

Meetings: Tuesday 12 Noon, Bella Vita Restaurant

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APRIL IS MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH MONTH

Today (Apr. 9): **Farewell to Doris Gagel**
Next Week (Apr. 16): Business Meeting

Happy Birthday	Happy Anniversary

CALENDAR OF CLUB EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Apr. 12-14		District 5050 Conference	Tulalip Casino & Resort
Apr. 27	7 pm – 9:30 pm	Rotary Wine Festival	ValleyFair Mall
Jun. 19	6 pm	Installation of 2019/2020 Executive	

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Quote for the Day:



Guests: **Patrick Dobbyn** (a guest of Libby)

The president thanked **Brenda Jenkins** for buying T-shirts for the volunteers at the Wine Fest to wear. Following the event, they will be laundered and available for volunteers at the next Wine Fest to be held in 2020.

Happy and Sad:

Ineke Boekhorst was, as usual, so busy that she almost managed to be in two places at once. She was happy to be attending the "Innovation in Emerging Cities Forum" which was being held the same day as our meeting on April 2, 2019, at the ACT, but managed to sneak out long enough to attend our Rotary meeting. The aim of the Forum is to explore ideas related to technology, business and education to prepare local businesses for innovative investment in the new economy. Ineke said the event was well worth attending.

Dave Rempel is looking forward to having Sharon back on April 3 from her trip to Japan where she attended the World Figure Skating Championships. While she was gone Dave managed to do some fancy manoeuvres of his own. Maybe it wasn't as hard as the axel, flip, toe loop, lutz, or the salchow, but he did hint that it had something to do with "taking care of the whole thing himself" when one of Sharon's dogs was in heat.

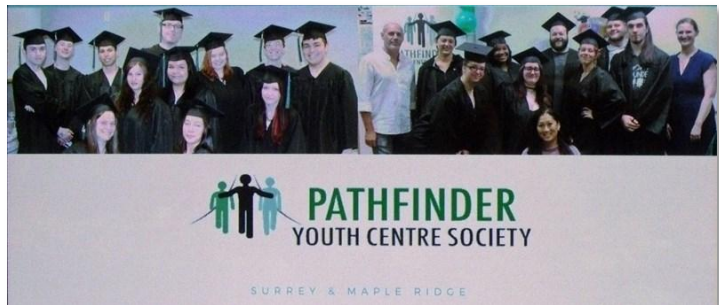
Eric Mollema was involved in an unfortunate crash. The good news is that Eric was not hurt. The bad news is that his pocketbook did take a severe beating. It wasn't his vehicle that crashed but rather his computer - which left him with some spare time for a couple of days, just long enough to wander into an auto dealer where he got talked into buying a new truck.

Meanwhile **Sharon Kyle and Ron** are sailing off into the sunset for three weeks on an Hawaiian cruise, and will, sadly, miss attending our next special Rotary Meeting on April 9 when we will be saying goodbye to **Doris Gagel** (although rumour has it that Doris' plan, after 29 years of service to Rotary, to have herself removed from our Club's roster, may be proved to be unlawful).

Guest Patrick Dobbyn broke the rule that a guest does not have to put money into the cup (whether happy or sad), but he did say that he recently attended his daughter's baseball game, and although her team lost 20 to 6, his daughter scored 6 of the runs.

Program:

Orville and Ruth Lee - the Pathfinder Youth Centre Society -
“Today’s the day they change their path - mentoring one youth at a time”



Pathfinder Youth Centre Society is a non-profit organization that provides mentorship and employment skill programs to youth aged 15 to 30. They aim to prepare their youth for both the workforce and real life situations as they move forward in life.



Orville and Ruth, who are husband-and-wife, became aware that youth who are in foster care are looked after until they become adults at the age of 19, at which time they are out on the street on their own without any help, assistance or guidance. The Lees, who are foster parents to four children themselves, wanted to do something about this gap in the system. 16 years ago they started the program to work with youth.

As it says on [their website](#), *through the Employment Ready Program, at-risk youth develop life and employment skills, gain useful industry certifications, and complete a work experience; not an industry-specific program. Youth may be experiencing employment barriers such as lack of job retention; being a single parent, an aboriginal youth, a visible minority, and/or a person with disabilities; and/or recovering from addiction. Youth must be legally entitled to work in Canada, not be attending school, and not be a recipient of employment insurance. At Pathfinder, our clients have already faced more challenges than most – difficult home situations, abuse, addiction, incarceration or mental and physical health issues, to name a few – but they aren’t defined by their challenges. The young people who walk into our Centres are motivated by an inner resolve to find a way to complete their schooling, find a job and make a fresh start on their lives.*



PATHFINDER
YOUTH CENTRE SOCIETY

They have an office in Maple Ridge at 1-20110 Stewart Crescent, Maple Ridge, BC V2X 0T4, and an office in Surrey.

They try not to duplicate services. For example, if a youth has an addiction problem, they refer them to Alouette Addictions. They have observed that youth are now displaying symptoms of anxiety at an earlier age, and the number of young people with anxiety is on the rise.

One of their ways of raising money is that they have (or wish to get) 1,000 families to donate two dollars per month; they also sell “Coffee for Cause”. These proceeds support their mentorship costs, including meals etc.

Say Orville and Ruth, “we like to think we are a prevention program”.

Closing Quote:

(very appropriate for the work that Orville and Ruth are doing)



Be a rainbow for someone else’s cloud!

Submitted by Laurie Anderson