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## DECEMBER IS DISEASE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT MONTH

**Today** (Dec 12): **AGM & Election of Officers**  
**Next Week** (Dec 19): **Scott Sheffield** - History Dept of the University of the Fraser Valley

Happy Birthday	Happy Anniversary

### CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Sat. Dec. 16	6:00pm	Rotary Christmas Party	Clint & Cheryl Callison – <a href="http://10145247BStMapleRidge.ca">10145 247B St, Maple Ridge</a>
Sat. Dec. 16		CP Holiday Train	<b>Train arrival</b> - Haney: 7:30 PM Pitt Meadows: 8:45 PM
Tue. Jan. 9	12-1:30pm	Speaker is RI Vice President <b>Dean Rohrs</b> .	Meadow Gardens Golf Club, Pitt Meadows
Feb. 9-11		Presidential Peace Building Conference <a href="https://environmentandpeace.com">https://environmentandpeace.com</a>	Hyatt Regency Vancouver

### CHRISTMAS PLANTS FOR STARFISH PACK PROGRAM

This is your last chance to buy beautiful greenhouse grown **Cyclamen** or **Grinch Trees**, in support of our Starfish Pack Program.

These fabulous come with a handmade Christmas card for easy gift giving ..... all you have to do is sign your name on the card! What a perfect gift for staff, associates, clients, friends, neighbours, hairdresser, teacher.....you name it!



**Only \$20 each or 3 for \$50 (tax included)**  
 We can provide a receipt for your records if required.

**ALL proceeds to Rotary's  
 Starfish Pack Program!**



### LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Guests:  
**Patrick Dobbyn, Brenda Jenkins and Ana Castillo**

Cheque presentation:

**Mike Davies** presented a cheque in the amount of \$400 to **Darrell Pilgrim**, on behalf of the **Salvation Army, Ridge Meadows Ministries**, in support of their local programs.

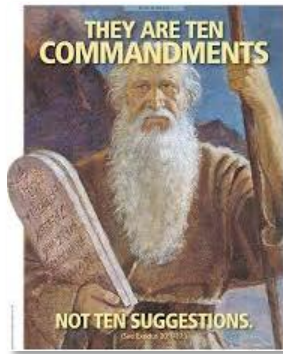


Good news!

**Brian Bekar** was happy to announce that his wife **Sharon** was home and off dialysis.

President Libby's Quote for the Day:

*"Say what you like about the 10 Commandments, but you must always come back to the pleasant fact that there are only 10 of them"*  
H. L. Menken



Happy and Sad:

**Patrick O'Brien** - his offices have now moved to the corner of Dewdney Trunk Road and 227th Avenue, on the upper floor. They have expanded their space from approximately 750 ft<sup>2</sup> to over 3000 ft<sup>2</sup>.

**Libby Nelson** - her grandson (who has suffered from various medical problems) has now graduated from high school.

**Eric Mollema** –

Happy dollar one: his daughter has gone overseas!  
Happy dollar two: his son has gone overseas!  
Happy dollar three: his wife has gone overseas! (lol);

**Adrienne Dale** - sad dollar: we are left putting up with Eric! (lol)

**Ana Castillo** - with the help from Rotarians (including us) and others, she was able to raise \$700 to help out with the disastrous earthquake victims in Mexico.

**Laurie Anderson** – happy to have gone to the Salvation Army "Dignity Breakfast", where he learned a lot about what the Army is doing in Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows and urged members to consider going next year.

Program: Darrell Pilgrim - Salvation Army, Maple Ridge Ministries



Darrell needs no introduction, but here it is anyway: he has been an active member of the Haney Rotary Club for several years. He has been with the Salvation Army for 20 years, and has looked after the Maple Ridge Ministries for the past 9 ½ years. He recently moved to Abbotsford (but doesn't mind the commute). His wife works for the Community Services Organization in Mission, and his son has just entered film school in Vancouver, with the hope of one day becoming a director.

The following are some words of wisdom from Darrell, and some interesting statistics:

Question: what is the easiest way to spread joy to 100 people in one hour during the Christmas season?

Answer: volunteer to ring a Salvation Army kettle bell and smile or say hello to everyone that passes! Want a challenge? The Haney Rotary Club has agreed to take over all 11 kettles in Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows one evening in lieu of having a Rotary club meeting.

The Salvation Army Ministries in Maple Ridge served 60,000 meals in 2016. All of the money raised from the kettles in Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows goes into our community. The goal is for the kettles to bring in \$100,000. Those willing to ring a bell at a kettle are only asked to do a two-hour shift, and Bell Ringers are urgently needed.



Ridge Meadows  
Ministries  
Faith. Hope. Dignity.

The Army will serve 160 - 180 bag lunches each day to hungry children in 14 schools in School District 42. That is a lot of children who will not go hungry at lunchtime.

With Staples as a partner, in 2016 the Army contributed 230 - 240 backpacks filled with school supplies to give to needy children starting school. In 2017, 406 backpacks were given out.

481 hampers of baby supplies were distributed; especially grateful for this help, were some of our refugee families.

This year the Army added 30 beds to their facility on the corner of the Lougheed Highway and 222nd Avenue. The building can now accommodate 75 people sleeping there overnight. In a year, that means that there are over 16,000 per-person sleep nights, that the Army have accommodated during that period.

The Army not only helps homeless people, but also steps in to help persons who are at risk of homelessness. The Army has volunteers who meet with such individuals to help them in their time of need, whether it is to find housing, get medical treatment, or receive addiction counselling. Last year the Army found housing for 133 people, and helped 88 persons go into residential care treatment.

The volunteers of the Salvation Army have put in 8700 volunteer hours, which (if you had to hire someone to do the same jobs) has a value of \$100,000.

Darrell related the story of one young lady (about 17 years old and in high school) who decided to raise money for the Army on her own, and got various persons in business organizations to donate items which then could be raffled off. As a result of her efforts, she brought a cheque to the Salvation Army for \$2800. She was inspired by the fact that as a younger person, she volunteered to serve food to the homeless in a Salvation Army shelter.

President Libby's closing quote:

*"Always keep your words soft and sweet, just in case you have to eat them".*

50-50:

Our guest **Patrick Dobbyn** was the lucky winner of one half of today's pot.

**Submitted by Laurie Anderson**