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## MAY IS YOUTH SERVICE MONTH

**Today** (May 23): **Brian Bekar - Who's Who**

**Next Week** (May 30):

Happy Birthday	Happy Anniversary
	May 24: David & Karen Riddell

### CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
June 10-14		Rotary International Convention	Atlanta
June 27		Club Executive Installation	Chances Casino, Maple Ridge
Aug. 13		Rotary Duck Race	Maple Ridge Park – Alouette River

### THE FOUR-WAY TEST PROGRAM IN SCHOOLS

This month, students at Laity View and Maple Ridge Elementary School learn how to apply the Rotary Four-Way Test to make the right decision, when faced with a challenging situation.



Over the past seven years Rotarians from the Meadow Ridge Rotary Club have visited various elementary schools in Pitt Meadows and Maple Ridge to introduce the Rotary code of ethics.

What is the Rotary code of ethics? It is called the **Four-Way Test**. Upon becoming a member of a Rotary Club, one commits to ask him- or herself, with every thought, spoken word or deed, **four** questions:

*"Of all the things we think, say or do:*

- *Is it the TRUTH?*
- *Is it FAIR to all concerned?*
- *Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?*
- *Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?"*

In the class room, the Grade 6 or 7 students, are first divided into groups of five or six. A Rotarian is assigned to each group as a discussion assistant. One by one, a couple of scenarios are presented, each reflecting a typical moral dilemma that today's students might encounter.

Each group discusses what options the student has in each of these cases. Subsequently it is discussed how applying the Rotary Four-Way Test can help in the student's decision-making process.

At the end, in a general discussion, one of the Rotarians helps summarizing the discussions and conclusions reached by the students.

A large focus is put on in-depth discussions among the students. Students, teachers and Rotarians alike have found the sessions very inspiring.

Our Rotary Club hopes that this program will help students with the many important decisions they will face. In order to help them remember the Rotary Four Way Test, each student receives a wrist band portraying the four critical words **True, Fair, Nice and Win-Win**.

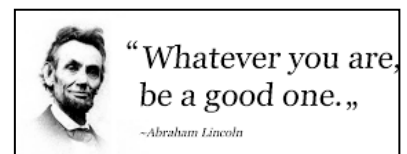
### LAST WEEK'S MEETING

#### May is Youth Service Month

#### Rotary helps create the next generation of peacemakers

Youth Service programs include all our Rotary service programs for young people up to the age of 30. In our District, these include Rotaract, Interact, RYE, and RYLA, along with a large number of other projects done at the club level.

#### President's Opening Quote



## Cheque Presentations

**George Coghlan** accepted a cheque for \$500 on behalf of the **Pitt Meadows Day Society**. Since 1937, Pitt Meadows has celebrated Pitt Meadows Day on the first Saturday in June. The society puts on the festivities for the day on a budget of approximately \$30,000, and George thanked the club for this contribution.



**Ramon Melser** also received a cheque in the amount of \$500, on behalf of **Adstock**. Ramon advises that this is the 13th year of the event. This is a Ramon's first year as the event coordinator. He says that their budget is about \$3,000 and therefore \$500 is very important for them.

What is Adstock?

*"When Adam Rayburn turned 18 years old, he decided to celebrate by putting on a music concert in his backyard in Maple Ridge.*

*The concert mostly consisted of a "couple of awkward teenagers hanging out," said Rayburn. But now, 13 years later, it's turned into an annual free alternative music event that draws hundreds of young people to Memorial Peace Park each summer.*

*The festival Adstock - a wordplay on Rayburn's name and Woodstock - aims to give local youth a chance to pursue music and to perform a variety of genres like punk, ska, metal and even noise.*

*It's an opportunity for the youth to come and check the festival out, but also we always make sure that at least half our bands are local, youth talent to give them their kind of first show and first start, and hopefully launch some careers."*



## **Family Matters (families do matter)**

Our President **Ineke** has her birthday on **Monday, May 22**

(Now, Peter, you cannot say you didn't hear about it!)

Want to become a **Women in Rotary Mentor**? Get details by looking on our website. Program will run from July to December 2017.

Our incoming student from Austria, **Valerie Weyringer**, will be coming in this upcoming Rotary year, and our club still desperately needs a host family for the months of April, May and June 2018. Ineke reminded club members that even if they can't host the incoming student for that three-month period, members should try to remember that if they're going anywhere for a couple of days are on a weekend, to take the student with them, as it will be a great experience not only for the student but also for the hosts (and it will give the host family a break for a few days also).

## Guests

Apart from the guests mentioned above and our speaker, our other guest was **Todd Hovey**.

