

Meetings: Tuesday 12 Noon, Bella Vita Restaurant

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AUGUST IS MEMBERSHIP & NEW CLUB DEVELOPMENT MONTH

Today (Aug 29): **Ineke & Peter Boekhorst** – Their trip to the RI Conference in Atlanta, GA

Next Week (Sep 5):

Happy Birthday		Happy Anniversary	
Sep. 3:	Dave Rempel	Aug. 28:	Patrick & Stefany O'Brien
Sep. 4:	Doris Gagel		

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT EVENTS:

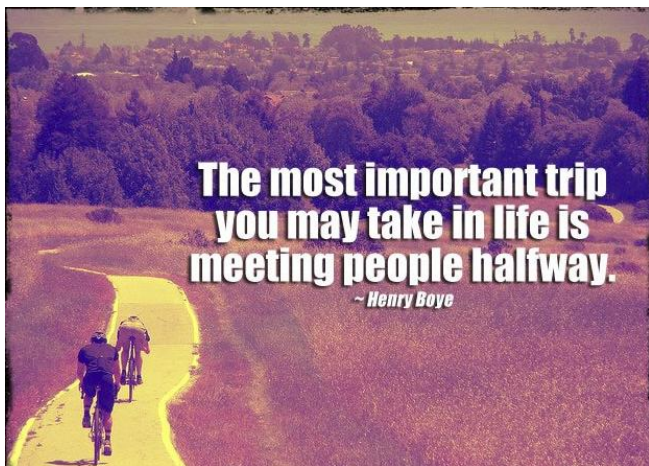
Date	Time	Event	Venue
Sep. 8 - 10		Annual Rotary Camp-out	Wild Rose Campground - 62030 Flood Hope Rd, Hope
Wed. Sep. 20	T.B.C.	Rotary Duck Race - Cheque distribution	Meadow Gardens Golf Club, Pitt Meadows
Thu. Sep. 21		Pub Night in support of Fraser Valley Rotaract Club	Townhall Pub 33720 S Fraser Way, Abbotsford
Sun. Oct. 15		House concert with Robert and Kaitlyn Campbell	Adrienne Dale - 10295 248th St. Maple Ridge
Feb. 9-11		Presidential Peace Building Conference, 2018 https://environmentandpeace.com	Hyatt Regency Vancouver

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Today's Guests:

Lindsay Norcross (Guest of Mark Vosper),
Board President of the Ridge Meadows Hospice Society.

President Libby's Quote for the Day



Pres. Libby read a thank you note, which the club received from **Eva Cowley**, who was awarded a Maple Ridge Junior Firefighters Bursary.

Happy and Sad, including:



Mark Vosper - he has enjoyed friends visiting from Great Britain (a friend he met in the British Armed Services when Mark was a young lad) and showing them around parts of our beautiful Province; and Mark recently became a grandfather for the first time.



Patrick O'Brien - 5 happy bucks (or is that 5 happy ducks?) for all the amazing people which helped organize and send the rubber duckies down the Alouette River, including **Peter Boekhorst (who got a truck and transported the brood to the River)**, **Brian Bekar**, **Neil Smith from the Haney Club**, and **Eric Molema**. Patrick was happy to be among this group working at the Duck Race.



Ineke Boekhorst had a great time taking her grandson to the Vancouver Aquarium, and while it has no longer any whales on display, they did watch seals put on a show.



Matt (aka Matthijs) Debruyne says that it looks like they will be getting a new kitchen, as Matt's cruise ship suggestion was sunk when it was torpedoed by Lynda who chose a new renovated kitchen over a Panama cruise.

Matt also reminded everybody that they may wish to sign up for the **K-Booster Fair** which is put on by the Fraser Health Authority and will be held on **Wednesday, September 6, 2017** between 9 AM and 7 PM. Fraser Health is encouraging people to get their children inoculated, but the little tykes are not allowed to go home immediately and have to hang around at the health care center (presumably to make sure that there's no adverse reaction to the inoculation). Volunteers assist the healthcare authorities in keeping the little tykes busy with interesting things to do and learn, and the volunteers have a great time doing it.

Doris Gagel is going to Germany to visit friends and will not be back now until October 15, 2017.

Pres. Libby is just happy for being a part of Rotary

Garage Sale:

Ineke advised that the garage sale brought in \$202 (no doubt a bit disappointing for all the hard work that they put in doing it), but that amount will be added to the \$755 that our Rotary club members have donated (bringing the total to \$957) which our club will be donating to the firefighters' fund. These monies will be sent to the 100 Mile House Rotary Club for disbursements by them to aid firefighters and fire victims.

Program

As our scheduled speaker was suddenly taken ill and could not attend our meeting today, Pres. Libby called upon two club members to give a five minute impromptu talk (without a warning, that is) about what things are important in their lives.

Lawyer **David Riddell** was the first lucky winner who said that some of the things he finds most important and that he enjoys doing are, firstly, his children and family, then other things are walking or running (the dogs, not David) his two dogs (Mortimer and Rumpole, which [despite their famous English Barrister names] are not legal beagles) on the dikes, letting them off the dog path from time to time (to exercise his "rebellion stage"), reading historical books, and ignoring politicians. His work is somewhat down on the list of priorities in terms of enjoying life, but it does pay the bills.

The second lucky winner was **Mark Vosper** who is the executive director of the Ridge Meadows Hospice Society. Like David, his family is very important to him. In his line of work, he notices that there is often a lack of communication until it is too late, and says that meaningful communication is very important to him and for happy relationships. He is especially happy to be living in Canada. He chose it because he is passionate about the wildlife and the great outdoors, which allows him to put work aside for a while (and clear the cobwebs?). Finally, he said that we are all waiting for things all the time, and the best use of our time is important, especially having time for ourselves.

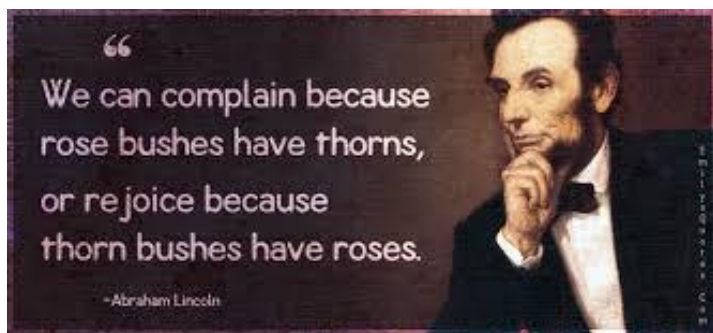
Annual Rotary Camp-out:

Adrienne Dale stated that this year the location will be the Wildrose Campsite in Hope, and the date will be September 8th, 9th and 10th (being a Friday, Saturday and Sunday). Those that cannot or do not wish to camp out, are welcome to attend for the good fellowship and especially a great meal to be had on Saturday, September 9, 2017 which will be supplied with each participant splitting the cost.

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Matt Debruyne purchased the 9 of Spades (he must have been very upset because he was seen ripping the stupid card in half!

Presidents Closing Quote of the Day:



Submitted by Laurie Anderson