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APRIL IS MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH MONTH

Today (Apr 17): Special General Club Meeting to discuss and approve new Club Bylaws
Next Week (Apr 24): **Dr. Erwin Cohen, University of the Fraser Valley** - Police and School-based Approaches to Gangs

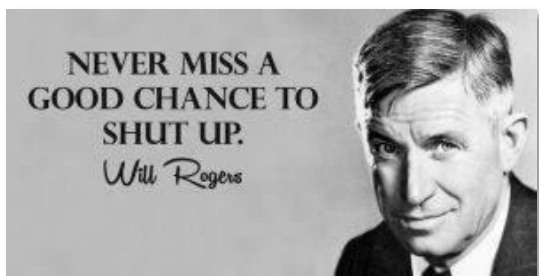
Happy Birthday	Happy Anniversary

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Apr. 15	1:00 pm	Club Picnic	Maple Ridge Park
Apr. 28	7pm-9:30pm	Rotary Wine Festival	ValleyFair Mall, Maple Ridge
May 8-12		District Conference	MS Eurodam
June 23-27		Rotary International Convention	Toronto, On

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Presidents Quote for the Day:



Club spring picnic April 15, 2018:

In case anyone was concerned that there might not be enough vegetables to eat at this event, Barbecue King **Eric Mollema** assured us that sausages would be available for vegetarians and even lamb chops for any vegans among us.

Happy and Sad

Brian Bekar: happy that the doctor has given Sharon a clean bill of health so they can travel again (and are even insured).

Matt DeBruyn: our of vocational chairman, happy to say we have now received 34 applications for club bursaries (4 applicants have withdrawn), and that he has been busily phoning those applicants who did not compete the application forms properly to let them know - so they could still have the opportunity to re-submit their applications.

Adrienne Dale: with **Warren** will be joining **Ineke, Peter, Laurie and Lorna** at the District 5050 Rotary Conference/Cruise to be held between May 8 and May 13.

Ineke Boekhorst: always happy to visit her daughter in Kelowna.

Guest speaker: **Russell McMurchie** - literacy

Russell is the literary chairman for district 50-50, and has held that position for the last three years. He is been a member of the Port Coquitlam Rotary club for the past 12 years (since February 23, 2006 to be exact). He formerly lived in Pitt Meadows, and now lives in Port Moody. He is a retired insurance broker, and worked for 26 years with coastal insurance in Port Coquitlam. Like Matt and Lynda DeBruyn, he and his wife enjoy going south for the winter, and like Matt enjoys bothering other Rotary clubs in that area from time to time.



Basic education and literacy is one of Rotary's six areas of focus, because basic education and literacy are essential for reducing poverty, improving health, encouraging community and economic development, and promoting peace. Investment in education and skills training (human capital) is three times as

important to economic growth over the long run as investment in machinery and equipment (physical capital). For most of us, reading and writing are as natural as breathing. But imagine if you didn't have the functional literacy skills needed to complete a job application, sign a cheque, understand the child's report card, or read a prescription. While the overall number of illiterate persons has fallen since 2000, 15% of the world's adult population still lack basic reading and writing skills.

BC statistics: over 500,000 British Columbian's have significant challenges with literacy. Due in part to limited literacy skills, 45% of British Columbian's age 16 to 65 have difficulty in accomplishing some daily living tasks including filling out a form, comparison shopping and understanding instructions.

Like our own Meadow Ridge Rotary Club, the Rotary Club of Coquitlam gives out illustrated dictionaries to elementary school children. There have been in excess of 800,000 of the illustrated dictionaries (like the ones we hand out) distributed worldwide. Our Rotary club also still donates books to the library in Nunavut (thanks in large part to our former club member, the late Dr. Marco Terwiel, who traveled to that remote northern community providing medical services to the local Inuit peoples).

Russel says he has been told that the following questions and answers were taken from exam papers written by 16-year-olds, and that the answers suggest lack of basic education and literacy.

[We think this is fake news, but they are funny anyway]:

Q: Name the four seasons.

A: Salt, pepper, mustard, and vinegar.

Q: How is dew formed?

A: The sun shines down on the leaves and makes them perspire.

Q: What guarantees may a mortgage company insist on?

A: If you are buying a house, they will insist you are well endowed.

Q: What are steroids?

A: Things for keeping carpets still on the stairs.

Q: What happens to your body as you age?

A: When you get old, so do your bowels and you get intercontinental.

Q: What happens to a boy when he reaches puberty?

A: He says goodbye to his boyhood and looks forward to his adultery.

Q: Name a major disease associated with cigarettes.

A: Premature death.

Q: What is artificial insemination?

A: When the farmer does it to the bull instead of the cow.

Q: How can you delay milk turning sour?

A: Keep it in the cow.

Q: What is the most common form of birth control?

A: Most people prevent contraception by wearing a condominium.

Q: Give the meaning of the term Caesarean section.

A: The caesarean section is a district in Rome.

Q: What is a terminal illness?

A: When you are sick at the airport.

Q: What does the word benign mean?

A: Benign is what you will be after you be eight.

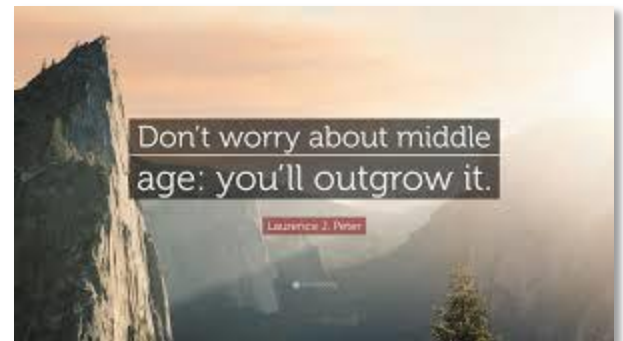
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Our Treasurer **Walter Volpatti** was this week's unlucky winner.

[We wonder how many time this month Walter will hear this?



President Libby's closing quip:



Submitted by Laurie Anderson