

Meetings: Tuesday 12 Noon, Bella Vita Restaurant

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JANUARY IS VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH

Happy Birthday	Happy Anniversary
	Feb. 2: Eric & Urma Mollema

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Jan. 30	5:30 pm	Social at The Witchcraft Pub	22648 Dewdney Trunk Road
Feb. 15	6 pm	Valentine dinner at Mark and Pauline Forster's	11439 - 234A St. Maple Ridge
Apr. 27	7 pm – 9:30 pm	Rotary Wine Festival	ValleyFair Mall

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Presidents quote for the day:

There is a lot of difference between human being and being human. Very few understand it.

Guests:

Carla Janis, guest of Libby Nelson
Gordon and Mary Robson, of the Mission Midway Club

Cheque Presentation:

Mike Davies presented a cheque in the amount of **\$500 to the Maple Ridge Festival of Light Society.**

Accepting the cheque on behalf of the donee was **Ineke Boekhorst** (who has helped out with this event since it started).

Established in 2009, the Maple Ridge Festival of Light Society is a non-profit organization founded by volunteers (with Sammy Nelligan as the primary instigator) to celebrate art, culture and diversity within our community.



Mike Davies also advised club that if there is any society that wishes to make use of gaming funds provided by the Rotary Club, the society has to follow certain rules set out by the gaming commission, including having the society in good standing with respect to filing of annual reports, etc. and their paperwork generally in order.

Announcements:

A club social, including a Valentine dinner, will be held at **Mark and Pauline Forster's** on Friday, February 15 at 6 PM.

Club members are also getting together to meet informally at the Witch of Endor on Wednesday, January 30 at 5:30 PM

Happy and Sad

Gordon Robson put \$43 (happy dollars) in the cup, to acknowledge a special anniversary - how long he has been married to (how long **Mary** has put up with?) Gordon

Not to be outdone, **Urma Mollema** put in \$28 (sad dollars - just joking - happy bucks) to celebrate her and **Eric's** 28th anniversary coming up on February 2, 2019.

Betty Levens - a year older and happy to still be here !

Ineke and Peter Boekhorst together with **Lynda Lawrence** will again be participating in a fundraiser for the Salvation Army - The Coldest Night - this year to be held on February 23rd. Members are invited to join them, or to sponsor them in their efforts.



Event Description:

Our Annual Coldest Night of the Year Fundraising Event is a family-friendly walk/run that raises money for The Salvation Army Ridge Meadows Ministries programs that serves the hungry, hurting, and homeless in the communities of Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows. There are 136 locations across Canada for this national event. By



Ineke at the 1st Lantern Parade in 2009

This year the Lantern Festival will be held on Friday February 22nd, in Haney Place Mall at 4pm – 8pm.

walking at dusk during a cold winter's night, you'll feel a hint of the challenge faced by those experiencing homelessness during winter. By fundraising, you'll be contributing much-needed money that is bringing hope and help to people in your community who need support.

Possible Inter-club Friendship Exchange:

Adrienne Dale spoke briefly of a possible Rotary friendship exchange with the Whidbey Island Rotary club, which would involve home-stays at each members houses, a joint meeting one evening to learn about the respective club's projects, and possible participation in a joint project.


More news to come.

Speakers at our club Meetings:

Urma Mollema (who is now our speaker coordinator) reminded us that each member will be asked to do a "Who's Who" - A talk about yourself so that all club members will get to know you better. If you have done one previously and don't wish to repeat it, then be prepared to speak about something else which is of interest to you. For example, a special holiday that you have been on and that other club members might be interested in. Also, it is okay to speak about your business and to share what you do (although a talk that simply promotes your business is not encouraged).

President Clint promised that he would have one ready that he will do, and therefore challenged all club members to be ready to do the same.

President's Closing Quip:

I love being married.
**It's so**
GREAT
to find
that one
special
person you
want to annoy
for
the rest of your life.

Submitted by Laurie Anderson