

Meetings: Tuesday 12 Noon, Bella Vita Restaurant

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## AUGUST IS MEMBERSHIP & NEW CLUB DEVELOPMENT MONTH

**Today** (Aug. 21): Darrell Burnham, of Coast Mental Health - Modular Housing  
**Next Week** (Aug. 28):

Happy Birthday	Happy Anniversary

### CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Sep. 4	Noon	DG Linda Murray's official visit	Bella Vita Restaurant
Sep. 7-9		MR Rotary Camp-Out	<a href="#">Fort Camping</a> – Fort Langley

### LAST WEEK'S MEETING

**President-Elect Adrienne Dale** conducted the meeting in the absence of President Clint Callison who is on holidays.

Quote for the Day:



Guests:

- Scott Payne** - soon to be inducted as a new member
- Eva Cowley** - Rotary exchange student, recently back from Taipei
- Elaine Yamamoto** - Eva's mother

Duck Race: (the pictures are on our website)



**Ineke Boekhorst** was asked to tell us about the Duck Race which was held on August 12, 2018. It raised \$75,485 which was \$5,000 to \$6000 more than last year. Also, more groups participated, including seniors groups who did very well in ticket sales. Setting up the tents in the rain was not fun, but the rain soon stopped and the day went well. Even though the numbers on the ducks were very much mixed, there were four winners in the 5,000 and 6,000 range of numbers.



This year's winner, **Heather Graham**, was called on the telephone, and the telephone call was broadcast to those in attendance. She was very excited and it was fun to hear her reaction.

On Monday August 20<sup>th</sup>, at 11am at MR Chrysler, we will be handing over the keys for the 2018 Rotary Duck Race prize car to the winner. The MR/PM NEWS will be there to take pictures and members are urged to attend to "celebrate" this happy ending of the 2018 Rotary Duck Race, and to congratulate Heather and thank MR Chrysler for their continued support by donating a new car annually.

### Happy and Sad:

**Eric Mollema** noted that the News is again asking readers to vote for their favourite business, organizations, etc. Eric suggested for Rotary that it would be good advertisement if we get the vote out for Rotary as the favourite service organization.

**Dave Rempel** “really improved his behaviour” by tripping and hitting his head on the curb, resulting in six stitches to his noggin. (Eric asked if the curb was okay).

**Ineke** was glad for a another successful Duck Race [but given all the work that she contributed to the success, probably not unhappy that it is over for another year].

### Guest speaker: Eva Cowley - Rotary exchange student to Taiwan

[It was January 24, 2017 when Eva (and her mother Elaine) lasted visited us to tell us about her upcoming adventure - going on a Rotary exchange. Also in attendance at that meeting was another exchange student Hannah Nelson with her mother Sarah).



Our club bulletin reported on that occasion as follows:

*The parents of both Eva and Hannah have hosted exchange students before (although not exclusively for the Rotary exchange), and Eva and Hannah therefore got introduced to the idea of student exchanges. Both of these young ladies are in French immersion at Maple Ridge Secondary School. They thanked Rotary very much for giving them the opportunity to go on this adventure to a foreign country. They won't actually know until February 18 which country they will go to. Exchange students are required to state a preference, and Hannah chose Switzerland, France, or Austria. Eva put in for Spain, Japan, Italy or Germany. They will be anxious to find out which language they'll have to try to brush up on before heading overseas. Hannah is active in sports including soccer and track and field, and also likes to draw. Eva, on the other hand, acts as a tutor after school hours, and has been involved in several school clubs including the sign language club, the UN club (which she said is a good place to learn public speaking), the Rhodes scholar club, as well as the Youth Council for Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows (which helps youth overcome mental health issues)].*



Today we had the privilege of hearing Eva again tell us about her trip to Taiwan and enjoying the many pictures that she took and showed to us. [Eva was a wonderful, enthusiastic speaker, and the following snippets do not do her talk justice!].

“One year ago I started on the greatest adventure of my life - going to Taipei. I found the people to be incredibly welcoming.



During a 14 hour train ride up upon my arrival, some fellow travellers wrote out for me an entire list of things that I should see and do in their country. One of the highlights which I found very exciting was their traditional food which they sold at venues on the street. While there I went to high school. We had to be there by 7:30 AM (and if we were one minute late, had to sign in as the doors would be locked too late stragglers). High school started at 7:30 AM and ended at 5 PM. We had to wear uniforms as there was a strict dress code. Classes which were one hour long continued all day. We had only one hour for lunch, which included 30 minutes to eat and 30 minutes to have a sleep. Students often slept in class, and some even brought a pillow. There were many vocational classes, including bartending. There were approximate 150 to 200 exchange students in the city, and we met together as a group from time to time. I watched a Pride Parade, but it was more of a protest, advocating for gay rights. They don't celebrate Christmas in Taiwan, but some of us exchange students got together to celebrate it. One interesting adventure was going to stay with monks in a monastery for a week. It was difficult physically but I stuck it out (unlike a number of participants). One of the best things about the trip was making so many deep connections with people around the world – other exchange students who I will keep in touch with in the future.”

Eva learned the language so well while she was in Taiwan that she is now able to carry on a conversation in the Chinese language. She is off to the Netherlands in September to attend the International Baccalaureate program for two years. Congratulations Eva!

### About Taipei:

Taipei, the capital of Taiwan, is a modern metropolis with Japanese colonial lanes, busy shopping streets and contemporary buildings. The skyline is crowned by the 509m-tall, bamboo-shaped Taipei 101 skyscraper, with upscale shops at the base and a rapid elevator to an observatory near the top. Taipei is also known for its lively street-food scene and many night markets, including expansive Shilin market.

### 50-50:

Thanks to **Matt Debruyne** drawing the 2 of Clubs, the pot continues to grow larger.

**Submitted by Laurie Anderson**