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JANUARY IS VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH

Today: Vicki Kipps, Maple Ridge Community Services - the Youth Wellness Centre
Next Week:

Happy Birthday	Happy Anniversary
	Feb. 2: Eric & Urma Mollema

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Feb. 11	6 pm	Valentines Fireside @ Mark Forster's home	11439 234A St. Maple Ridge
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

President's Quote for the Day by poet and playwright Bertold Brecht:

"The tooth fairy teaches children that they can sell body parts for money."

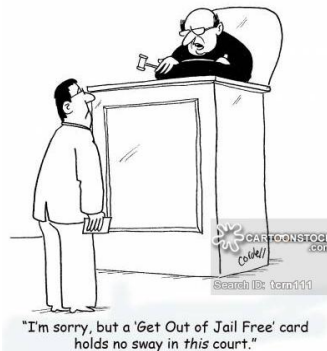
January is VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH:

One of the central goals of Vocational Service is to promote and advance Rotary's high ethical standards. Rotarians have 2 useful tools to assess these standards: **The Four-Way Test** and **The Rotary Code of Conduct**..... [read Code of Conduct](#)

Announcements

- [District 5050 Area Membership Matters Seminar](#)
February 18, 2017 Surrey-Rotary Field House 8:30 am or
March 18, Abbotsford – UfV

- **PR Boot Camp 3: Facebook & Social Media** March 11 at the [Silver Reef Casino Hotel](#) in Ferndale, WA. Get your club more active and effective online. The previous Boot Camps have been so popular that we are being joined this time by our neighbors in District 5040.
- **Rotary Passport Club:** this is a brand new type of Rotary Club that offers greater meeting flexibility and lower costs. It is primarily designed for former club members, youth and alumni. This new concept will help bring members back into Rotary and attract others who can't make a traditional club work for them.
- **District Conference Register now for the Make It Happen! District Conference in Seattle from May 4-7!** The Early Bird Registration **rate of \$299 USD ends** on Saturday, January 28. Registration rates will increase to \$325 as of January 29 and then to \$350 as of March 1.



Mark Forster auctioned off a sort of “get out of jail free” button, which immunized the successful bidder from paying fines for the next month. **Eric Mollema** thought that was a fine idea and forked over 10 bucks for the protection.

Today's Speakers - Eva Cowley and Hannah Nelson



l.t.r.: Hannah and Eva

We were pleased to have as our guest speakers our upcoming exchange students **Eva Cowley (with her mother Elaine Yamamoto)** and **Hannah Nelson (with her mother Sarah Nelson)**.

The parents of both Eva and Hannah have hosted exchange students before (although not exclusively for the Rotary exchange), and they both therefore got introduced to the idea of student exchanges.

Both of these young ladies are in French immersion at Maple Ridge Secondary School. They thanked Rotary very much for giving them the opportunity to go on this adventure to a foreign country. They won't actually know until February 18 which country they will go to. Exchange students are required to state a preference, and Hannah chose Switzerland, France, or Austria. Eva put in for Spain, Japan, Italy or Germany. They will be anxious to find out which language they'll have to try to brush up on before heading overseas. Hannah is active in sports including soccer and track and field, and also likes to draw. Eva, on the other hand, acts as a tutor after school hours, and has been involved in several school clubs including the sign language club, the UN club (which she said is a good place to learn public speaking), the Rhodes scholar club, as well as the Youth Council for Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows (which helps youth overcome mental health issues).

Dave Rempel, Mike Murray and Ineke Boekhorst were the Rotarians who were on the committee which interviewed all the applicants for the Rotary exchange programs. Ineke remarked that these girls are “fabulous” and will be great ambassadors of the Rotarian ideals. Hannah's mother Sarah and Eva's father both were previous Rotary Exchange Students.

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Walter Volpatti once again had the magic touch, at least as far as the ticket was concerned. He increased everyone's chances next week by removing the four of Spades from the deck.

President's Closing Quote of the Day:

The fact that jellyfish have survived for 650 million years despite not having brains, gives hope to many people.

Submitted by Laurie Anderson



Happy and Sad

Dave Rempel was happy to advise that **Ana Castillo**, who is one of our former exchange students from Mexico and who wishes to move permanently to Canada to live, has been offered a job by Rotarian **Deddy Geese** of Hagen's Travel. In order to obtain her working visa, she needed to find employment in Canada that met the rules of the Immigration authorities. Ineke Boekhorst noted that the prospective immigrant must find a job which demonstrates that the immigrant has special skills which are not commonly possessed by Canadian residents seeking employment in the local job market. Because Anna speaks Spanish and is now fluent in English, she will be able to accompany tourists to Spain and otherwise communicate with Spanish clients of Hagen's.

Eric Mollema must have heard this advice before:

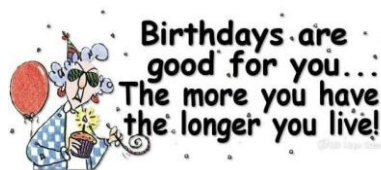
Q: What's the easiest way to remember your wife's birthday?

A: Forget it once!

So he went all out and spent the big bucks for his wife **Urma's** birthday. [By “went all out” we mean he went all the way out to the Pantry Restaurant in Burnaby. Many happy returns to Urma!]

Betty Levens gave a sad dollar because she recently celebrated another birthday.

But remember, Betty, that:



Sharon Kyle was sad for her daughter who somehow managed to break her big toe.

[Did you know that the expression “break a leg” (which well-wishers used to say to actors and musicians before they go on stage to perform) is said to have originated from a theatrical superstition in which wishing a person “good luck” is considered bad luck? Using this logic, is it less sincere to say “break a toe”? Just asking.]

