

Meetings: Tuesday 12 Noon, Bella Vita Restaurant

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## AUGUST IS MEMBERSHIP & EXTENSION MONTH

**Today** (Aug 8): **Tamara Smith** - BC Foster Parents

**Next Week** (Aug 15): No speaker

Happy Birthday	Happy Anniversary
	Aug. 11: Laura Cherrille & Jeff Erlandson

## CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Aug. 11	5 pm	Labelling the rubber Duckies at Bonny Telep's house	21812 127 Ave. M.R. <a href="#">Map</a>
Aug. 13	11 am – 2 pm	Rotary Duck Race	Maple Ridge Park – Alouette River
Aug. 19	10 am – 3 pm	Community Garage Sale	Memorial Peace Park (South side) M.R.

## LAST WEEK'S MEETING

### President's Quote for the Day:

*"The trouble with being punctual is that there is no one there to appreciate it!"*

### Guests:

**Dixon Sunthoram** - (law student and Guest of Eric Mollema)

**Sandra Bell** - (Rotarian from Australia)

**Kim Barbar** (friend of Sandra's - also from Australia)

**Les Hall** - (Rotarian from England - lead in southern France)

**Wshar Ismael** - (guest of Deborah Hyslop)

### Maple Ridge Junior Firefighters Bursary

**Deborah Hyslop** attended at the Maple Ridge Council Chambers to present the above-noted bursary award to a young lady who was picked out of a group of six junior firefighters to receive the award. Deborah advised that she enjoyed presenting the cheque on behalf of the club (and noted that if she does it next year, she will tell them a little bit about Rotary).



**Pres. Libby** advised that club members had donated \$700 so far to the fire fund, and that the proceeds from the club's garage sale will also go to that cause.

### Happy and Sad

**Pres. Libby** was glad to see so many visitors.

**David Riddell** said that he and the dogs (Rumpole and Mortimer ?) were happy (or was it sad that they lost the peace and quiet after) Karen and their children returned from a floor hockey expedition.

**Mike Davies** was happy to finally get a new car.

**Ineke** risked her (and her grandchildren's) life by kayaking across the Pitt River at its junction with Pitt Lake to end up in Widgeon Creek.

**Lynda Lawrence** - just happy to be at the meeting.

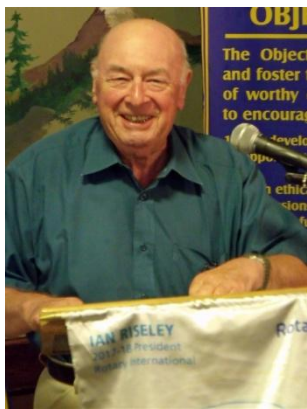
**Sandra Bell** - also just happy to be at the meeting (the sentiment is catching).

**Brian Bekar** is going fishing next week with his sons (let's hope the fish are also have a catching sentiment).

### Announcement:

Pres. Libby told us to mark our calendars and be sure to be at the meeting on September 19, which is the date for our **District Governor Lindagene Coyle's official visit.**

Speakers: Pres. Libby called upon two of our guests to tell us a bit about themselves and their connection with Rotary:



**Les Hall:** Les was an active Rotarian in England for a number of years and, in addition to holding various positions as chairman of Rotary committees, has been a Past President two times. He retired to southern France and has lived there for the last 15 years. He lives in “wine country” where he can buy a case of good wine holding 30 bottles for just €60. (That is just two Euros a bottle, folks!)

Les likes our club and what we do, and commented that attracting new members is a problem everywhere; and that low membership often restricts what a club can accomplish.

His brother-in-law and sister were the people who started up and opened the pub in Maple Ridge known as the Witch of Endor, and after operating it for number of years sold it and then operated the Frog and Nightgown Pub (which the website describes as a “*Quaint neighbourhood watering hole with classic British pub grub & an attached liquor store*” located at 1125 Falcon Dr, in Coquitlam. They have now retired from that business, and then purchased and restored the old Kanaka House in Maple Ridge.

**Sandra Bell:** ever since she was a young girl in Australia, Sandra wanted to be a Rotarian. When she grew up, however, she was prevented from joining because in those days they did not allow female members. When that barrier was removed, she then found that they did not allow persons to join Rotary unless they owned a business. She got around that hurdle by starting her own business. She then stated that she “stalked and hounded them” until they accepted her as a member. It sounds like she has made an excellent Rotarian.



She describes her club as “small but active”, but we may not agree with that characterization as “small”, they have 49 members. She says the members of her club donate, between them, \$99,000 per year for the Rotary projects (that’s \$2,000 per member, folks!). Her club is the Preston Club which is in Rotary District 9790, in Australia.

[Wikipedia says that Preston is a suburb of Melbourne which is the capital of the state of Victoria, Australia, located approximately 9 km north from Melbourne’s Central Business District. At the 2016 Census, Preston had a population of 32,851].

Sandra was instrumental in helping to found a non-profit organization which brings children from Timor to obtain medical treatment, and that organization has now grown so large that children are brought from all over the world for treatment.

Sandra is very musical, and in 2012 was asked to work with, and travel with 40 children to Uganda as a choir. A non-profit organization that she is involved with pays for music and singing lessons as well as musical instruments.

On another note, someone in her club had an idea that if they collected the half empty small bottles of shampoo and hair conditioner which people often leave behind when staying in hotels or motels, and gave them to the homeless, that would not only help those people but also be very environmentally friendly. As a result they turned that idea into a project whereby they make up to 2,000 packs a week, containing shampoo, hair conditioner, soap, and wash cloths which are given out to the homeless or needy persons.



Sandra and President Libby exchanged Club banners.

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**Irena Shantz** was the lucky winner of the 6 of clubs!

Presidents closing quote:

*“People who think they know everything are a great annoyance for those of us who do!”*

**Submitted by Laurie Anderson**

## COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE AUGUST 19, 10 AM – 2 PM (SET UP STARTS AT 8:30 AM)

- We need donations of garage sale items. (No baby seats/ cribs or large furniture items)
- Everything needs to be clean and “working”.
- Call Peter or Ineke for drop off/pick up. (604-465-3392)
- We need volunteers for 2 hr shifts on Aug 19.
- Assistance required for: set up, pricing, sales, and break down.
- All remaining leftover items will be donated to the Ridge Meadows Hospice Thrift Store
- 100% of proceeds to Rotary projects.