

Meetings: Tuesday 12 Noon, Bella Vita Restaurant

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DECEMBER IS DISEASE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT MONTH

Today (Dec. 18):
 Next Week (Jan. 8):

Happy Birthday	Happy Anniversary
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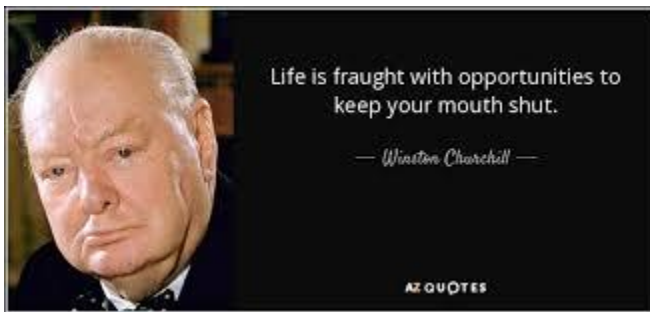
CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Dec. 16	5:00pm	Club Christmas Party at Adrienne & Warren's home	10295 248 St, Maple Ridge
Dec. 18	Noon	Meeting at Meadow Gardens Golf Club	

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Note: next week's meeting, Tuesday, December 18, 2018 at the usual time of 12 noon, will be held at the Meadow Gardens Golf Club. There will be a gift exchange with the suggested maximum cost of \$20. (President Clint reminded us to: *"give unto others what you would want them to give unto you"*.)

Presidents Quote:



Cheque Presentation:

Mike Davies presented a cheque in the amount of \$1000 to the **Maple Ridge Christmas Festival Society**. **Ineke Boekhorst**, accepting the cheque on behalf of the Society, stated that the annual Christmas Parade in Maple Ridge was put on through the work of volunteers who not only organize the event but also raise money to pay for it. Ineke stated that it costs \$4500 to pay for traffic control and \$3000 to pay for insurance, both of which are required by the City as a condition of holding the event. Ineke wonders whether this event can continue with those kind of costs, but she and the rest of the volunteers are hopeful that we will



once again enjoy this traditional Christmas event within our city, and thanked our club for this donation which helped to make this year's event possible.

Happy and Sad:

If you're mad at your wife but you take it out on your dog, that's vicarious punishment.

But when **Eric Mollema** put \$20 in the cup (Adrienne's \$20 ?) to celebrate the fact that **Adrienne Dale** has just become a Canadian citizen, that is vicarious pleasure, which we can all celebrate by saying that "South Africa's loss is Canada's gain" (or does she have dual citizenship ? In which case we will have to share her).

Libby put in a dollar, just because she's happy, so we can also be happy for Libby (vicariously).

Ineke Boekhorst just got back from Disneyland (again) where she went with her grandchildren. And speaking of vicarious, if your wife is willing to take the grandchildren far away so that you can stay home and enjoy the peace and quiet, while "experiencing or realizing through imaginative or sympathetic participation in the experience of another" (as per Oxford Dictionary), that is not only "vicarious", it is also "delirious", "ingenious", "luxurious", "salubrious" and, last but not least, "hilarious".

Way to go, Peter !!

Annual General Meeting and Election of Officers and Directors

Our Treasurer **Walter Volpatti** gave a report on the finances of our club and of the Meadow Ridge Foundation (our club's registered charity), both of which are in good order.

The following officers and directors of the Meadow Ridge Rotary Club were elected by acclamation for the 2019/20 Rotary Year:

President - Adrienne Dale
Past President - Clint Callison
President Elect - Urma Mollema
Vice President - Mark Vosper
Secretary - Brenda Jenkins
Treasurer - Walter Volpatti
Club Service Director - Ineke Boekhorst
Community Service Director - Mike Davies
International Service Director - Eric Mollema
New Generations Director - Sharon Kyle
Vocational Service Director - Matt Debruyn

The Club took the opportunity to thank **Linda and Susan**, the waitresses who serve our meals each week at the Rotary Club by giving them some flowers and a gratuity, in appreciation of their thoughtful and individual service, taking care of our individual likes and dislikes.



President's closing Quote for the Day:

change your
THOUGHTS
— & —
you'll change
THE WORLD
Norman Vincent Peale

Submitted by Laurie Anderson

CHRISTMAS PLANTS FOR HOSPICE RESIDENCE

We delivered 22 Christmas plants to McKinney Creek Hospice Residence on Dec. 14, where they were received with open arms. All patients will have a Christmas plant with a Christmas card, which included a handwritten message from our Club, on their bedside table.

Thanks to everyone, who purchased plants to be donated to Hospice, they were certainly very much appreciated!

