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## MARCH IS WATER AND SANITATION MONTH

**Today:** Val Patenaude - Historical Society

**Next Week:** Lindsay Zylstra - Options for Seniors Living

Happy Birthday	Happy Anniversary
March 21: Debbie MacRae	

### CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
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

### DISTRICT 5050 MEMBERSHIP SURVEY

The District Membership Committee is pleased to provide the 3<sup>rd</sup> District 5050 Membership Survey. We administer the survey every other year for the purpose of:



- Receiving feedback at the club and district level about member engagement and improving member retention.
- Providing a tool that President-Elects can use to strategically plan for the coming Rotary Year.
- Providing results for each club to be compared with previous years' survey results to determine trends of member engagement.
- Providing District leadership with insights that allow for greater resource planning to support clubs.

We ask that every club and member in the District participate in the survey. In order to ensure a valid standard margin of error for each club, please aim high (90%) and have as many members in your club participate as possible.

**The window for the survey is extended to April 3.**

Clubs will receive the results of the analysis on April 8.

Link to the survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CZDNBB2>

Thank you very much for your emphasis on the important work of membership in our clubs and we look forward to supporting each club with the results.

Rob Prosch

District 5050 Membership Committee Co-Chair (U.S.)

### LAST WEEK'S MEETING

#### March is Water and Sanitation Month:

We don't just build wells and walk away. Rotary members integrate water, sanitation, and hygiene into education projects.

When children learn about disease transmission and practice good hygiene, they miss less school. And they can take those lessons home to their families, expanding our impact.

#### President's Quote for the Day by George Burns:

*Do you know what it means to come home at night to a woman who'll give you a little love, a little affection, a little tenderness?*

*It means you're in the wrong house, that's what it means!*

#### Cheque Presentations:



Today we welcomed **Logan Eskenson**, a Maple Ridge Realtor. He presented our club with a cheque of \$1,050 for the Starfish Pack Program; that is 2 Backpacks! Thank you Logan.



We also had **Phoenix MacLaren**, Past President of the Fraser Valley Rotaract Club; we presented her with a \$250 cheque to “share “ the cost of 2 Rotaractors attending PETS in Seattle and learn everything there is about Rotary.

One other guest was **Linda Leo** - West Cost Auto Group.

### Happy and Sad

**Eric Mollema** – his daughter **Sonya** attended the **Commonwealth Service** at Westminster Abbey, and was the **flag bearer for Canada**, following which she attended the Canadian Embassy for dinner.

*News Release: Her Majesty The Queen and His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh attended The Commonwealth Service: A Celebration of the Commonwealth at Westminster Abbey on Monday 13th March 2017. They were accompanied by The Prince of Wales and Duchess of Cornwall, Prince Harry, The Duke of York and The Earl of Wessex [and Sonya Mollema]. The Prime Minister, the Rt Hon Theresa May MP, attended the Service. In his Bidding the Dean of Westminster, the Very Reverend Dr John Hall, said: ‘We celebrate this year the Commonwealth as a builder of peace. As we give thanks for diversity of faiths, of resources and circumstances in our countries, we must pray that we may be united in peace and friendship and together promote peace in our divided world... The flags of the 52 Commonwealth countries were processed through the Abbey at the start of the Service.*

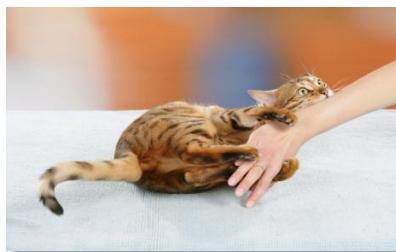
And here is the proof!



**Deborah Hyslop** - two happy bucks

- happy to have gone to a great cat show, but not so happy to have been bitten by a hairless cat that thought her finger would make a tasty meal!

And here is the poof !



**Mark Forster** – Tired, but happy that he and Pauline hosted two exchange students, ages 15 and 16, from Japan. He even taught them how to make his famous barbeque roast [like the one he treated us all to, when we last attended the fireside at their home in February].

**Guest Linda Leo** – happy to have gone to the ACT Friday night, and to have celebrated her parents 51<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary.

**Lynda Lawrence** – very happy at the response she has been getting from the Maple Ridge business community in donating silent auction items for the Wine Fest.

Guest **Phoenix MacLaren of Fraser Valley Rotaract Club** invited us to a Rotaract fundraiser - “Bowling for Backpacks” to be held on April 7 at the Galaxy Bowl in Abbotsford situated at 32490 Simon Ave. Only \$15 for two games. The money earned will go to buy Starfish Packs in Maple Ridge, Mission and Abbotsford.



Guest Speaker: **Myles Lamont** – Living above the Arctic Circle



Myles is a Wildlife Biologist, Wildlife Professional, and Apply Science Technologists, who obtained his degree at the University of the Fraser Valley. He is an active member of numerous wildlife and environmental and zoological associations. He has presented workshops and lectures on wild various wildlife topics, and belongs to numerous organizations, currently sitting on several committees involving wildlife nutrition, husbandry and ecology. He also volunteers for local and international wildlife projects, conservation groups and NGO's and has provided workshops and lectures on wildlife topics to many of these organisations.



He spent two years above the Arctic Circle working on a survey of caribou herds which are, unfortunately, declining in number due to various pressures - including global warming, and over-hunting. Nowadays hunters have long-range rifles and can travel up to 500 km a day on a snowmobile. Also, it is thought that as caribou are much more vulnerable than musk ox, the wolves transfer their predation to the caribou herds. Involved in the account were five planes and helicopters, with local Inuit residence helping with the counting which was done from the aircraft. They also tranquilized and tagged some caribou so that they could better track their movements - important information needed for conservation programs.

Calving usually runs through May into the first week of June each year. An interesting phenomena is that female caribou that bear young do not shed their antlers every year, but those who do not have babies do. It is thought that this may be something to do with the hormones caused by pregnancy.

The caribou cross the sea on ice to Victoria Island to have their young and then cross back again. However, this can be a dangerous journey with a high mortality rate, as a large number of caribou are drowned when they fall through the ice.

Myles also visited King William Island where the Franklin Expedition perished in 1845.

Myles also saw and took pictures of musk ox, moose, Wolverine, grizzly bear, and Arctic Fox (which he described as the Arctic's raccoon, due to its scavenging).



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**Libby Nelson** won the ticket but lost the prize.

President's Closing Quote by George Burns:

*Marriage is a three ring circus.*

*An engagement ring, a wedding ring and suffering.....*

**Submitted by Laurie Anderson**