know a great place in town in which to buy some. (Could that place be Mark's, by any chance?)

On a warmer anti-deepfreeze note, **Sharon Kyle** had a good Christmas, which including her family deep-frying a 17 pound turkey (which apparently cooked in about an hour and tasted delicious).

Starfish Pack Program - **Ineke** reported that 25 kids in five schools are now receiving backpacks - three schools in Maple Ridge and two schools in Pitt Meadows.

She also reported that employees of the Alouette Animal Hospital all donated money to give to the program, and then presented the owner of the business with a certificate evidencing the donation in her name.

Our Mini Program for the Day

Adrienne Dale was asked to give a five minute - impromptu - thumbnail sketch of her job. Adrienne said that she is now been a member of our club for about five years, and can hardly believe how fast time passes.

She received her Bachelor Arts in South Africa, with majors in Latin and the Social Sciences, and then went to law school to receive her LLB. Thereafter she practiced law for three years in South Africa. After moving to Maple Ridge, she re-qualified as a lawyer in BC and passed her necessary exams in 2012, and after a year of Articles was finally able to practice law here.

Her practice focuses on family law, with an emphasis on Alternative Dispute Resolution ("ADR") which refers to any means of settling disputes outside of the courtroom, and Collaborative Family Law which is a legal process enabling couples (who have decided to separate or end their marriage) to work with their lawyers and, on occasion, other family professionals in order to avoid the uncertain outcome of court and to achieve a settlement. Adrienne is also qualified as a Family Law Mediator.

Membership

Libby Nelson urged us all to invite a person to a Rotary meeting. She reminded us that we should be sure to follow the proper procedure when introducing persons to Rotary. The procedure is that the names of prospective members are circulated to see if there is anyone in the club who objects to that person becoming a member. This avoids the potential embarrassment of inviting someone to the club or to be a member, only to then have to tell them that they have not been accepted into the club. It is possible to circulate the name even before the person is invited as a guest to attend a meeting. Also, guests who are potential members are given up to two free meals, and it is a good idea to let our Sergeant-at-Arms know that the person you are bringing is a guest who is not expected to pay for their meal, to avoid an embarrassing moment as they arrive through the door.

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Libby Nelson won the 10 of Spades

President's Closing Quote for the Day by Benjamin Franklin:

Be at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbours, and let every New Year find you a better man.

Submitted by Laurie Anderson

