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SEPTEMBER IS BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY MONTH

Today(Sep 12):John Charbonneau - Reverse MortgagesNext Week(Sep 19):DG Lindagene Coyle's official visit

Happy Birthday	Happy Anniversary	
Sep. 17 Adrienne Dale	Sep. 2: Debbie & Fraser MacRae	

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue	
Sep. 10 - 14		BC Thanksgiving Food Drive: Bag drop Sept 10 - 14	Collection Sept 16th	
Wed. Sep. 20	6 pm	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. 1	3 pm	Frisbee Golf at Dave Rempel's home	10607 277 St Maple Ridge	
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	Hyatt Regency Vancouver	
		https://environmentandpeace.com		



LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Guests:

Past Rotary member and Club President, accountant and resident of Fort McMurry: Lindsay Hendy

Happy and Sad

Dave Rempel: firstly, looking forward to the annual Frisbee Golf which is set for Sunday October 1. Team captains (appointed - not elected) are Brian, Laurie and Patrick (contact one of them if you're willing to be on a team); secondly, Dave says that with things largely turmoil in the world, he is thankful to be living in Canada and being a member of Rotary.

Mark Forster: some people thought Mark to be "enigmatic" when he stood before us, happy (or sad, we were not sure which), with loonie in hand, and in good fun, railed against some unnamed fellow Rotarian(s) who might have dared to suggest that just because there seemed to be only a few hands go up indicating their intention to go to a certain upcoming camping event, it was "doomed to failure". [*Enigmatic: "mysterious, inscrutable, puzzling, mystifying, baffling, perplexing, impenetrable, unfathomable, oracular, elliptical, ambiguous, equivocal, paradoxical, obscure, oblique"* - you get the idea].

Eric Mollema - gave a loonie's worth of denial that he had anything to do with Marks's aforesaid rant !

President Libby: a happy buck as she understands that the aforementioned campground is supposed to be an excellent one, and a sad one because the Dow went down 200 points?

Lynda Lawrence - her father is turning 90, and she's planning a trip to Hawaii with him.

Brian Bekar - [had a great storey, but too long to retell !]

Ineke Boekhorst - went to Kelowna to celebrate her daughter's 40th birthday. Upon returning, found that there was more smoke in the lower mainland than in Kelowna.

Lindsay Hendy - speaking of someone who knows about fire and smoke, Lindsay was happy to be visiting us from Fort McMurray again.

Guest Speaker - Lauren Hinnen - Canuck Place Children's Hospice



Lauren is new at her role as the Canuck Place Development Coordinator for the Fraser Valley, and her job focuses on raising awareness and funds through corporate partnerships locally. She is responsible for growing and deepening existing relationships while connecting with prospects to ensure consistent yearly funding for Canuck Place, which must raise over 60% of their own funds

from the community. Lauren moved from Richmond at about age 12, and grew up in the city of Mission where she and her husband and her parents still live. The following information was provided by Lauren for our newsletter:

Canuk Place Children's Hospice is here for children and families when they need it the most - they are facing lifealtering challenges. We meet them in their homes, our hospices and in their communities. These children deserve to live their best life. For over two decades Canuck Place has provided of care and a remarkable story of



exceptional, innovative and world-leading pediatric palliative care that treasures humanity and a culture of compassion. The generosity and kindness of donors has made a significant difference in the lives of BC's children with life-threatening illnesses and the families who love them. Excellence and innovation are made possible because you are here with us, building a community of support. Because of you, the most medically complex and ill children and the families who love them have the best care.

More than just four walls, our hospice is the nucleus of the heartcentred program of comprehensive and compassionate care that is Canuck Place. But it's not enough. Canuck Place is experiencing a significant increase in complexity of care. This means more nurses and physicians on staff delivering a higher acuity of care. More children at the end of life - and the families who love them – have needed our specialized knowledge, pain management, clinical support of our 24 hour pediatric palliative team, and counselling services. As a result, we've had to turn away families seeking essential medical respite care. Our expert clinicians care for over 160 different diseases and conditions and administer over 150 different medications. In 2016-17 we provided specialized care to over 715 children and families from across BC. On average last year, each day our team cared for 6 patients on our clinical floor and 8 family members on our family floor. We simply don't have the capacity to care for the multitude of BCs children and families who need our ongoing support. With our generous team of partners and donors, we have worked hard to build a second location: Dave Lede House in Abbotsford. We are now providing community services. We have successfully phased-in outpatient programs including nursing, counselling, music and art therapy and recreation therapy at Dave Lede House.



To complement the outpatient care we will now begin opening beds one weekend per month starting May 2018 to provide medical respite for children and families. We need your support to make this a reality. The phase in operation of 24-hour care beds at DLH requires careful planning, training, program development and processes and systems integration. Hiring and training for clinical staff will occur January 2018 to April 2018.

These children and their families need Canuck Place to support them in living the end of life as fully as the beginning. You make that possible.

There are more children and families who need complex pediatric palliative care and we need to reach them. We are here to ease the burden with a focus on excellence that shines through the daily practice of pediatric palliative care at Canuck Place.

We can't do it without you.

We need your help to continue to provide the best pediatric palliative care for BC newborns, children and teens and to respond to increasingly complex diseases and illnesses. With your support we can deliver the essential care and support to more BC children making a lifetime of difference for the families that love them.

At Canuck Place we can't add days to the life of a child. But we can add life to their days.

<u>50/50</u>

Before our guest speaker Lauren Hinnen drew the winning ticket out of the bucket, **Dave Rempel** asked her (very kindly) to make him a winner, and she happily obliged. But Dave's luck ran out when he then drew the 3 of Diamonds.



Submitted by Laurie Anderson

ROTARY CAMPING 2017

Thank You Adrienne Dale for organizing another very successful Rotary Camping weekend!

This year we moved our annual event to Hope at the lovely Wild Rose Campground.



Adrienne & Warren, Matt & Linda and Sharon & Ron arrived on Thursday and set up everything (and had a good time.

We had a total of 5 "rigs" participating (Adrienne & Warren, Mark & Pauline, Sharon & Ron, Matt & Linda and Peter & Ineke)

Several people joined us for the Saturday Night "potluck dinner" (Eric & Urma + family, Laurie & Lorna and Adrienne's sister + family).



Thank You everyone for participating and for your contribution to this fabulous social, as everybody contributed in some way, shape or form.

Even though it rained most of the day Saturday, we had a wonderful time and really enjoyed each other's company. Of course the food was amazing!



The Saturday night potluck food was really awesome: Dutch kroketjes, South African Potje, Elk pepperoni, apple-pie, coconut dessert....and soo much more.



Desert being prepared and being finished

Sunday morning we enjoyed an "almost gourmet" breakfast buffet, with delicious items like waffles, bacon, eggs (any style...thanks to Warren!), sausages, fresh cinnamon buns and blueberry muffins...... in the returned sunshine!

Better block the date for next year (2nd weekend in September); this is a Rotary Social not to be missed!!!!

Submitted by Ineke