

Meetings: Tuesday 12 Noon, Bella Vita Restaurant

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AUGUST IS MEMBERSHIP & NEW CLUB DEVELOPMENT MONTH

Today (Aug. 14): Eva Cowley - Our returning Exchange Student from Taipei
Next Week (Aug. 21):

Happy Birthday	Happy Anniversary
August 17: Gregory Lane	

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT EVENTS:

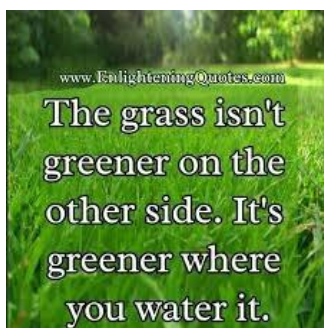
Date	Time	Event	Venue
August 18	10 AM – 2 PM	Car Boot Sale	Hospice Thrift Store Parking Lot – 12011 224 St, Maple Ridge
Sep. 4	Noon	DG Linda Murray's official visit	Bella Vita Restaurant
Sep. 7-9		MR Rotary Camp-Out	Fort Camping – Fort Langley

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

President **Clint Callison** being on holidays, Vice President **Mark Vosper** acted as chair of the meeting.

Guests: **Stephen Lund**, guest of **Eric Mollema**

Club President's Quote for the Day:



Cheque presentation:

Ineke Boekhorst, on behalf of the **Friends In Need Food Bank**, accepted a cheque in the amount of \$500.



In presenting the cheque, Mike Davies said that this was in the support of the food bank's "After the Bell Program".

A recent News article stated:

The Friends In Need Food Bank has been selected by Food Banks Canada to be a participant in the After The Bell program, which has already been operating in eastern Canada and is now moving west.

After The Bell supplies food to children when they are not in school during the summer months.

Breakfast and lunch programs are offered during the school year, but in summer some children have to go without.

In Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows, the Friends In Need Food Bank supplies children with food through a school meal and snack program and Rotary's Starfish Backpack program.

The Starfish program already sees 77 children in eight schools in the Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows district bring home food for the weekend. A lot of funds are needed, because one pack for an entire year costs \$525.

"Children don't stop being hungry in the summer and the After The Bell program is an initiative trying to address the issue," said Mary Robson, executive director of Friends in Need.

Through After The Bell, snack packs will be distributed when school is not in session. Each snack pack will include fresh produce – a fruit and a vegetable – juice boxes, granola bars, fruit and jello cups, instant oatmeal, hummus, among other items.

Starting this summer, the packs will be distributed during July and August to summer school programs and summer camps through Parks and Recreation in Pitt Meadows, the Salvation Army Camp and the Burnett Fellowship Church Starfish families.

Happy and Sad

Brian Bekar had a happy fish tale - or rather, 120 happy fish tails. His recent trip to Nootka Sound resulted in them catching their limit of 120.

He was also very happy that **Peter Brown** is volunteering a truck and being the driver to help out with the transportation of equipment to and from the Duck Race, both before and on the day of the event. And **Doug Armour** and a crew from the Maple Ridge Fire Department will help in setting up the duck run in the Alouette River on the Duck Race Sunday.

Irena Shantz, who has been working tirelessly on our Duck Race, noted that August 8 will mark 3 years since the passing of her husband, and our former Club President and dear friend, **Bob Shantz**.

[from the newspaper 3 years ago]:

Bob practiced law in Maple Ridge for 44 years where he made a lasting impact in the community while serving as a Founding Member of the Maple Ridge Hospital Foundation, Past President of the Meadow Ridge Hospice Society, Past Vice President of the Maple Ridge Community Foundation and Past President of the Meadow Ridge Rotary Club. Bob was a tireless community volunteer, giving countless hours of his time and knowledge for which he was recognized in his community.

He was Citizen of the Year in 2014 and a five-time recipient of a Paul Harris Fellow Award from his Meadow Ridge Rotary Club.

In his younger years, Bob enjoyed playing hockey, motor biking and boating. More recently Bob loved reading, collecting stamps, gardening and travelling.

Bob is survived by his wife Irena (married in 1991) and their son Rob. Bob is survived by his three sons, two daughters-in-law and seven grandchildren from his first marriage.

Ineke Boekhorst recently returned from Disneyland where she took five of her eight grandchildren. She was also today's "fine master", and took the opportunity to fine any club member who hadn't taken their grandchildren to Disneyland themselves.

