

Meetings: Tuesday 12 Noon, Bella Vita Restaurant

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SEPTEMBER IS BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY MONTH

Today (Sep. 18):

Next Week (Sep. 25): Brenda Jenkins - Who's Who

Happy Birthday	Happy Anniversary
Sep. 23: Mark Vosper	

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Sep. 19	6:30pm	Duck Race Cheque Presentation	Meadow Gardens Golf Club - 19675 Meadow Gardens Way, PM
Dec. 16		Christmas Party at Adrienne's	10295 248 St, Maple Ridge

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Presidents Quote for the Day:



Guests: **Lindsay Norcross** - Ridge Meadows Hospice Society

Cheque Presentations:



Ed Marshall of **SPECC-tacular Productions** accepted a cheque in the amount of \$500 from the club in support of this local musical theatre company, specializing in pantomime and musical revues within Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows areas.

They "take pride in creating opportunities for amateur actors while providing the community

with high quality musical theatre shows that will entertain the entire family, and hope to reach aspiring actors, singers and musicians of all ages and give them a chance to shine and develop their artistic abilities".



Mike Davies also presented a cheque in the amount of \$1,500 to **Annika Polegato**, the executive director of **Allouette Addictions Services** in Maple Ridge, in support of their Elementary School program.



Annika stated that "this program was started as a pilot project 4 years ago with 3 teachers and less than 20 lessons delivered. What started as a pilot project with program delivery two days a week has grown to a highly popular program, delivered to 1000's of Grade 6 and 7 students across our district. Over 175 lessons were delivered last year in 3 days a week. This year we are growing again to 4 days a week, a goal of over 250 lesson is planned to be delivered and we are expanding to Grade 8. Teachers, principals and counsellors are reaching out asking for us to come to their classrooms – we already have 45 lessons booked for September and October of this school year!

The program is funded entirely by grant writing, donations and fundraising. It is thanks to the generosity of groups like Rotary that we are able to delivery this essential program linking drug and alcohol prevention to education."



Happy and Sad:

Matt Debruy had five happy dollars. Firstly, for the fact that the Four-Way test is going to be taught in elementary schools again this year. Secondly, that the dictionaries have arrived and he will be setting a date for volunteers to come and help put stickers in the books. Lastly, nine of our club's bursaries have been claimed by students, and two have already been paid out.

Ineke Boekhorst and Peter had a great time joining other club members, including:

- "potjiekos **Eric**" and **Urma**,
- "who says size doesn't matter **Clint**", **Cheryl and daughter**,
- **Adrienne** and "real Canadian camper **Warren**",
- **Matt and Lynda**,
- **Laura and Jeff**,
- **Mark and Pauline**,
- **Theo Rathonyi-Reusz** and **Renate** from the Haney Club,
- the intrepid duo **Mark** and **Linda** (who know that tenting is "real camping"), and
- "I prefer the cottage **Laurie**" and **Lorna** (who came just long enough for Eric's cooking - and the socializing, of course)

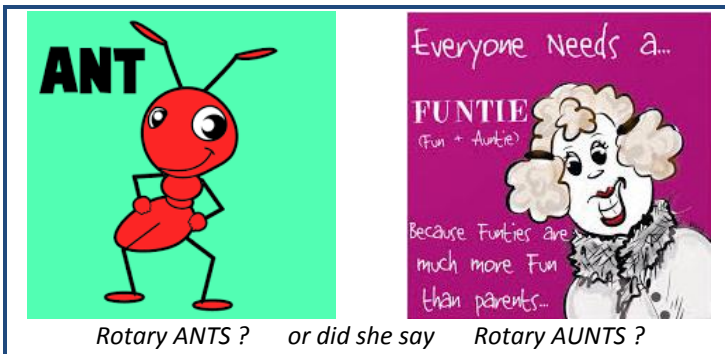
at the annual "Rotary Camp-Out" which was held this year September 7, 8 and 9 in Fort Langley. Despite a bit of rain (okay, a lot of rain), everyone's spirits were not dampened and the canopies kept everyone dry (except for **Adrienne** who got an unexpected shower when she pulled on the canopy roof).

Patrick O'Brien said today was "11 years to the day" that he and youngest son both started out on a new life's adventure - "On that day, Patrick started his new career as a wealth manager at RBC Dominion Securities, and his youngest son was born."

Brian Bekar must have followed Ineke's advice of a few weeks ago, when Ineke fined everyone who hadn't taken their children to Disneyland at least once. Brian and his grandkiddies are off to see **Mickey Mouse**.

Fine master: **Lynda Lawrence** educated us about "Rotary Anns?"

[Those of us who forgot our hearing aids were at an unfair disadvantage and had to pay a fine.]



We learned that "Prior to a decision handed down by the United States Supreme Court in 1987, Rotary was a men's organization, and in many clubs, the wives of the members were called "Rotary Anns". With the Court decision in the eighties, and with more women in the professions than ever before, the term "Rotary Ann" began to fall out of favour and clubs of Rotary Anns disappeared. While the name "Rotary Ann" has not gone completely out of favour, wives are more

commonly known as "Rotary Spouses" or "Partners." In 1987, women were admitted to Rotary, and today women are the fastest growing segment of Rotary's membership."

Program: **George Garrett**: "Volunteer Drivers for Cancer"



George Garrett, aka "the intrepid reporter", who is now 84 years old, spent 43 years working as an award-winning broadcast journalist for CKNW, and has now been retired for 20 years. In addition to telling us about the volunteer driver program, George is an interesting speaker and told us a bit about his life, and especially as a reporter.

At age 21 he married his wife Joan who was 19. At age 21, the "young hick from Saskatchewan" got a job with CKNW. He was hired for \$300 a month, and being a bit of a "cheeky kid" asked for \$350. When they told him "no way!", he immediately said, "then I accept".

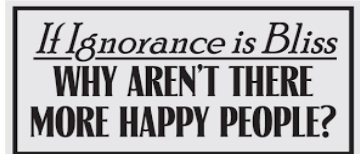
"The Volunteer Cancer Drivers Society is a not-for-profit organization providing free, safe, timely and efficient transportation to and from cancer related medical appointments throughout the Lower Mainland. Our team of volunteer drivers and dispatchers offers peace of mind for patients, who may not have the means to drive to and from appointments. The physical, emotional and financial burden is lifted knowing our friendly volunteers are only a call away."



George was one of the persons responsible for establishing this Society. Previously, the Canadian Cancer Society provided this service but in 2015 stopped doing so. In 2016, George got a call from a couple of people and they formed the Society to provide this much needed service. The society is completely volunteer. It has no paid staff, no office, and no equipment. Dispatchers call from their own homes and drivers use their own cars. Drivers get paid for gas and some money for the use of their cars. The cost of operating the society is paid for by the efforts of society members and volunteers, such as George, in raising monies from service clubs, municipalities, firefighter groups, and anyone who will donate to the cause.

The Society now has approximately 164 drivers, with 100 drivers on the road in any given week, and approximately 8,000 return trips made a year. [Maple Ridge has only four drivers, who provided 74 trips in the month of August 2018, and to date have volunteered for 596 trips.] A patient phones the number of a dispatcher who picks up the call. The dispatcher calls the driver, who then gets in direct contact with the patient and arranges to pick up the patient, take them to their treatment, wait until the treatment is over, and then take them home again.

Closing Quote for the Week:



Submitted by Laurie Anderson