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JUNE IS ROTARY FELLOWSHIP MONTH

Today (June 12): **AG Preet Pall** – Report on her participation in the District Exchange Program to Thailand
Next Week (June 19): No regular meeting! Installation of new Executive.

Happy Birthday	Happy Anniversary
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CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
June 19	6:00 PM	Installation of Executive for 2018-2019 (No regular lunch meeting!)	Meadow Gardens Golf Club
June 23-27		Rotary International Convention	Toronto, On
Sun. July 22	5:00 PM	House Concert with Robert Campbell and Cailin Green	Dave Rempel's home: 10607 277 St. Maple Ridge
August 12	11:00 AM	Rotary Duck Race – race at 1 pm	Maple Ridge Park

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

President's Quote for the Day:

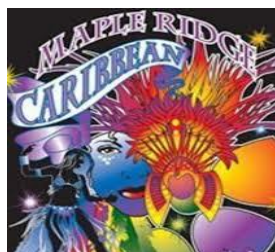


People who wonder whether the glass is half empty or half full miss the point...
 The glass is refillable.

Guests: **Scott Payne and Philip Sharecroft**

Cheque presentation:

Ineke Boekhorst accepted a cheque in the amount of \$500 on behalf of the **Caribbean Festival**. Ineke was one of the founding members of the Festival (although she is currently not a director). Ineke will pass our cheque on to Deddy Geese.



The 18th annual Maple Ridge Caribbean Festival will take place August 4-5, 2018 at the Maple Ridge Fairgrounds, which promises to be another stellar event of the lower mainland's music festival circuit, certainly a festival high-lite for Maple Ridge. The festival will feature 2 large stages with continuous music provided by 16 live bands from Toronto and the Lower Mainland's Caribbean community, featuring Reggae, Calypso, Salsa and Soca music and much more.

Happy and Sad:

Sharon Kyle was very proud of her granddaughter **Mckenzie** who received the Lynn Papp award at her school.



Our local Newspaper had this to say about Mckenzie:

A Pitt Meadows teen who volunteers simply because she enjoys making others feel happy is the winner of this years Lynn Papp Community Service Award... Mckenzie Kyle is honoured to receive the award. "I have been volunteering truly out of my own heart for a long time and I never asked for anything, never expected anything because I was giving my time," said Kyle.

"I started volunteering because there are not enough people who give their time back to others and I kind of noticed that so I just wanted to give my time to those who needed it."

Kyle is continuously fundraising for the Friends In Need Food Bank through the various committees and groups she is involved in with at school, including the Youth Firefighter Academy with the Pitt Meadows Fire and Rescue Service and with the CP Holiday Train stop in Pitt Meadows. This past year, Kyle helped a fellow participant in the firefighter academy by encouraging her to go to school. Kyle speaks several languages, including German, and it was during a German test in Delta when somebody went into medical distress and Kyle jumped into action. Using her lifeguard training, she applied first aid and waited for first responders to arrive. Kyle is also an ambassador for the French immersion program, volunteering her time to speak with elementary school students and participating in programs at the library.

Eric Mollema says that he has no grandchildren that he is proud of, but that's only because he doesn't have any. And to prove that he has not lost all his vigour, Eric took his first scuba dive in eight years (and only died about eight times in the process).



Matt had a couple of happy dollars.

Matt had a hearing test and the doctor said his hearing is almost perfect (but we are all sworn to secrecy – do not tell Lynda!).



Mark Vosper said (at least I think he did, because my hearing is not as good as Matt's) that they had to put one of their pets down (sad), but the happy buck is because he has great friends that were able to help them out when the need arose.

Program:

President Libby asked various directors and other members to give a thumbnails sketch of what they do in the club.

Sharon Kyle is the director of New Generations, which helps Rotary Youth Services, Rotaract, Ryla, and Youth Exchange.

Matt Debruyn is the director of Vocational Services which has been responsible for the club's bursaries to high school students (8 bursaries of \$1500 apiece were given out this year to local graduates); for the introduction of the 4-way test in schools (the plan is to carry forward with that program in September again); mock job interviews for high school students (this year the schools did the interviews in-house, but the club will be asked to participate again in 2019); and in assisting the Fraser Health authority in giving vaccinations to kindergarten age children (by watching and playing with the children who must wait around for a while after receiving the shots). Matt also advised that if enough interest is shown, he is prepared to organize again the horse ride and barbecue which he sponsored a few years ago.

Adrienne Dale is our director of Club Service. Her job is to make sure that we all have fun and great fellowship. Things which she has helped organize are our Firesides, installation of a new executive, duck race get-togethers, making sure we have a mystery greeter at our meetings, and many other things including the annual camp-out.

Dave Rempel and Ineke Boekhorst are our International Committee Chairs. Some of their programs have included purchasing one Shelter Box at a cost of \$1250 (which can shelter up to 10 people for 6 months in devastated areas of the world); getting \$500 for supplying re-washable menstrual kits to young girls in Uganda so that they can continue in school; providing some help to international literacy (by donating \$200 which was increased exponentially to hundreds of thousands of dollars through matching grants); hands on projects in Nicaragua (to help build a kitchen off a school); visit to Russia by Dave and Ineke, a country where over the years

our club has provided \$20,000 for the construction of a solarium in Novosibirsk, payment of \$8600 to purchase a dump truck in 2003 (for a boys reform school in Vladivostok), \$15,000 in computers, and the construction of a playground in Novosibirsk. (Our club's connection with Russia is due to Dave Rempel's involvement in arranging numerous adoptions of orphans from Russia to Canadian families, as well as his trips to Russia with students while he was a school principal.

In **Mike Davies** absence, President Libby noted that Mike is the chairman of our Community Services committee through which our club donates to many community projects, primarily for money which we received from (from gaming). We have provided money to help support the Starfish Back Pack Program (there are now 77 backpacks given out every week to students whose families are in need).

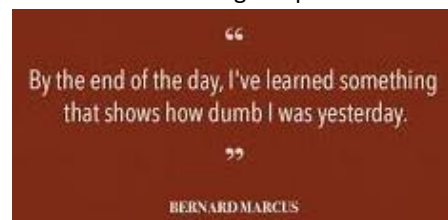
Dave Rempel, chair of our Wine Fest Committee, again noted that the success of the event was a result of a very strong team of committee members, including three non-Rotarians. Last year the Wine Fest raised \$15,000, but this year that was increased to \$22,000. Next year's event will be held on April 27, 2019.

Ineke reported that the Duck Race will be held the second week in August, and that the success of the event is largely due to the generosity of Maple Ridge Chrysler who supplies the brand-new car as the top prize.

50-50:

Once again our Treasurer **Walter Volpatti** has the magic touch, but accidentally drew from the deck the King of Spades instead of the Queen of Hearts.

President's closing quip for the day:



Submitted by Laurie Anderson

HANDS ON COMMUNITY PROJECT

Five MeadowRidge Rotary members participated in a Community Service Project Thursday June 7th. The Ridge Meadows RCMP hosted a Paralympics Torch Run Downtown Maple Ridge, which also featured a BBQ fundraiser.



Our Rotary Members, Lynda, Laurie, Urma, Matt and Ineke volunteered their time and bbq'ed burgers, hot dogs and smokies + served the athletes and visitors chips and drinks to go with it.

Served approx. 120 guest and raised funds for the cause.

Great way to connect with the community and assist our local RCMP for a great cause!

Thanks everyone who came out.
Ineke