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APRIL IS MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH MONTH

Today (Apr. 16): Business Meeting

Next Week (Apr. 23):

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

Guests:

Irena Shantz
Deborah Nosworthy
Patrick Dobbyn
Mary Robson
Gordon Robson

Presidents Quote for the Day:



Announcements:

By **Mary Robson**: On May 11, 2019 the Maple Ridge Community Foundation will be holding its annual fundraising dinner & Citizen of the Year Presentation, to be held at meadow gardens Golf Club, cocktails 6 PM, dinner 7 PM, \$125 per person.

By **Ineke Boekhorst**: About the Wine Festival; apart from tickets sold by club members, approximately 100 tickets have now been sold (not enough), but but with the wine Fest being held on April 27, 2019, we need a lot more tickets sold. Last year there were approximate 326 tickets sold out of a total available of 350. Also, if you have not done so already, remember to donate a bottle

or \$20 for the wine bottle draw, and donate some silent auction items.

Happy and Sad:

Irena Shantz is going to Mexico on Thursday.

Hot on her heels, **Urma and Eric Mollema** are off to Mexico on Monday.

Ineke Boekhorst had some great happy news. Chances Casino has donated \$1000 to the Starfish Pack Program; and in addition to that, they gave two more cheques for \$967.45 and \$557.65 from "found money" which they collect from coins which customers leave in the machines.

Program: A tribute to **Doris Gagel**.



Retiring Doris with husband Ted

Mike Davies presented a Paul Harris Fellowship to Doris (with a ruby in it, indicating this is her second Paul Harris).



Doris is the only remaining (and now retiring) member of our club who was a member when the club was incorporated in the year 1990. She was the seventh club President (Mike Davies said that he was the sixth club president and that Doris had to clean up the mess he left – but we don't believe it). Doris was a member of the Community Services committee for many years and among other things was involved in the Student Exchange program.

Mike read the following letters of congratulations:

From Robert Campbell (a past president of our club) and Cailin Green:

Doris, your years of service in Rotary and in the community are an inspiration to all of us. We have shared many laughs, the occasional glass of wine, and a few great cats over coffee and your fabulous kitchen. I would be remiss if I didn't remember one of the very intimate moments we shared..... with your computers. It gave both of us a great appreciation as to why we would hire an accountant to do all the bookkeeping. Cailin and I wish you well and no that you deserve the huge round of applause you are getting today. Love from the other and of Canada.

From Liz Attarmigirian (also a past president of our club):

Dear Doris, sorry for not attending your retirement luncheon. "Retirement is like a long vacation in Las Vegas. The goal is to enjoy it to the fullest, but not so full you run out of money". Happy retirement, dear. Much love to all my Rotarian friends.



Laurie Anderson made a valiant, last ditch effort to prevent the **Defendant Doris** from leaving the club by filing a Notice of Motion (a copy of which is below) in the court, Rotary 5050 Division, asking **the Honourable Clint Callison** to put the question of whether an injunction should be granted to a jury of Doris' peers.

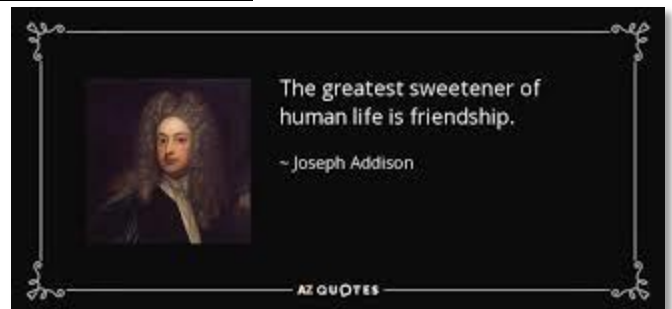
However, **Eric Mollema** intervened as "*amicus curiae*" on behalf of Doris; and by his brilliant oratory convinced the presiding judge to recuse himself on the grounds of a conflict of interest (and other specious arguments), with the result that the matter was not even put to a vote, much to the chagrin of the disappointed Plaintiff.



In the result, the lawsuit was settled out of court when Doris was granted the status of an Honorary Member of the club by which she will retain an official status, and the counterclaim by Doris for damages (regular, special, aggravated and punitive) against the Plaintiff were withdrawn.



Presidents Closing Quote:



Submitted by Laurie Anderson

**In the Supreme Court of British Columbia
Rotary Division 5050**

Between:

Laurence Anderson

Plaintiff

And:

Doris Gagel

Defendant

Notice of Hearing*

TO: The Defendant, Doris Gagel

Take notice that an application will be made on Tuesday the 9th day of April, 2019 at 12:30 PM or soon thereafter as the matter can be heard at the hallowed Bella Vita Chambers (through the bar, on the right), before the Honourable Mr. Justice Clint Callison, **for the following relief:**

An Injunction prohibiting the Defendant from withdrawing from the Meadow Ridge Rotary Club, based on the following grounds:

1. It has been brought to the attention of the Plaintiff that the Defendant's Husband, the venerable Ted Gagel, has been (and still is) a member of the Pitt Meadows Lions Club since 1985. This is, in fact, 5 years longer than the Defendant has been a member of the Meadow Ridge Rotary Club.

Therefore, in the interest of Gender Equality, the Defendant's attempt to leave the Club be declared a "premature withdrawal".

2. In the alternative, it is also a fact that the Defendant and the venerable Ted Gagel have been married longer than the Plaintiff. The Defendant's withdrawal from the Meadow Ridge Rotary Club would leave the Plaintiff, by default, in the inauspicious position of being the member with the marriage of the longest duration, a position in the said Club for which the Plaintiff did not volunteer.

The Plaintiff therefore requests that this application for an injunction be decided by putting the question to a vote before a jury of the Defendant's peers in the said Club on the said date, with the Honourable Clint Callison presiding.

This (*amended, amended) Notice of Hearing is filed by Laurie Anderson
Solicitor for Plaintiff Laurence Anderson ,
at Maple Ridge, British Columbia,
on the 9th day of April, 2019.