(Todd operates "Pure Image Signs and Graphics" which is a full service custom business sign design, fabrication and installation company in Maple Ridge, BC. "Born and raised in Toronto, I relocated to Vancouver in 1993 where I've remained ever since. My background includes 23 years as a senior operations manager for a major armoured car carrier until I was able to realize my lifelong dream of owning my own business")

## Happy and Sad

**Brian Bekar** is very happy as he looked at the weather forecast between now and the end of the month, and there is nothing but sunshine. (Brian must have brought the sunshine back from his trip to the South).



**Laurie**

**Anderson**

is happy to be going on a holiday, but not too happy that he's going exactly during the period of this upcoming good weather. He's also unhappy that he's going to miss Brian's "Who's Who" at our next meeting.

**Mark Forster** threw some money in the cup, but said he would let us know next week whether it was a happy or sad dollar. He was just "paying for good luck".



or is it



**Ineke and Peter** visited their daughter in Westbank, and was happy that Marjolein was on higher ground and therefore not subject to flooding in that rain soaked part of our province.

## Starfish Back Pack Program



Ineke stated that the local business "Mom and Me Pies" is making and selling "Starfish Cookies" at the Haney Farmers Market each weekend. Cookies cost two dollars each and one dollar of each cookie soul goes to the Starfish program. They've already sold enough cookies to almost pay for one Starfish Pack (which cost \$525).

Kudos also go to the **Burnett Fellowship Church** which each week fills the backpacks and takes them into the schools and picks them up.

This year the church is putting on a Car Boot Sale, and plans to donate all of the proceeds towards the back pack program. Last year this event raised \$25,000. If the event is successful this year it would almost pay for all the backpacks needed at the Eric Langton School.





# Digging the Mary Hill Bypass

## The Archaeology of the Pitt River Mouth

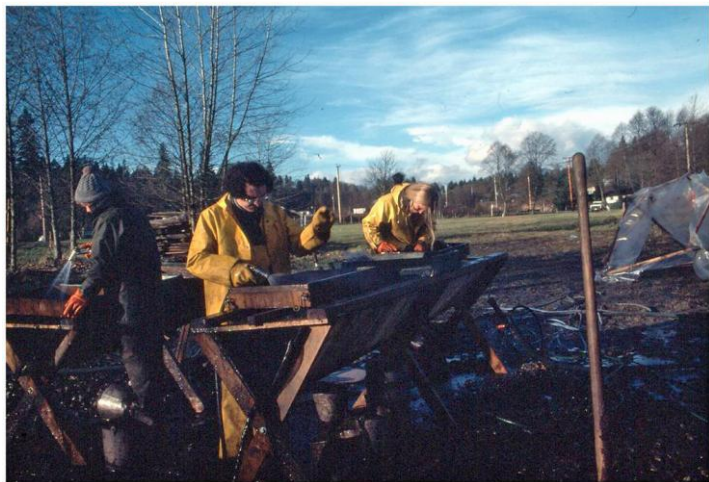
### Part 2

"Back by popular demand" was **Valerie Patenaude** from the Maple Ridge Historical Society, telling us more about the archaeological dig which she was in charge of prior to the installation of the Mary Hill Bypass. This time she was telling us about the excavation on the "Mackenzie Property". (Part 1 was reported in [NL23-37](#))

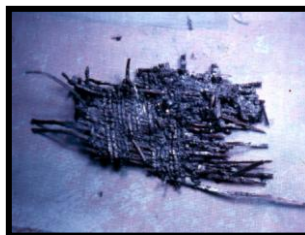


Although being archaeologist (as Valerie was by profession) is no doubt challenging and exciting work, it also sounds like an awful lot of pain and suffering is going on. This part of the project happened during the winter, and they were almost defeated by the high water table. The ground was

black soil and wet and soggy. The soil was so wet and soggy that in order to separate the soil from the "finds" (or the wheat from the chaff) they had to rely on water screening which meant putting the samples on a screen and literally washing it with a hose. Said Valerie, they were "truly miserable working conditions". To get the water through the hoses, they had to put up with very difficult pumps (which are always giving difficulty) and suck the water out from nearby sloughs or ponds. The job meant that they were standing in mud most of the time.



Carbon dating put some of the material which they found at 4000 years old (that is 4000 years before 1950). They found pieces of woven baskets and carved wood (including two pieces in the shape of a bird). The difficulty was that, for example, the woven pieces of basket would disintegrate if they dried out, but they did not have the money or resources to save them as artefacts.



Valerie commented that finding such artefacts is like finding three pieces of a 100 piece jigsaw puzzle with no picture on the lid to guide you, and you're then expected to figure out the whole picture.

### 50/50

Once again **Libby Nelson** drew the ticket, but failed to take home the prize.

### The Presidents closing quip



Submitted by **Laurie Anderson**