

Meetings: Tuesday 12 Noon, Bella Vita Restaurant

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JANUARY IS VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH

Today (Jan. 15): **Kevin Hilgers** - "Membership Growth. Remember the W's. Including Why."

Next Week (Jan. 22):

Happy Birthday		Happy Anniversary
Jan. 20:	Betty Levens & Urma Mollema	

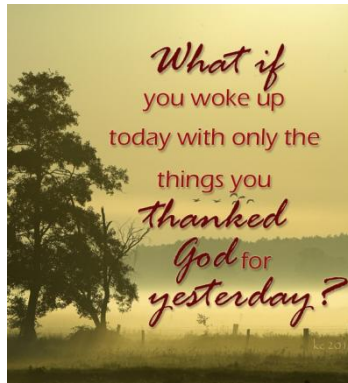
CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Apr. 27	7 pm – 9:30 pm	Rotary Wine Festival	ValleyFair Mall

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

President Clint called the meeting to order, Betty led the anthem and Mark Vosper gave a New Year themed invocation.

Quote:



Guests:

Sonja Mollema joined us today.

Happy & Sad:

Starfish Backpack blowout! Ineke raised \$1100.00 via the plant sale and our friends at Centralawyers kicked in another \$500 (thank you past presidents Eric and Adrienne). Another \$440 came in totaling \$2,200 in all. That makes 107 packs per week. Starting to worry about September when the funding runs out....

Curiously, Mark Vosper is happy to be back at work.

Ineke is off to NY,NY.

Dave Rempel is sad that Brian Bekar is headed south, Brian less so.

Lynda Lawrence is pleased to be back with us.

Fines:

Clint stood in for Adrienne and punished the puritans in the crowd who missed the Christmas party and neglected to stay up to midnight on Dec 31.

Announcements:

The deadline for the friendship exchange with the Italians is approaching and it may not happen this year.

Next week we have a special guest who will speak to us about running a dream home lottery. More cash to give away, larger profile in the community is the aim. There will be an in depth meeting on Monday evening (email will go out).

Jellyfish:

The Benjamin Buttons of the world

Patrick O'Brien gave a short 5 minute piece on the lifecycle of the jellyfish. The most interesting part is that they can revert to an earlier lifecycle stage when the going gets rough and the adult (medusa) stage disintegrates. As usual, this was discovered by a sleepy grad student who accidentally left an adult in a bowl on a desk over the weekend. Instead of just being dead on Monday morning, the adult had morphed back into the juvenile (polyp) stage which is much more resistant to adverse environments. So, like Benjamin Button, the adult returned to childhood. Maybe we can figure out how humans could perform a similar trick and become amortal.



Closing Quote:



Toast to the Queen

(of Canada, not of hearts).

Submitted by Patrick O'Brien