

Meetings: Tuesday 12 Noon, Bella Vita Restaurant

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## Notice of meeting venue change for next week Tuesday, April 30 and Tuesday, May 28

On these dates the club will not be meeting at the usual place (Bella Vita) and time.

Rather, the meeting will be held at Meadow Gardens Golf Course in the Sunset room, with the meeting starting at 6 PM with dinner being served at 6:15 PM. The cost per head is still \$20. The meal will be a Chef's Buffet.

### APRIL IS MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH MONTH

**Today** (Apr. 23): **Nina Fowell** - a writer of children's books  
**Next Week** (Apr. 30): **Chuck Keely** - BC Gaming

Happy Birthday	Happy Anniversary
Apr. 28: Peter Boekhorst	

### CALENDAR OF CLUB EVENTS:

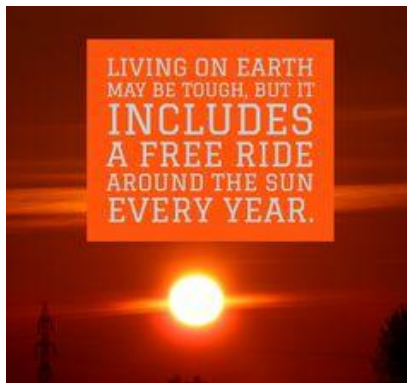
Date	Time	Event	Venue
Apr. 27	7 pm – 9:30 pm	Rotary Wine Festival	ValleyFair Mall
May 29	5 pm – 7 pm	Pub Hub	Townhall Public House - #206-20690 Lougheed Hwy.
Jun. 19	6 pm	Installation of 2019/2020 Executive	Meadow Gardens Golf Course

### LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Guests:

**Patrick Dobbyn and Sandra Ramsay**

President's Quote for the Day:



**Dave Rempel** gave a report on the Wine Fest, and acknowledged the hard work of the Wine Fest committee. All members are reminded to sell tickets, donate money or a bottle to the "cork tree", and provide an item for the silent auction.

Remember, the Wine Fest is being held on Saturday, April 27, 2019 at the Valley Fair Mall.

Happy and Sad:

**Mark Forster and Pauline** will be leaving in one week for Europe for a month.

Grandma **Libby Nelson** is overjoyed that her second grandson will graduate this year from high school.

**Brenda Jenkins** said that her husband **Al** was in a motorcycle accident but is okay. However, his collector bike (which "he loved more than his wife ?") is not.

**Laurie Anderson** gave a buck because he was happy that a club member, who stood beside him during the singing of our national anthem, robustly joined in the singing of O Canada. Laurie gave another loony as he was obliged to point out (in the interests of gender equality) that the member sang the now *politically incorrect* words "... in all thy sons command..".

The aforesaid **unnamed member** then gave a dollar, saying that "I am happy that I'm not quite perfect!".

Guest **Patrick Dobbyn** was proud to say that his daughter, who is a child actress, donated \$100 to the Starfish Backpack program.

**Ineke Boekhorst** said that she enjoyed very much the Rotary District Conference, and expressed how much fun it is as a group of fellow Rotarians to get together, and being part of such a great large organization as Rotary. Despite she and Peter were very cold sleeping in their motorhome, Ineke says that attending the District Conference “puts Rotary back in my heart”.

Hearing talk of motorhomes got **Matt Debruyn** thinking about the club’s annual camping weekend which will be held in September. (It won’t have to be cold and it will be a lot of fun getting together with our Rotary friends!)

Program – Club Assembly (aka business reports)

**Mike Davies** gave a report on the **Community Services** Committee.

Most of the funds given out to support community events, comes from Gaming Funds, although some of the money comes from proceeds raised by the club from such things as the WineFest.



\$25,000 Comes from Gaming, and from that approximately \$14,000 is already committed to certain things (such as bursaries). This year there have been 35 applications for funding.

The Community Services Committee meets the third Tuesdays of each month after the Rotary meeting. The largest donation this year was \$20,000 given to finance the LaityView School playground. Other donations included contributions to the Friends In Need Foodbank.

**Matt Debruyn** reported on **Vocational Services**.

Although in the past there was some lack of applications for bursaries, this year 13 applications were received, but only five will be given out. Bursaries are based mainly on financial need, and he noted that it will be difficult to choose the lucky recipients.



The club participated in the Fraser Health Authority’s vaccination program for kids, and although in the past he had assisted with the mock job interview program, the school board decided to do this internally this year.

The committee (for the fourth year in a row) gave out the Illustrated Dictionaries to all grade 4 students. Matt advised that he will serve as the chairman of this committee for one more year, but will then be passing the torch to another member.

In the absence of chairman **Eric Mollema**, **Ineke Boekhorst** reported on **International Services**, as well as on the Starfish Backpack program.

The International Committee is putting together \$1200 to buy a shelter box (all members who agreed to donate \$100 should do so as soon as possible), and other activities included a \$500 donation in support of an African program to help supply sanitary products to young girls so they can continue attending school, which would otherwise be a problem for them.



The club may be getting Mr. George Klassen to speak to us (his charitable organization digs wells in Malawi). The committee will also be thinking about a future student exchange.

Regarding the **Starfish Backpack Program** (which got off the ground and onto the backs of needy kids as a result of Ineke’s dedication and enthusiasm), **Ineke** reported that in the first year (Sep, 2016) there were only 10 back packs given out, but now there are 12 schools involved and 117 backpacks go out each weekend.



This program got many members of our community involved. One little girl who heard about the backpack program in school, decided to ask those attending her birthday party to bring some money, as a result of which she raised \$79 to give to the back pack program.

Our club pays all of the costs of buying the backpacks so all of the money donated goes to the cause and none to the cost of running the program.

President’s Closing Quip for the Week:



Submitted by **Laurie Anderson**