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FEBRUARY IS PEACE AND CONFLICT PREVENTION/RESOLUTION MONTH

Today: Dave Rempel - Adoption

Next Week:

Happy Birthday	Happy Anniversary
Feb. 19: Mark Forster	

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
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 VALENTINE'S FIRESIDE



Thank You Mark and Pauline for inviting us once again to your fabulous home and host this awesome annual event.....now a true Meadow Ridge Rotary Tradition!

Adrienne organized another very successful Fireside (Thank You Adrienne!), complete with table decorations, chocolates, mimosas and even wonderful Valentine's door prizes.



Mark did his "magic" on the amazing roast, mashed potatoes, salads, veggies AND a delicious rum cake....not to forget Pauline's outstanding gravy....and all the other fabulous goodies served.

It was a great evening, enjoyed by everyone (as you can probably tell by the pictures).

It was also very nice to have our past-exchange student Ana there with her boyfriend Peter.

After a lovely evening all went home with a very full tummy (food was soo good!) and a rose for the ladies.

HAPPY VALENTINE'S EVERYONE!

Submitted by Ineke



Saturday Feb. 11, we enjoyed delicious appetizers, followed by a fantastic meal, great fellowship and just a real good time.

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Cheque Presentations



A \$1000 cheque was presented to **Ron Antalek** and **Vicki Kipps** on behalf of the **Youth Wellness Centre**.

(Vicki had attended our club on Jan. 31, 2017 to speak about the good work that the Centre is doing for use in our community.)



We also gave \$500 to the **Maple Ridge Lantern Festival**. Accepting the cheque was **Sammy Nelligan**, who advised that the first Festival was held in Pitt Meadows in 2009.



2009 Lantern Parade in Harris Road Park

It moved to an indoor venue in Maple Ridge thereafter, and has grown in size every year. This year it will be held at the Haney Place Mall on February 24th, and is a free event.



Thanks a million!
We couldn't have ^{DO}done it without you!

From:
**Maple Ridge
Festival of Light
Organizing Committee**

Sammy Nelligan
2017/02/07



President's Quote for the Day by Isaac Asimov:

People who think they know everything are a great annoyance to those of us who do.

February is Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution Month:

Simple facts are:

Conflict and violence displace millions of people each year. 50% of those killed in conflict are children, and 90% are civilians.

On 23 February, we will mark 112 years since the founding of Rotary. We refuse to accept conflict as a way of life. Rotary projects provide training that fosters understanding and provides communities with the skills to resolve conflicts.

Guests: **Ken Holland**, from the Haney Rotary Club.

Lynda Lawrence (who enjoyed her last day as a visitor).

Vicki Kipps, Ron Antalek and Heather Walker
of the Youth Wellness Centre.

Sammy Nelligan, from the Festival of Lights Society.

Happy (no Sad Loonies today)

Ken Holland, for being at our meeting and performing the installation of Lynda Lawrence.

Laurie Anderson, that his grandson Tyler shovelled his driveway.

Libby Nelson, that the weather closed her granddaughter's school, so she could sleep in.

Fine Master

Deborah Hyslop fined everyone who either hadn't thrown a snowball or made a snowman during the past week.

(**Laurie Anderson** asked why we couldn't make a snow woman instead, to which **Ken Holland** replied "because they have no snowballs".)



"Oh yeah? Well, to hell with tradition. We're building a snow woman!"

Coldest Night

Ineke reminded us again that the “Coldest Night” event to raise money for the Salvation Army will be held on February 25, 2017.

Ineke has now received donations of \$600, which met or exceeded her target, and hopes that other Rotarians will participate with her in the walk on February 25.



Starfish Pack Program

President Ineke reported that the **Westminster Savings Credit Union**, through staff donations, has donated a further \$1050 to pay for two more backpacks. This brings the total back pack sponsors from staff at the Credit Union to six. President Ineke expressed her (and our) appreciation for this great community support.

Deborah Hyslop also gave a report on this program. She advised that we have now donations to support 24 backpacks and that it will be up to 34 in the very near future. There has been tremendous help and support from many people to keep the project going. Apparently Eric Langton School has a need for 50 packs.

Lynda Lawrence (who is president of the Friends in Need Food Bank Society) related an incident which shows there is real need for this program: it was discovered that a child was not eating a packed lunch (which the school had provided to him) so that he could take it home to share with his mother. This shows that the food provided by this program helps not only the child but also in many cases the family.

Installation of Lynda Lawrence

Ineke (Lynda’s sponsor) first met Lynda when they both worked in the BingoPlex many years ago. Lynda has been a resident of Maple Ridge since 1981, and since 1998 has her own business called Lone Palm Management, which specializes in sale and management of commercial real estate. Lynda joined Meadow Ridge Rotary in 2004 as a member of our club and is a past president. After a stint at the Mission Rotary Club, she is being welcomed back as a member of our club again. For the last five years Lynda has been the president of the Food Bank.



Lynda was installed as a member of our club by Ken Holland, a past president of the Haney Rotary Club and past Assistant District Governor.

Mini Speaker



Ineke made an impromptu call on **Deborah Hyslop** to talk about one of her passions, namely cats. While Deborah has two cats of her own, she is not a breeder. Rather, she acts as an agent for breeders. For example, she recently attended the International Cat Show in Portland, Oregon, where she sets up the displays for the breeders and helps display the animals in the show. This year she acted as an agent for a breeder of cats known as Peterbald cats.



“I’m not bald. I’m hairless. There’s a difference

*This breed was created in St. Petersburg, Russia, by crossing a male Don Hairless (or Donosky) with an Oriental Shorthair female. The result was oriental hairless cats—the first of which were born in 1994—that were given the name **Peterbald**. Siamese cats and Russian Blues were later added to the genetics as well. The International Cat Association (TICA) granted the breed Championship status in 2006.*

*Hairlessness is the ideal in **Peterbald** cats, but various unusual coat textures also exist in the breed. These include “brush”, “flocked,” and “velour.” The body is long and lean, and the head is shaped like an inverted triangle. Ears are extra large and pointed.*



50/50

Lynda Lawrence started off her new membership by winning the 50/50 ticket but left the pot intact for another day. (Too bad for her, she wasn’t a guest anymore!)

Presidents Closing Quote for the Day

When you’re stressed, you eat ice cream, cake, chocolate, and sweets...

Why? Because “stressed” spelled backwards is “desserts”!

Submitted by Laurie Anderson