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## OCTOBER IS ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MONTH

Today (Oct 10):

Next Week (Oct 17):

Happy Birthday	Happy Anniversary

### CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
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 <a href="https://environmentandpeace.com">https://environmentandpeace.com</a>	Hyatt Regency Vancouver

### LAST WEEK'S MEETING

President Libby's quote for the day:

*"Life is all about balance. You don't always need to be getting stuff done. Sometimes it's perfectly okay, and absolutely necessary, to shut down, kick back, and do nothing."*

Cheque presentation:



**Mike Davies** presented a check in the amount of \$500 to **Corisa Bell** on behalf of the **Christmas Haven Society**.

Corisa has been an active volunteer for the past 12 years. She says "no one should be alone at Christmas". Each guest is given a Christmas present.

What is Christmas Haven?

Every Christmas Eve since 1998, a group of community minded volunteers organize a free, non-denominational, and wheelchair accessible Christmas Dinner, promoting a sense of belonging and camaraderie on a night that often brings hardship to those with little or no support. Christmas Haven is held at The ACT in downtown Maple Ridge from 6 pm to 9 pm every December 24th. This free event provides a wonderfully festive atmosphere for our guests and is the centre point for a dinner of turkey and all the fixings; local entertainment; children's activities; and a visit from Santa. No reservations are required.

### YAIL

**Sharon Kyle** spoke about Youth Adventures In Leadership. This Rotary year it will be held from February 2 - 4, 2018 in Surrey and is open for youth between the ages of 15 and 17 years. Registration opened on September 1, 2017 but there is still room. Our club pays for a participant. Sharon said that her two grandchildren attended it and found it a fantastic experience. Sharon asked us to think about someone who might benefit from this program and let her know as soon as possible, or contact chair Hank Adolfi at [IslanderHank@outlook.com](mailto:IslanderHank@outlook.com).

What is YAIL?

*YAIL gives participants insight into some of the basics of what it means, and takes, to be a leader: to help participants become well-rounded individuals with increased perspective and enthusiasm for growth, and who are able to make informed decisions. YAIL teaches participants through a variety of exercises involving leadership and growth- to empower students to network, plan, and set goals. Participants were divided into groups with inexperienced youth facilitator, with guidance from adult Rotarians.*

### Happy and Sad

**Lynda Lawrence:** urged everyone's participation on Thursday, October 5 to make food and cash donations to the Thanks for Giving Campaign – for the food bank.

**David Rempel:** several happy loonies: - for recently connecting again with a lady who was the first person to be adopted with the help of their adoption program - for meeting Sarah Nelson

again, a visitor to our club, who had previously worked with Dave as a school trustee - a happy and sad dollar for the cancellation of the Frisbee golf event (happy for the time off, but sad as it would have been the "seventh annual") - and happy to announce that the first Wine Fest meeting to organize next year's Wine Fest will be held on October 18, 2017.

**Patrick O'Brien:** happy to have seen on the front cover of the Rotarian magazine Bill Gates who is perhaps the greatest supporter of Rotary's polio campaign, and to have read in the magazine that there has not been a single "wild" case of polio in Africa this year - and happy to have donated \$100 a shelter box, with a challenge to the rest of us in the club to donate a similar amount.

Program: **Mina Lilleheier** - Exchange Student from Norway



Mina was introduced by **Sarah Nelson**, a member of the Haney Rotary Club and Mina's host mother, who said what a great young woman Mina is, and how gratifying it was for Sarah to have her in her home.

Mina started off by telling us a bit about her country of Norway, which has approximately 5,000,000 people. She said Norway has been deemed by the UN as

the "Happiest Country in the World". (Canada is #7). Like Canada, their governments did not treat their aboriginals in the early days, but their aboriginals now are better treated and have their own government. She showed us various pictures of her country, and included a picture of a historic Stave Church. Stave churches are considered to be among the most important examples of wooden Medieval architecture in Europe. In the Middle Ages, there were probably more than 1,000 stave churches in Norway. Today, only 28 remain, including Urnes stave church, which is included on UNESCO's World Heritage List.

May 17 is the day they celebrate the founding of their country in 1814 (when Norway became an independent country), much like Canada Day. Each region of the country has its own costumes and men and women and children of all ages dress up in their "Bunad", or national costume. The buildings are decorated with Norwegian flags. This day of celebration is also called "Children's Day" because children are given lots of treats and freedom to have fun and celebrate. Every nation has a national day but probably very few of them are so enthusiastically and uniquely celebrated like May 17th in Norway. The local children carry flags and march together with bands. Ice cream, hot dogs and other goods to eat are abundant. Graduating high school students wear uniforms and celebrate the approaching school year's end.

Mina comes from a town called "As" which has a population of approximately 25,000 people, and which is about 30 minutes from the capital city of Oslo, Norway.

Mina was born in the year 2000 and has a sister age 14 and a brother age 11. She is very active in skiing, running, biking, and

playing the piano. Norwegians, at least the brave [or crazy] ones, have "polar bear swims", where the participants wear Santa hats and stockings.

Mina compiled a "to do list" of things that she wanted to do when she came to Canada as an exchange student, and although she's only been here a couple of months, she is already completed it.

Dave Rempel asked her what she found different about Canada compared to her native Norway. She surprised everybody by saying that the students in the schools here pay much *more* attention to the teachers and have a lot of work to do. In Norway she has only one class to go to every day, whereas here she goes to eight different classes with eight different teachers. Also, she enjoys the fact that sports here are connected to the schools and she gets to socialize with other students through school sports. In Norway, on the other hand, sports are separate from school activities.

She thanked the Rotarians for giving her this great opportunity.

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**Walter Volpatti** struck it rich by pulling the Queen of Hearts out of the deck!

But Walter claims it was **Sharon Kyle** who struck it rich.

Editor's note: The one time I'm working hard in Hawaii, the Accountant and Lawyer cannot agree on the simple fact, who walked away with the money.

President's Closing Quote:

"Ladies, if a man says he will fix it, there is no need to remind him about it every six months."

**Submitted by Laurie Anderson**