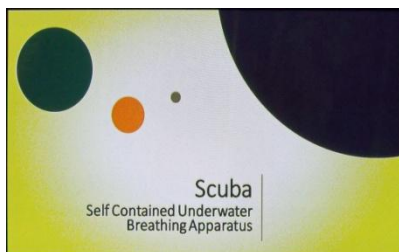
Program: **Eric Mollema** – the Adventure of Scuba Diving



Urma Mollema introduced her husband and **scuba diver** "extraordinaire" with the shortest introduction in the history of our Club: "Presenting Eric".

Eric, firstly, gave us an explanation of why he, Eric, was standing up in front of us. He said it was because he asked Stephen Harper to come and speak to us, but he got no reply, but the true answer is that he is

married to Urma, and secondly, gave us an explanation of "Scuba" and "why do it".



For the uninitiated who thought that scuba had something to do with the old TV kids' cartoon "Scooby-Dooby Doo",



Then, Eric answered all our questions:

- What does SCUBA stands for?
"Self Contained Underwater Breathing Apparatus"
[or in some cases, Some Come Up Barely Alive]
- Who can you get certified by?
PADI - Professional Association of Diving Instructors. ...
NAUI - National Association of Underwater Instructors.
BSAC - British Sub Aqua Club. ...
CMAS - Confédération Mondiale des Activités Subaquatiques / The World Underwater Federation.
- Do scuba diving certifications expire?
NO, JUST THE DIVERS
- How long does it take to become a certified scuba diver?
TYPICALLY, OVER THE COURSE OF 2 DAYS, BUT PROBABLY LONGER IF YOU WISH TO LIVE A LONG LIFE

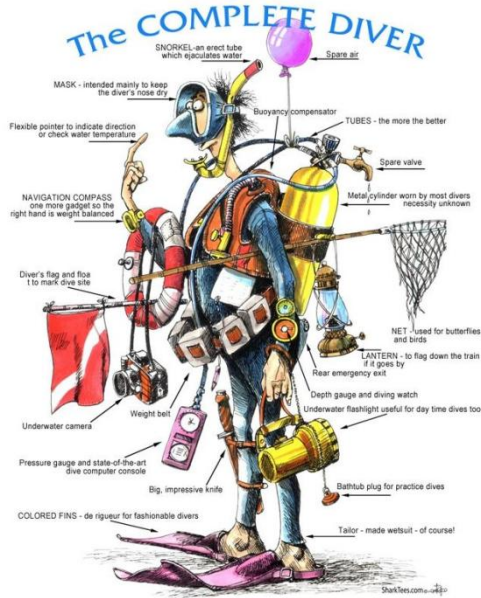


- Do you have to be certified in order to scuba dive?
NO, BUT AS I SAID, YOU PROBABLY SHOULD, IF YOU WISH TO LIVE A LONG LIFE



"It's just a hunch, but you're not a certified diver, are you?"

- But seriously, how qualified should a diver be?
THE IMPORTANT THING IS NOT HOW QUALIFIED YOU ARE, BUT RATHER HOW MANY GADGETS YOU'VE GOT STRAPPED TO YOUR WETSUIT.



- How much does it cost to become a certified scuba diver?
DO YOU WANT THAT IN RANDS, LIRAS, DUCATS OR POUNDS?
- Why do scuba divers roll backwards into the water?
BECAUSE IF THEY ROLLED FORWARDS, THEY'D STILL BE IN THE BOAT
- What is the best advice you would give to a new diver?
NEVER FART IN A WETSUIT

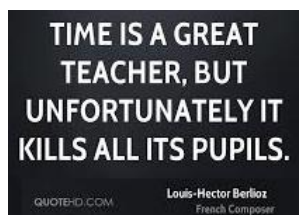


- Why scuba dive?
GREAT FUN, FELLOWSHIP, AND SEEING AND EXPERIENCING GREAT PLACES

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Due to **Past President Libby's** early defenestration from the meeting, Eric held Libby's tickets "in trust", but only fished out the 3 of Diamonds.

Closing Quip for the Day (thanks to Libby):



Submitted by Laurie Anderson

- We need donations of garage sale items. (No baby seats/cribs or large furniture items)
- Everything needs to be clean and "working".
- Call Peter or Ineke for drop off/pick up. (604-465-3392)
- We need volunteers for 2 hr shifts on Aug 18.
- Assistance required for set up, pricing, sales and break down.
- All remaining leftover items will be donated to the Ridge Meadows Hospice Thrift Store
- 100% of proceeds to Rotary projects.