

Meetings: Tuesday 12 Noon, Bella Vita Restaurant

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JANUARY IS VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH

Today (Jan 30): **Matt DeBruyn** – He will finish his Who’s Who with pictures!
Next Week (Feb 6): **Johnson Meier Insurance** - House Insurance information

Happy Birthday	Happy Anniversary
	Feb. 2: Eric & Urma Mollema

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Feb. 9-11		Presidential Peace Building Conference https://environmentandpeace.com	Hyatt Regency Vancouver
Feb. 10		Valentine dinner at Mark and Pauline Forster’s house	11439-234A St., Maple Ridge
May 8-12		District Conference	MS Eurodam

LAST WEEK’S MEETING

Invocation:

Patrick O’ Brien - Desiderata by Max Ehrmann 1952.

*Go placidly amid the noise and haste,
 and remember what peace there may be in silence.
 As far as possible without surrender,
 be on good terms with all persons.
 Speak your truth quietly and clearly;
 and listen to others.....*

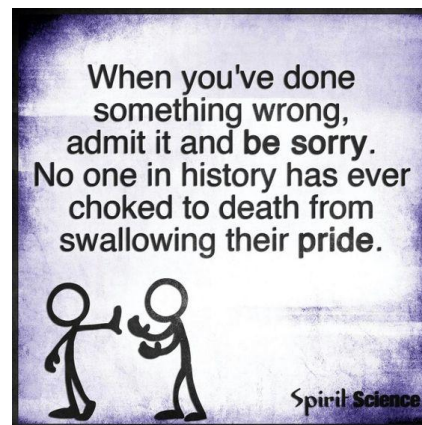
*Enjoy your achievements as well as your plans.
 Keep interested in your own career, however humble;
 it is a real possession in the changing fortunes of time.....
 Be yourself.....*

*Take kindly the counsel of the years,
 gracefully surrendering the things of youth.....
 You are a child of the universe,
 no less than the trees and the stars;
 you have a right to be here.
 And whether or not it is clear to you,
 no doubt the universe is unfolding as it should.
Be cheerful. Strive to be happy.*

Guests (apart from those accepting cheques, as set out below):

Greg Lane and **Ron Langley**

President Libby’s Quote for the Day:



Four Cheque Presentations, each in the amount of \$500:

Haney Farmers Market, in support of their **Nutrition Food Coupon Program**.

Accepting the cheque on behalf of the program was **Sandra Ramsey**, who is the program chair. The program helped 50 families last year to eat healthy.



Maple Ridge Historical Society, to help fund **Music on the Wharf**.

Accepting the cheque was **Allison White** who advised that this is the 21st year of this community event, which hosts four concerts per year in the summer.



Ridge Meadows Minor Hockey Association, to help pay for its 50th year anniversary celebration.

Scott Falconer, who is the president of the Association, advised that this event will pay special tribute to honoree Jim Robson who hails from Maple Ridge. Admission is free for the event.



Maple Ridge Festival of Lights.

Sammy Nelligan advised that this is the 10th anniversary of this event which will be held on Saturday, February 23, 2018.



And this was the 1st year!

Installation of Brenda Jenkins:

Our newest member, **Brenda Jenkins**, was installed by **Mark Forster** who did a great job (and who noted himself that he even dressed up appropriately for this special occasion).

Lynda Lawrence is Brenda's sponsor. Lynda said that Brenda has been in the commercial Real Estate field for 32 years (starting out working for the RCMP - which Lynda said that is a story in itself - wait for Brenda's Who's Who). Brenda has been married for 26 years, has a son, a political science degree, and even two brown labs.



Happy and Sad

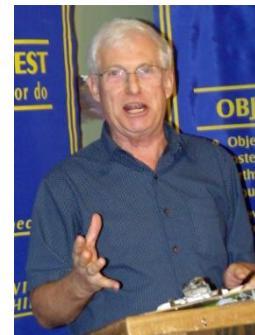
- **Brian Bekar**, happy to welcome Brenda into the club.
- **Sharon Kyle**, happy to have her "better half" visit with her to our club, and happy that no one was hurt in the spectacular fire in the CP rail yards in Coquitlam.

