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MARCH IS WATER AND SANITATION MONTH

Today (Mar 13):



(Editor) Can we start the meeting today at 1pm? I didn't finish my coffee yet!

Next Week (Mar 20):

Happy Birthday	Happy Anniversary
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CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT EVENTS:

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

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Presidents Libby's quote for the day:



Libby advised us of the upcoming **District Training Assembly**, which will be held on April 07, 2018, 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM at the Kwantlen Polytechnic University Surrey Campus, located at 12666 - 72 Avenue, in Surrey. "The District Training Assembly provides a great opportunity for every Club to learn about the best practices in operating a Rotary Club. Every Club is encouraged to send their incoming Officers and Directors, new members, and Rotarians who want to know more information on a wide range of Rotary topics. Sessions are informative, fun

and interactive and are geared to newer Rotarians and also include specific sessions for our incoming club's executive. There will be sessions on local initiatives to some of our International efforts and will feature a Key Note Address from Sue Gerber, who serves as the World Polio Coordinator for the Gates Foundation (subject to her continued availability). Important: It is a District Policy that all of our clubs are billed for 5 attendees, to our Assembly. So please organize a minimum of 5 people to attend on behalf of your club. It is a good idea to have your incoming president and executive attend."

Duck Race: Ineke Boekhorst advised that 7,000 tickets were given out at the Ticket Release which was held March 3rd at the ACT. This is the 8th year for the Rotary Duck Race, and this year the car is again donated by Maple Ridge Chrysler - a snazzy little Fiat sports-car, with a \$35,000 value. It will be displayed at all times in the Valley Fair Mall, rather than being driven around from site to site. (Books of tickets were also given out to Rotary members who attended today's meeting).

Happy and Sad Dollars:

Brian Bekar: his wife **Sharon** has a new knee.

Greg Lane, who was inducted as our newest member last week and brought with him his two-year-old daughter Esther for moral support, said that she told her mother when she got home that we were “very noisy people and clapped a lot, but there was a lot of ice cream”.

Mark Forster gave his regrets that he was unable to attend at the last meeting to install Greg, and claimed that he heard Clint Callison did such a great job of the installation that Mark was now out of a job.

Mike Davies was glad to report that **Gladys** had her second cataract eye surgery done and she seemed to be now recovering and getting better.

Eric Mollema threw a \$10 spot in the pot (but those of us on the other side of the room failed to catch the reason for his generosity).

President Libby said that any person who hadn't signed up by next week to “**My Rotary**” would have to pay a fine.

Libby downloaded a video entitled “[What is Rotary](#)”, to encourage us to get the word out and attract new members.



This is not Rotary!

Brian Bekar was called on the spot (i.e., without notice) and asked to give us a short talk on any subject that came to his mind.

So Brian shared with us Sharon's scary ordeal with some kidney stones which developed while they were on their annual holiday in the south. She had to be hospitalized in the United States for 10 days (at a cost of about \$100,000) and went into septic shock.

(Wikipedia tells us: *Septic is a serious medical condition that occurs when sepsis, which is organ injury or damage in response to infection, leads to dangerously low blood pressure and abnormalities in cellular metabolism. ... It can cause multiple organ dysfunction syndrome (formerly known as multiple organ failure) and death.*)

They were flown back in a private jet with a medical team on board (at a cost of about \$80,000 to the insurance company), where she then was in the intensive care unit at Royal Columbian Hospital for three days, followed by dialysis for about three weeks. Then (as noted above by Brian, just for good measure) Sharon had her knee replaced back here in Canada.

President Libby, following up on last week's discussion about a club project, asked for feedback from those in attendance about what the members felt the purpose or purposes of the Rotary project should be, and received the following suggestions:

- something that fills a void, a need in the community that is currently not being met
- something that will make our community a better place in which to live
- something that will create awareness in the community about Rotary
- something that might be a legacy project which will produce income for the club's charitable activities

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Libby got the right suit, but not the Queen of hearts who is still hiding in the deck.

President's Closing quote for the day:



“No matter how much cats fight, there always seems to be plenty of kittens”

“Lincoln never shied away from controversy. He was once quoted as saying “No matter how much the cats fight, there always seem to be plenty of kittens.” And he was exactly right. You'll never please everyone. There will always be critics to what you do. Sticking to your guns and following your heart is what defines who you are and will shape your success in the future.”

Submitted by Laurie Anderson