

Meetings: Tuesday 12 Noon, Bella Vita Restaurant

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DECEMBER IS DISEASE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT MONTH

Today (Dec 5):

Next Week (Dec 12): **AGM & Election of Officers**

Happy Birthday	Happy Anniversary
	Dec. 10: Peter & Ineke Boekhorst

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Fri. Dec. 8	10am-4pm	Selling Christmas Plants at RM Hospital	Ridge Meadows Hospital, 11666 Laity St. Maple Ridge
Tue. Dec. 12	Noon	AGM & Election of Officers	Bella Vita Restaurant
Sat. Dec. 16		Rotary Christmas Party	Clint & Cheryl Callison – 10145 247B St, Maple Ridge
Sat. Dec. 16		CP Holiday Train	Train arrival - Haney: 7:30 PM Pitt Meadows: 8:45 PM
Tue. Jan. 9	12-1:30pm	Speaker is RI Vice President Dean Rohrs .	Meadow Gardens Golf Club, Pitt Meadows
Feb. 9-11		Presidential Peace Building Conference https://environmentandpeace.com	Hyatt Regency Vancouver

RI PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Seventy-two years ago, the United Nations was founded "to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war ... [and] to practice tolerance and live together in peace with one another as good neighbors." Despite those worthy aspirations, and generations of investment in achieving them, the "scourge of war"

is still with us: Last year, more than 102,000 people died in 49 armed conflicts around the world. Some of those conflicts were in their fifth decade or beyond. Terrorism, intolerance, and extremism; the refugee crisis; and environmental degradation are now global challenges.

Collectively, we seem further than ever from achieving the goals that were set with such ambition and optimism in 1945. Yet hope endures, as long as there are people willing to work for a more peaceful future – not only through their governments, but also beside them and beside each other. Today, Rotary is better placed than ever to have a real and lasting impact for peace: through our peace-focused programs, such as Rotary Peace Fellows, and through every area of our service. Water, sanitation, health, education, and economic

development are all interrelated and part of the complex interactions that can lead to conflict – or avert it.

To best leverage our service in all these areas, and to maximize their impact for peace, it is essential to understand these interactions and plan our service accordingly.

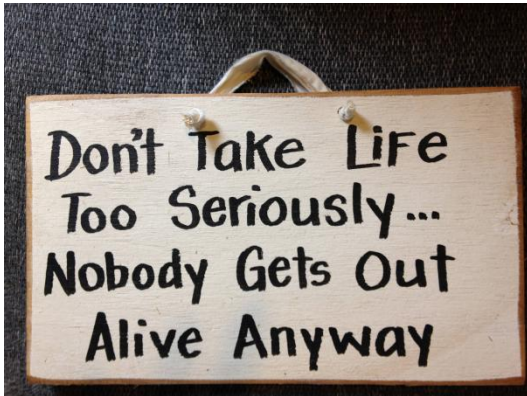
For these reasons, we have scheduled a series of six presidential peacebuilding conferences between February and June in Canada, Lebanon, the UK, Australia, Italy, and the United States. These conferences will focus not on peace but on *peacebuilding*: We will share ways that we can work to build peace through the service of our Rotary clubs and districts. Five of the one-day conferences will illuminate the connections between peace and another area of focus. The first conference, in Vancouver, B.C., will explore the link between peace and another sphere of great concern to us in Rotary: environmental sustainability. You can view the full schedule and register at www.rotary.org/presidential-conferences.

The goals are simple: to help Rotarians find new ways to advance peace through their service, to learn from experts, and to strengthen our abilities to build peace. It is my hope and belief that these conferences will help us move closer to a more peaceful world, through *Rotary: Making a Difference*.

Ian H.S. Riseley
President 2017-18

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

President Libby's Quote for the Day:



Guests:

Lawyer **Greg Lane**

Realtor **Brenda Jenkins**

Cheque Presentation:

Community Services Chair **Mike Davies** presented a check in the amount of \$500 to **Larry Coleman**, on behalf of the **Volunteer Cancer Drivers Society**.



Larry is very proud of one of his uncles who joined the Nanaimo Rotary Club in 1952, and had a perfect attendance record for 58 years. He also organized seven new Rotary clubs on Vancouver Island.

Then he gave us a little history about how the Volunteer Cancer Drivers Society was formed. In October 2015 the Canadian Cancer Society decided to cancel their volunteer driving program after having done this for 25 years. A few of the former drivers (like Larry) continued to drive cancer patients to their treatments, and a few of them got together and formed the new society in 2016.

The Mission Statement of the Society is: we will provide free, safe, timely and efficient transportation for patients to and from cancer related treatments throughout the Laura Mainland. Society is very active in our community. In Ridge Meadows they have five drivers who in October 2017 drove 56 cancer patients to their appointments. They use their own vehicles and are reimbursed at the rate of \$.41 per km. They are a 100% volunteer organization with no employees our office rent to pay.

Happy and Sad:

Dave Rempel was happy to meet our guest **Greg Lane**, who happened to be one of his students in elementary school when Dave was the school principal. He happened to meet Greg's mother about three months ago and was asking how she was doing. So it was a happy coincidence that Greg is now attending some of our meetings.

Ineke Boekhorst was happy to have Brian Bekar back with us.

Brian Bekar, himself, was happy to be back with us, and especially to have his wife home as well. She was hospitalized when they visited the States with a sudden and very serious medical problem.

Guest Speaker:

Our speaker for the day was **Patrick Cullen**, who is the **Emergency Program Coordinator for the City of Maple Ridge**.



In British Columbia, local governments lead the initial response to emergencies and disasters in their communities. The City of Maple Ridge maintains an emergency management organization to ensure the safety of citizens when a situation escalates beyond the first responder level.

The Emergency Program plans and prepares for emergencies, educates public about preparedness, ensures readiness of the Emergency Operations Centre and coordinates local volunteers engaged in Emergency Support Services (known as ESS). Whether it is hazardous materials, fires, floods or other forms of extreme weather, emergencies can happen anytime. It's not always possible to avoid these emergencies, but, you can be prepared. Your own personal preparedness can go a long way in assisting you in managing the emergency and recovery afterward. Be equipped to support yourself and your family for a minimum of 3 days after an emergency. Having an emergency plan and an Emergency Kit will help you manage until emergency responders can reach you. This also allows them to focus their efforts on those in immediate danger.

For further information about emergency preparedness, look at the following websites for the municipality, the province, and the federal government:

www.MapleRidge.ca/ep
BC Emergency Preparedness Response Recovery
www.GetPrepared.gc.ca

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Dave Rempel challenged guest **Greg Lane** to pick Dave's ticket out of the bucket, and (low and behold), Greg obliged. However, Dave pulled the Ace of Diamonds out of the deck, but lived to try another day.

President's Closing Quote:



Submitted by **Laurie Anderson**