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APRIL IS MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH MONTH

Today (Apr 10): **Russell McMurchie** - Rotary District Literacy Chair
Next Week (Apr 17): Special General Club Meeting to discuss and approve new Club Bylaws

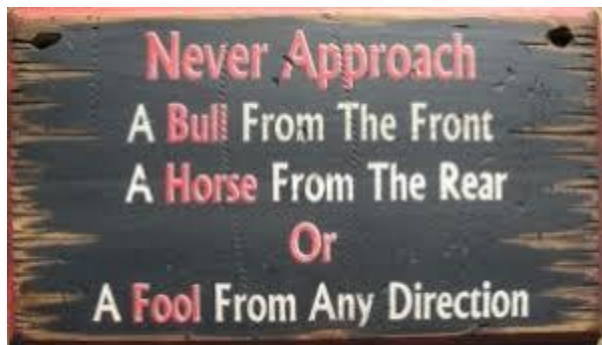
Happy Birthday	Happy Anniversary
	April 14: Dave & Sharon Rempel

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Apr. 15	1:00 pm	Club Picnic	Maple Ridge Park
May 8-12		District Conference	MS Eurodam
June 23-27		Rotary International Convention	Toronto, On

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

President Libby's quote for the day:



Cheque Presentation:

Kathryn Baird, from the City of Maple Ridge, accepted a cheque in the amount of \$500 in support of Canada Day.



Happy and Sad:

Dave Rempel is very happy that his daughter was recently married and his other daughter has become engaged. (He must also have a sad dollar now that he has to pay for two weddings).

Lynda Lawrence was sad to hear that Alistair Brown passed away. Alastair was a well-respected chartered accountant who practiced in Maple Ridge for many years. But she was happy to have visited her dad recently, and over the weekend was baptized into the Catholic Church (during a ceremony that lasted for three hours).

Wine Fest:

Dave Rempel, chairman of the **Wine Festival** Committee, gave us an update on the event which will take place on April 28, 2018 at the Valley Fair Mall. Dave said that he has never worked on a program that had better supporters or a better committee.

At the wine Fest there will be 21 wineries, 2 craft beer suppliers as well as cider, and 10 restaurants, and Save on Foods is also supplying food.

There are many sponsors (at present count – 16 sponsors at \$250 each). Dave believes that the Wine Fest is not only a major fundraiser but is also a “community event”. We were all reminded of the importance of selling tickets, tickets, tickets! All Rotarians are asked to either donate a bottle of wine or \$20 in lieu thereof, to fill the wine chest which will be auctioned off.



Duck Race and Polio Plus:



In support of polio plus, **Lynda Lawrence** auctioned off a Duck Race Button, which new member **Brenda Jenkins** generously purchased.



Rotary Club Bursaries:

Matt Debruyn was pleased to announce that he had received 24 applications for the 8 bursaries which will be given out by our club.

(He also noted that 19 of the applications were incomplete and that he will be contacting the applicants to complete them.)

The hot time in the old town tonight:

As we all know, **Matt Debruyn and Lynda** go south during the winter every year. (Their place is only a few miles from the Mexican border and notwithstanding the fact that Prohibition was repealed a few years ago, the place is still very dry.)



He got woken up about 11:45 one evening to the sound of sirens and commotion and loud banging on his door. It was not Donald Trump's gangsters and rapists who had come flooding across the wall-less border (it turns Matt would have liked to have a flood at that moment), but rather about 30 fire engines to fight a brush fire that suddenly flared up. Fortunately, Matt and Lynda survived to live another day and their abode was unscathed.

50-50:

Libby seems to have great luck in having her ticket drawn, but not so good in winning the pot.

Our president's closing Quip for the day:



Submitted by Laurie Anderson