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FEBRUARY IS PEACE AND CONFLICT PREVENTION/RESOLUTION MONTH

Today: Karen Hendrickson – Who’s Who

Next Week:

Happy Birthday	Happy Anniversary
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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



MEADOWRIDGE ROTARY NEWS Monthly

What's New in Rotary

Meadow Ridge Rotary Club is pleased to announce that we are now offering a Corporate Membership program for our club. We often hear from busy managers, leaders and company owners that they "can not commit the time to attend weekly meetings". The Corporate Membership provides for a team approach to club participation! For more information please e mail info@meadowridgerotary and a member of our membership group will make sure your questions are answered. Our club is active in the Pitt Meadows and Maple Ridge schools with our 4 Way Test in Schools, Startish Backpack and Dictionary 4 Life programs. We also support a wide variety of locally run festivals and programs behind the scenes. Internationally, Rotary has worked for many years in an effort to end Polio as part of our commitment to Fight Disease. Rotary has five additional main causes including: Promoting Peace, Providing Clean Water, Saving Mothers and Children, Supporting Education, and Growing Local Economies. More details can be found at <https://www.rotary.org> If your company is looking to align itself with a world renowned international organization whose motto is "Service Above Self" your opportunity has arrived. Would like to find out more?

SAVE THE DATE:
April 22, 2017,
7- 9:30 pm
Rotary Wine Festival in Valley Fair Mall
Tickets \$45
www.meadowridgerotary.ca

2017 Rotary Duck Race, Aug 13, 2017, Maple Ridge Park!
Does your MR/PM Youth Organization need to raise funds? The Rotary Duck Race can help
Public Information & Ticket Distribution Meeting
Saturday, March 11, 11am - 1pm
The ACT (lobby)
Details: 604-467-2420

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SAVE THE DATE
Rotary WineFest date **April 22, 2017**




LAST WEEK'S MEETING



Today's Valentine's Quote by Charles M. Schulz:

*All you need is love.
But a little chocolate now and then doesn't hurt.*

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Rotary's goal of worldwide peace and tolerance has been an unwavering pursuit: conducting global forums, hosting international peace symposiums, advancing peace through its 60-year collaboration with the U.N., as well as grassroots initiatives such as the **Rotarian Action Group for Peace**.

Guests

Preet Pall, Assistant Governor
Allison White, of the Maple Ridge Historical Society
Karen Riddell, better half of our Secretary David

Cheque Presentations



Graham Vanstone accepted a check for \$300 on behalf of the **Children's Festival Society**, which puts on a free Fun Zone for the children at the Ridge Meadows Home Show. They will provide Rotary with a space at the Home Show to sell tickets to the Duck Race.

Allison White accepted a cheque in the amount of \$500 on behalf of the Maple Ridge Historical Society, to fund the **Music on the Wharf**. This event is in its 21st year and this year will be held on two evenings in July and two evenings in August. It has grown over the years - this year there were 65 applicants who wanted to play music at this event. Ineke reminded us that last year some members of our club made a social outing of the evening it and went to enjoy the Music on the Wharf together.



Happy and Sad

ADG Preet Pall - happy to visit our club (and her mother).
Dave Rempel - sad, as he was mugged by an angry swan.
David Riddell - happy (enough, to give 50 cents for each of himself and Karen).

Walter Volpatti - sad, that President Ineke (like Zeus in Greek mythology) "stole his thunder" by announcing that our club has now received its Gaming License for our upcoming Duck Race.



Deborah Hyslop - happy that the cat "Lucille Baldera" did well in the Cat Show.

Fine Master

Libby Nelson fined everybody who hadn't kissed their spouse this morning on Valentine's Day.



First Speaker - Laurie Anderson

[His introduction of Dave Rempel left little time for Dave's presentation on the topic of Adoptions]:

Dr. David Rempel's passions in life (apart from his wife Sharon) include:

- 1) Academic Career, Teaching and School principal
 - a. Bachelor of Religious Education, 1962;
 - b. Bachelor of Education, 1968;
 - c. Master of Arts, 1977;
 - d. and PhD, 1984.
 - e. 18 Years teaching and 18 years as school principal.
- 2) Bird Sanctuary
- 3) Community Service
 - a. School Trustee - 20 + years
 - b. Ridge Meadows Education Foundation - Chairman of the Board
- 4) Rotary
 - a. International Committee - Student exchanges,
 - b. Wine Fest,
 - c. and Frisbee Golf.
- 5) Adoptions
 (at the top of the list for Dave and his wife Sharon)

Second speaker - Dave Rempel

Dave and his wife Sharon started the Canadian C.I.S. Friendship Exchange Society, a non-profit society that worked in partnership with licensed British Columbia agencies assisting families with the adoption of Russian and Kazakhstan orphans.

During the many years that they devoted to this cause, they were instrumental in arranging well over 300 adoptions.

Dave told us how he had made contacts in Russia, firstly with his school student exchange program (he took a group of schoolchildren to Russia on an exchange), and later going back on many occasions and dealing with various Russian officials in order to put together orphans (who lived in terrible conditions) with loving adoptive parents in British Columbia.



50/50

Laurie Anderson spent \$3.⁰⁰ and bought him the 9 of spades.

President's Closing Quote for the Day:

*20 Years ago we had Johnny Cash, Bob Hope and Steve Jobs.
 Now we have no cash, no hope and no jobs.
 PLEASE don't let Kevin Bacon die!!!!!!*

Submitted by Laurie Anderson