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FEBRUARY IS PEACE AND CONFLICT PREVENTION/RESOLUTION MONTH

Today:

Next Week: **Scott Jones** - West Coast Auto Group

Happy Birthday	Happy Anniversary

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Mar. 11	11 am – 1 pm	Signup for Duck Race ticket sellers	the ACT
Apr. 22	7 pm - 9:30 pm	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



Wine Festival
and Craft Beer Tasting

Rotary Club of Meadow Ridge

Join us for international wine & beer tasting, silent auction, great live music and local culinary delight!

Saturday, April 22, 2017
7:00 - 9:30 pm
ValleyFair Mall, Maple Ridge
Tickets \$45 ea.

For tickets call
Ineke Boekhorst: 604-467-2420
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For online tickets: www.RotaryWineFest.ca

Proceeds to support Youth, Culture and other Rotary Charities in Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows

Thank you to all sponsors who make this event possible!



COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR WALK FOR THE LOCAL SALVATION ARMY – SAT. FEB. 25



Thanks so much to everyone who donated towards the MeadowRidge Walkers Team.

We walked our walk and donated all pledges.....a total of \$740 was donated to the MR Salvation Army!

It was a cold night, but the delicious Chilli, which we were served after completing the walk was well worth it.....Thanks so much Salvation Army volunteers for preparing and serving this to all participants.

As you can see in the picture we had 3 Rotarians walking (Lynda, Peter and Ineke) + the "Family of Rotary" represented by Kim Boekhorst and his 6 year old twins Dylan & Zoey.

In the end the Salvation Army reached their overall goal of raising \$20,000, which will really assist the SA to continue all the good work they do throughout our communities, and we had a wonderful evening together with all the other participants!

Hopefully we'll see more Rotarians next year joining us in the walk.

Submitted by
Ineke Boekhorst



LAST WEEK'S MEETING

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How Rotary makes help happen

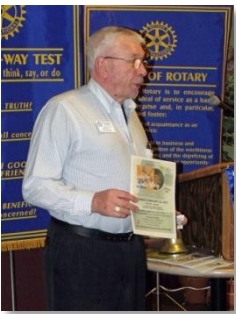
Through our service projects, peace fellowships, and scholarships, our members are taking action to address the underlying causes of conflict, including poverty, inequality, ethnic tension, lack of access to education, and unequal distribution of resources.

President Ineke's Quote of the Day:

Don't judge me. I was born to be awesome not perfect.



Eileen Dwilley, manager of the Haney Farmers market, received a cheque of \$500 for the Farmers Market Nutrition Coupon Program. Families and seniors can receive coupons for fresh good whole foods from the market thanks in part to our support. The recipients can also be part of cooking classes as well. We appreciate that the Farmer's market reciprocates by having a spot for youth groups to sell Duck Race tickets each market day.



President Barry Seaton and some Rotarians from the Port Coquitlam Centennial Rotary Club joined us today. In casual conversation, it came up that they were having a big fundraiser to start their own Starfish Pack program. It was also a big surprise that they actually had some tickets and could even be persuaded to part with them for \$45 each.

It all will happen at the Port Coquitlam Winter Blues Festival on February 26. Peter Tam of the Haney club with his 7 piece band will be one of the groups performing.



Fines by Lynda Lawrence:

We played "spot the president, prime minister, or astronaut that was also a Rotarian". No conflicts of interest were declared and most of us contributed and none of us complained about alternative facts in our after meeting tweets.

Announcements:

March 11 is the sign up day at the ACT for the Duck Race. We only sell about 7,000 tickets per year (but hope to sell 10,000), so there is lots of space for youth groups looking to raise some money.



Wine Fest posters are available now. We are looking for auction items.

Robert Campbell and Cailin Greene are selling their house in Nova Scotia and hitting the concert trail for the next year as the duo called, "Two of Hearts". We wish them well on tour.

Our outgoing exchange students have been placed. Hannah will be going to Switzerland and Eva will be going to (surprise!) Taiwan.

Speaker: **Karen Hendrickson** – a Who's Who in the Zoo at Meadow Ridge Rotary Club

Karen is the youngest of 3 children with two older brothers and a large extended family. Her youth was spent mostly out of doors in Surrey. She was planning to enter design and marketing at Douglas College to pursue her interest in clothes and design, but while waiting to get in, life happened. A short term job at ICBC became a career in human relations that has continued for 27 years. Karen works part time now for the ACT.



She has two children born in 87 and in 89. Her daughter was challenged with a nebulous neurological disease which took its toll over the years. Happily, and with great effort, Michaela graduated and is now studying early childhood education and mostly managing on her own. Karen's son is doing well on the island running his own landscape business.

Karen has re-married and enjoys her friends, BC Lions, Vancouver Giants, boating and Maui.

50/50 Draw:

What is worse than winning the 50/50 draw but not finding the elusive pimperl?

Mark Vosper now knows as he pulled the much feared queen of spades from the abbreviated deck.

A \$10 fee has recently been instituted for drawing her. Complaints can be made to Eric Mollema. Just kidding.



President's Closing Quote for the Day:

Life is not a fairy tale.

If you lose your shoe at midnight, you're drunk!

Submitted by Patrick O'Brien