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## JANUARY IS VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH

**Today:** Hannah Nelson and Eva Cowley – Our Outgoing Exchange Students

**Next Week:** Maple Ridge Community Services

Happy Birthday		Happy Anniversary
Jan. 27: Sharon Kyle	Jan. 28: Mike Davies	
Jan. 30: Angie Blanco		

### CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Feb. 11	t.b.a.	Valentines Fireside	
Apr. 22	7 pm – 9:30pm	Rotary Wine Festival	ValleyFair Mall, Maple Ridge
May 4-7		The 2017 "Make It Happen!" District Conference	Seattle Marriott Waterfront Hotel
Aug. 13		Rotary Duck Race	Maple Ridge Park – Alouette River

### ROTARY ANNOUNCES \$35 MILLION TO SUPPORT A POLIO-FREE WORLD



On Jan. 17, 2017 Rotary announced \$35 million in grants to support the global effort to end polio, bringing the humanitarian service organization's contribution to \$140 million since January 2016.

Nearly half of the funds Rotary announced today (\$16.15 million) will support the emergency response campaigns in Nigeria and the Lake Chad Basin (Chad, northern Cameroon, southern Niger and Central African Republic). Four cases of polio were detected in Nigeria in 2016, which had previously not seen a case since July 2014.

With these cases, funding is needed to support rapid response plans in Nigeria and surrounding countries to stop the outbreak.

While significant strides have been made against the paralyzing disease, with just 35 cases reported in 2016, polio remains a threat in hard-to-reach and underserved areas, and conflict zones. To sustain this progress, and protect all children from polio, experts say \$1.5 billion is needed.

In addition to supporting the response in the Lake Chad Basin region, funding has been allocated to support polio eradication efforts in Afghanistan (\$7.15 million), Pakistan (\$4.2 million), Somalia (\$4.64 million), and South Sudan (\$2.19 million). A final grant in the amount of \$666,845 will support technical assistance in UNICEF's West and Central Africa Regional Office.

Rotary has contributed more than \$1.6 billion, including matching funds from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, and countless volunteer hours since launching its polio immunization program, PolioPlus, in 1985. In 1988, Rotary became a spearheading partner in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative with the World Health Organization (WHO), UNICEF, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and was later joined by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Since the initiative launched, the incidence of polio has plummeted by more than 99.9 percent, from about 350,000 cases a year to 35 confirmed in 2016, and no cases in 2017.

### LAST WEEK'S MEETING

January is **VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH**:

Rotary's programs are developing the next generation of leaders, providing funding to make the world a better place, and making peace a priority. And Rotary programs are not just for club members. Learn how you can make a difference in your community through Rotary.

### Rotary Peace Fellowships

Each year, Rotary selects up to 100 professionals from around the world to receive fully funded academic fellowships at our Rotary Peace Centers.

Presidents Quote for the Day - by Bob Hope:

*I grew up with six brothers.*

*That's how I learned to dance - waiting for the bathroom.*

### District Conference

Ineke noted if members are planning to go to the District Conference they could save some money by registering by January 28, which is the earlybird registration deadline. A train is leaving from Vancouver and will make several stops on the way, which will give Rotarians a fun way to enjoy fellowship with Canadian and American clubs.

### Happy and Sad

**Walter Volpatti**, an avid golfer, was happy to see the snow go, but the rain still puts a damper on his favourite activity.

**Mike Davies** reported last week that their car wires had been eaten by a rodent, and the damage has now been assessed at \$6,500 plus the cost of a car rental for month. Fortunately, it is covered by insurance.



[That is one expensive meal for a little mouse].

Ineke reminded **Eric Mollema** that **Urma's** birthday is coming up soon, and he had better not forget it!

### Guest Speaker - Clint van Blanken

- the "529 Garage" Bike Security Program



About our guest: Clint has lived in Maple Ridge for 44 years. Both he and his wife have deep roots within the community as evidenced by the fact that both his wife Kelly and their son were both born in Maple Ridge and delivered by the same doctor (Dr. Chapman). Clint is also a musician, playing the guitar as a country music duo called Thornhill with Leah McKenney.

[A little research tells us that "Van Blanken has been playing guitar since he was 13. He has toured North America and was a member of the Roxy Nightclub house band in Vancouver for four years, 2003-07. He is a touring and recording guitarist for Canadian country star Cash Crawford and played the Merritt Mountain Music Festival. He has also shared the stage with The Barenaked Ladies, Aaron Pritchett, Joey Clarkson, Our Lady Peace, Nickleback, Hinder, Todd Kerns (Slash of Guns N' Roses), Keith Urban and Loverboy."]

Clint has worked for nine years with the RCMP as a civilian employee with the job description of the Crime Prevention Coordinator. His job is to work with the community to decrease crime by developing, implementing, and coordinating a variety of police programs in the area of crime prevention. These include Neighbourhood Watch, Citizens on Patrol and other programs. One of these programs, known as 529 Garage, has been implemented in various areas of the lower mainland and is the subject of his talk today.

The Maple Ridge RCMP have partnered with an online bike registration and recovery service to help reduce bike theft and return recovered bikes to their rightful owners. Project 529 Garage is a website and phone app that allows cyclists to easily and securely register their bikes online. Clint advised that bike theft victims often don't have the serial number or adequate detail to identify their bike successfully, making it very difficult for police to reunite recovered bikes with their rightful owners. As a result, the RCMP is encouraging bike owners to register their bikes with 529 Garage and secure the optional tamper resistant sticker with a registration number on their bike for easy identification. According to police, 2,000 bikes are stolen each year in Vancouver alone, and only about 5 per cent of them are ever returned to their owner.

Project 529 Garage is the brainchild of J. Allard, a Portland-based tech designer who was a Microsoft employee for 20+ years. He came up with the idea after he was the victim of bike theft himself. The Project's 529's registry, 529 Garage, can hold information on bikes from all over the world. It also keeps track of physical features of bikes as well as serial numbers. Each 529 shield sticker has a unique serial number and authorities hope this will deter thieves from stealing bikes that have one stuck on it. Registration is free. Once a registered bike is stolen, it takes only a few taps on a smart phone to get the word out, in a special "missing bike" alert that is fired off to the biking community, and to social media. It's like an "amber alert" goes out for the bikes. When a bike is being reported stolen, a map of where the bike was stolen is included, alerting people immediately within about a 16-km radius of the crime. In minutes, the victim can capture everything needed to report it to police and the cycling community, to help them find their bike.



### Citizens on Patrol

**Ineke Boekhorst** was asked to tell us about her experience with Citizens on Patrol. She has been a volunteer with this program for 10 years, and acts as a sort of telephone dispatcher a couple of times a month, taking in calls from the patrol cars about suspicious activities and reporting them to the RCMP. (We are all sure that Ineke has nine lives in order to fit in everything that she does for our community!)



### 50/50

Our unlucky winner this week was **Mark Vosper** who booted the King of spades out of the deck.

President's Closing Quote of the Day: - again by Bob Hope:

*The trees in Siberia are miles apart, that is why the dogs are so fast.*

**Submitted by Laurie Anderson**