- **Mark Forster** - happy to have installed Brenda but "glad it's over" (stage fright, Mark?)
- **Patrick O'Brien** - a full five dollars for a great horse tale (or was that a horse tail?).
- **President Libby** - Libby and **Mark Vosper** attended the District's grant seminar, so we will have more information about applying for district grants.

Guest speaker

Our own **Matt DeBruyn** - "a man of great words":

Unfortunately, we had no computer at the meeting which would have enabled Matt to show us some slides; but as "each cloud has a silver lining", our speaker for next week was unable to make it and Matt was pressed into service to come back next week, to show us the pictures, and to finish his Who's Who.



You may not have noticed by his accent, but Matt was born in Holland. The town he grew up in had been bombed to rubble and burned during WWII, and it took many years to rebuild. It sounds like he had an interesting childhood. As a kid, he was tormented and bullied by other kids not only because he had a rich grandfather (and therefore his family did not lack the necessities of life), but also because he grew up in a religious family in a town where few other families were religious. Being philosophical, Matt says that maybe there is a positive side to being bullied because it might prepare you for the rough-and-tumble of life. His mother (whom he remembers saying to him "look at people when they talk to you, and listen") and his father were involved in volunteering for community matters and got involved in acting. His father put on plays, and his mother would sing and make costumes. This put Matt on the stage as a young man (although Matt says if he had to do it now, he couldn't remember his lines).

As we all know, Matt can play the violin, and we also know he spends some time down south in the winter. Although he has not (yet) played in Carnegie Hall, he met a woman down south where he and Lynda sojourn in the sun, who started a musical group or orchestra and asked him if he would be willing to join the group. Matt ended up in a theatre that sat maybe 400 people (at least, Matt, you didn't have to remember your lines, just your notes!). Matt obviously enjoys his music, and enjoys being alone sometimes. Being out on his acreage (and with Lynda down south) Matt admits to playing his music as loudly as possible in the early hours of morning without concern about annoying the neighbours - because he doesn't have any in close proximity. (But Matt, Also remember to "Go placidly amid the noise and haste, and remember what peace there may be in silence").

We almost lost Matt to the good old USA, where he was originally thinking of emigrating to. After coming from Holland (where space is at a premium) he thought he would relish the open spaces of California. (Matt painted an interesting picture of himself sitting in his Chevrolet Impala convertible, with the roof down, smoking, and thinking he was king of the road - a real cool dude. Someone pointed out to him that if he stayed in

the United States, he would likely be drafted and sent to Vietnam, which was not too appealing. So he ended up in Toronto, with his wife (he was married in 1967), \$500, and a bit of furniture. His wife got a job within three days, and he soon landed a job with Philips where he remained for 14.5 years.

As Paul Harvey used to say (for those of you old enough to remember who and the heck Paul Harvey was) "and now ... for the rest of the story". For that, you will have to come to our meeting on January 30, 2018 to hear Part 2.

50-50

Mark Vosper - and 6 of Clubs. What more can one say.

Presidents closing quote:



Submitted by Laurie Anderson

A note from Ineke and Peter

Dear friend,

On February 24th, I'm participating in the **Coldest Night of the Year**, a winter walk fundraiser that supports the hungry, homeless, and hurting in my community. I'm walking for some friends of mine who I'd love to introduce you to.

When I began volunteering at the local foodbank, I met John. He's been dealt a hard hand in life – he grew up in the foster care system and has struggled with mental health issues and addiction throughout his adult life. John has been working hard to gain control over his circumstances and has recently enrolled in Salvation Army Ridge Meadows' (SARM) vocational skills program. Once he graduates, he's hoping to be accepted into SARM's work placement program. He told me he has more hope for his future than ever before.

All of this was made possible through SARM, which is raising support through the Coldest Night WALK this year.



So, will you sponsor me?

You can donate to my cause through the link below – give securely online using a credit card or Paypal, and you'll receive a charitable receipt immediately.

Click [Donate](#) or paste following link into your browser:

<https://secure.e2rm.com/regisrant/TeamFundraisingPage.aspx?teamID=789494&langPref=en-CA>

Or, write a cheque and send it to me – either way, your donation will make a huge difference in the lives of those who benefit from SARM's great work.

Thank you