

Meetings: Tuesday 12 Noon, Bella Vita Restaurant

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MARCH IS WATER AND SANITATION MONTH

Today (Mar 6):

Next Week (Mar 13):

| Happy Birthday | Happy Anniversary |
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| March 11: Patrick O'Brien | |

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT EVENTS:

| Date | Time | Event | Venue |
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| May 8-12 | | District Conference | MS Eurodam |
| June 23-27 | | Rotary International Convention | Toronto, On |

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Cheque Presentation:

Kerry McLaren accepted a cheque in the amount of \$393.75 on behalf of the Maple Ridge Pitt Meadows Arts Studio Tour. This will cover the cost of erecting the banner over the highway to advertise the event.



The tour of various art studios within Maple Ridge will take place on the Mother's Day weekend in May. **2018 will be the 20th annual Maple Ridge Pitt Meadows Art Studio Tour where artists from our communities open their studios to the public.** For further information contact Kerry McLaren kerrymclaren@shaw.ca or visit www.artstudiotour.ca



President Libby presented a 'Rotary District 5050 Thanks You' pin to two members:



Walter Volpatti



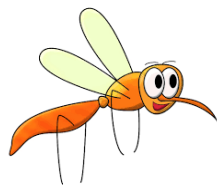
and Peter Boekhorst

Induction of New Member

Gregory Lane was inducted as a member of our club by **Clint Callison**, with the help of **President Libby**. This happy event was attended by very special guest, Greg's two-year-old daughter **Esther** who delighted everyone with her presence.



President Libby's quote:



IF YOU THINK YOU ARE TOO SMALL TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE, TRY SLEEPING WITH A MOSQUITO

Ineke, Peter, their son Kim with his 7 yr old twins and Lynda Lawrence and Brenda Jenkins are to be congratulated for raising \$805 for their participation in the Coldest Night of the Year, a fundraiser for the Salvation Army.



Greg's sponsor, **Laurie Anderson**, introduced Greg and advised that Greg grew up in Maple Ridge where he still lives. He is married and has one other child Jamie who was just born in January.

He is a lawyer with the Maple Ridge law firm of Findlay Gunnell and Sandor, where he practices mainly in the area of motor vehicle injury litigation.

Greg's father was a member of the Haney Rotary Club for number of years.

Happy and Sad

Lynda Lawrence- for those that supported the Coldest Night of the Year walk.

Walter Volpatti - who may be fighting off a cold.

Mark Vosper - who reminded us that Ridge Meadows Hospice Society is holding a Saint Patty's day pub night on March 17, 2018 at the Haney public house, where there will be live music and a silent auction (tickets only \$20 which includes burger and a beverage).

Laurie Anderson - happy that Greg Lane is our newest (and youngest) member.

President Libby Nelson - ditto for Greg Lane

Ineke Boekhorst - ditto for the Coldest Night of the Year walk, and to remind us that the Duck Race tickets go on sale.....

PETS:

Clint Callison told us about his experience at Pacific Northwest **PETS**, which he attended from February 23rd to February 25th. Pets stands for **Presidents-Elect Training Seminar**, and is a training meeting conducted annually for club presidents-elect. Its purpose is to prepare incoming club presidents for their year as president and give district governors-elect and incoming assistant governors the opportunity to motivate incoming presidents and build their working relationship.



Clint said he was very impressed with the experience, and made him realize how much good Rotary does outside of our own communities. While there, he met Marjolein (Ineke Boekhorst's daughter (and Peter's also) who was one of the presenters. Clint is our incoming president for the 2018/2019 year. He said that when he sees how other very busy people managed to put in a lot of time working at the Rotary District

and International level, he vows that he will somehow find the time despite his heavy commitments in running his own business.

[Clint owns and operates **Callison Financial Services Ltd – The Co-operators** - in Maple Ridge at Unit 106 - 20690 Lougheed Hwy, Maple Ridge, BC, V2X 2P8].

Be fearless in the pursuit of what sets your soul on fire!

In keeping with Clint's enthusiasm for PETS, Libby had another quote as follows:

President Libby noted that our club donated \$200 towards a Literacy Project in Guatemala. The total project raised \$694,000, and although our club's donation was small, we still participated in this project at the international level.

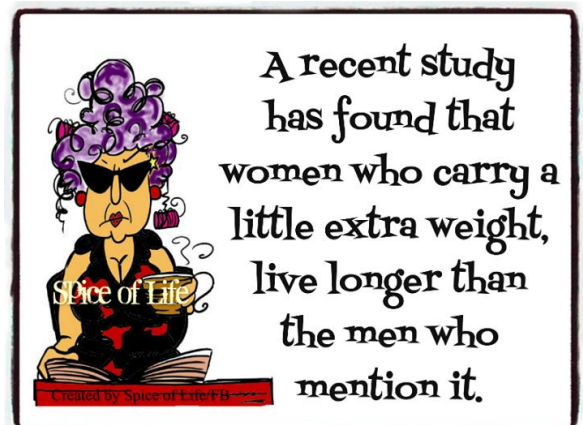
The balance of our meeting was a discussion about what major project our club can become involved in during the coming year. We have approximately \$30,000 and could possibly increase that by getting a grant of \$10,000 from the District. Club members were asked to give some ideas as to what we might have as a major project, and these included the following:

- something supporting the youth of our community
- an information kiosk in the downtown centre, featuring a Rotary Bell
- a "Rotary Trail"
- a confection truck or trailer, that could also be rented out and possibly generate some revenue
- large tents with the Rotary logo, that could be lent out for community events
- a handicapped children's playground
- a dog running Park
- a contribution to a low-cost housing building

50-50: **Walter Volpatti** - no luck for Walter to day.

President Libby's closing thought for the day:

Research is a wonderful thing:



Submitted by Laurie Anderson