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## MAY IS YOUTH SERVICE MONTH

Today (May 8):  
Next Week (May 15):

Happy Birthday	Happy Anniversary
May 9: Walter Volpatti	May 8: Doris & Ted Gagel

### CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
May 8-12		<a href="#">District Conference</a>	MS Eurodam
June 23-27		<a href="#">Rotary International Convention</a>	Toronto, On

### 20<sup>TH</sup> ROTARY WINE FESTIVAL



**20<sup>th</sup> Annual Rotary WineFest**

ValleyFair Mall  
22709 Lougheed Hwy.  
Maple Ridge  
[RotaryWineFest.ca](http://RotaryWineFest.ca)

Saturday  
April 28, 2018  
7pm - 9:30pm



### LAST WEEK'S MEETING

President's Quote for the Day:



Guests:

- Napoleon Vallee** (Guest of Eric Mollema)
- Bruce Livingston** (Maple Ridge Business Retention and Expansion Officer)
- Gordon Robson** (City Councillor)
- Claire Viktora** (Helping Hand for our Wine Festival Committee)

**50/50 Draw - Jackpot at \$308.00 + 1/2 of today's sales, 28 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!**

Dave Rempel, our Wine Fest Committee Chairman, gave the following report on our 20th annual Wine Fest which was held on Saturday, April 28, 2018:

I have frequently commented that “this is a good event”, and the strong support, by not only the committee members but also non-committee members, proves my point. I am convinced the Rotary Wine Fest is now deeply rooted and growing as a major community event. I remember, more than three years ago, during our then-President Mark Forster’s brainstorming session, I went to him and said that I would chair the Wine Fest under certain conditions: besides a strong committee, that we change the venue to the Valley Fair Mall.

Many of our non-committee members and Rotarians not only purchased and sold tickets, but contributed to the success of the event by volunteering for setup, running the event, and take down. Thank you all. Our committee was a great team of talented and hard-working members. As chair, if I visualize “driving a thoroughbred team of horses”, I never had to say “giddy-up”, but frequently had to say “whoa whoa”. Sharon commented after our last meeting on April 25, “it seemed you were herding cats - so much energy – trying to get everything in and not leave anything out”.

The Meadow Ridge Rotary Club members on the committee were:

- **Ineke and Peter Boekhorst**, who were first not only alphabetically, but more importantly in their commitment, passion, and hours and hours of work put into the Wine Fest and other Rotary matters.
- **Lynda Lawrence**, who strongly supported all areas of the committee as needs arose.
- **Greg Lane**, a new member already deeply involved, looking after the challenges of security and looking after volunteers.
- **Debbie MacRae**, a great job securing 21 table sponsors and getting a family member producing the great signage stands.
- Our President **Libby Nelson**, who acted as our great secretary and recorder of minutes, keeping us on track.
- **Deddy Geese**, from the Haney Club, in charge of press and public relations; and
- **Matt DeBruyn**, always ready to help out.

Our committee was also greatly blessed with the contribution of three non-Rotarians who deserve special mention:

- **Claire Viktora**, who secured wine vendors and silent auction items, etc.
- **Annika Polegato**, great general support, and
- **Sharon Kincaid**, who looked after restaurants, etc.

If I were the club president, I would not pardon members Mike, Doris, Patrick, Brian, Deborah, Brenda, Adrienne, Laurie and Betty for not attending, but I would instead hand out medals to each of our great committee members.

Now some numbers:

1. In 2017, Restaurants had food left over, In 2018 some ran out.
2. In 1996 (1<sup>st</sup> WineZest) we sold 243 tickets, In 2017 we sold 210 tickets, In 2018 we sold 350 tickets.
3. In 1996 we netted \$6,628 In 2017 we earned approximately \$15,000, in 2018 I predict about \$20,000, but we will soon have final numbers.

Thank you all again for your involvement and support.  
Dave Rempel

#### Program:

Our guest speakers were **Constable Julie Klaussner and Constable Jasmeet Tiwana**, from our local **RCMP** detachment.



Julie has been in the police force for nine years, and in Maple Ridge for approx. 3 months (she lives in our community and was therefore happy to be transferred here). Jasmeet has been a member of our Maple Ridge attachment for four years. Together they make up the Community Response Team, whose responsibility includes the tent city, mental health matters, and youth.

This was a question and answer session, where club members could obtain answers for matters of interest or concern to them.

50/50: Our **President Libby** must have the golden touch. Not only does she frequently have the winning ticket at our Rotary meetings, but she also had the winning 50-50 ticket at the Wine Fest. Unfortunately, by the time she was able to retrieve her ticket, they called another number and it was won by **Clint Callison**, who generously donated the proceeds back to the Wine Fest.

Presidents closing quip for the day:

THE ANSWER  
MAY NOT LIE  
AT THE  
BOTTOM OF  
A BOTTLE  
OF WINE.  
BUT YOU SHOULD  
AT LEAST CHECK.

Submitted by Laurie Anderson