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Notice of meeting venue change for this 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. 30): Chuck Keely - BC Gaming

Next Week (May 7): Clint Callison - Who's Who

Happy Birthday	Happy Anniversary

CALENDAR OF CLUB EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
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:

Al Stjernegaard, Assistant Governor Elect from the Port Moody Club, and **Nina Fowell**, our guest speaker.

President's Quote:



Happy and Sad

Matt Debruyn's nine-year-old granddaughter, who is a French immersion student, gave a talk in French in front of 100 students. (Someone said that she speaks better French than her auntie who is a French immersion teacher.)

Lynda Lawrence visited her 91-year-old father, who is not doing too badly.

Dave Rempel said he filed the tax return for his brother, who died recently, but the CRA will go without - because there were no taxes payable.

Assistant Governor Elect Al Stjernegaard, from Port Moody, sold five tickets to our Wine Fest, and thanked us for making him feel welcome in our club.

Ineke Boekhorst gave a sad dollar for the victims in Sri Lanka; but also a happy dollar as her family and grandkids went out for Easter

to the SPCA Easter egg hunt, where they enjoyed looking at the cute dogs (but came home muttless).

Eric Mollema had a good trip with **Urma** to Mexico, and claims they ate a laot (but that is all that we will say about his report).

Rotary Wine Festival April 27, 2019



It was a great event; everybody had a good time!

More about this to follow later.

Program: Nina Fowell

Brenda Jenkins introduced her friend Nina Fowell as a retired school teacher (who taught in school district 42 for over 30 years), as a parent, as an author, as a comic book store owner (Sector 2814 Comics and Toys at 22550 Dewdney Trunk Road in Maple Ridge), and last but not least, as a "superwoman" who enjoys encouraging children to read. She relies on her forty-five years of education, experience, and research to share her first



book that is entitled Archibald Spider and his Paper Glider.

The following excerpt (found online) says it all:

Nina Fowell, a former teacher at Yennadon elementary and Thomas Haney secondary, started Archibald Spider and His Paper Glider 32 years ago, inspired by her son Trevor, who was only 3-years-old at the time. "Part of the reason was, it's always been an issue for boys to read," said Fowell. "Of course when Trevor was that age Nintendo came out, desktop computers came out. And as a teacher I thought, no I want him to enjoy books," she said. So Fowell and her husband introduced him to comic books and graphic novels, including The Adventures of Tintin, created by Belgian cartoonist Georges Remi, under the pen name Hergé. "We spent a lot of time reading together, I'd read a chapter, he'd read a chapter. Today he and his wife are both avid readers and not just graphic novels but of everything," explained Fowell.

However, as Trevor grew up Fowell's book lay dormant. She did her master's thesis and developed a curriculum for her Grade 7 class at Yennadon, where she taught for 15 years, based on the Thomas Haney secondary philosophy that involved the idea of interaction combined with knowledge. In 2001 Nina started teaching special education and international students at Thomas Haney secondary. She then took a couple of years off after being diagnosed with cancer and eventually retired in 2012. However, eight months after she retired her husband was killed in a car accident. "It shattered my life. I'm ready to retire, we had all these plans. Then, what do I do now," she asked. Fowell decided this was a good time to revisit her book. "I decided there is still a need in the school system so I went back to it and decided I was going to finish that project," she said.

The story is about a spider named Archibald who goes on an adventure on a paper airplane around a farm. He is attacked by a robin and crashes into a rose bush where he discovers a blue egg. Realizing the egg belongs to the robin, he pushes it to her and they become friends. The robin takes Archibald's paper plane to an army of ants who fix it. However on his next flight he crashes it into a pond. Rescued by the robin once again he is told by the ants that the plane is no longer fixable because it is wet. But the ants pull out a new sheet of paper with math equations on it and tell him they will make him another. By this time Archibald is looking at a school bus and planning his next adventure.

A self-proclaimed arachnophobe, Fowell says she wanted a character that would appeal to boys as well as girls. "I decided on spiders which my son thinks is hysterical because, of everything out

there, I'm afraid of it's spiders," she laughed. Her daughter-in-law, Danielle Doll, came up with Archibald's design. Fowell also wanted to write more than just a cute story. She found that as a teacher the students that did the best were ones that had involved parents. She is also firm believer in buddy reading. Her Grade 7 class at Yennadon would buddy read with the Grade 1 students and kindergartners at the school. "I didn't want a book that somebody would just hand a kid and say here," said Fowell, who included curriculum at the primary level and feels that no child is too young to read her book.

"Whether it's a grandparent, a buddy reader at school, a teacher, a sibling, whoever, it's meant to be shared. It's meant to be a shared, interactive activity," she said, adding that at the end of the book pages are included to make your own paper airplane, along with instructions. "The paper airplane is a break," explained Fowell who warned against the resentment of reading that some children might get when their parents try to read to them for too long. "If you want to read a little longer, then you have the paper airplane. Do your own little adventure for a few minutes where the kid can run around throw the airplane, then go back to the story," she said.

Archibald Spider and His Paper Glider has even been read by Prime Minister Justin Trudeau who received the book through Pitt Meadows Maple Ridge MP Dan Ruimy. The book includes a buddy reading guide divided into subject areas. "You can ask science questions like what is the difference between spiders and other insects. Even critical thinking, if you were Archibald, what would you have done," said Fowell. "So every time that you read it you can look at it from different angles so the child will learn something new," she said noting that the most important part of the book is that it's completely interactive to promote quality time between the reader and the child being read too. Fowell hopes to make Archibald's adventures into a series of books.

President's Closing Quote:



"There is nothing government can give you that it hasn't taken from you in the first place".

Submitted by Laurie Anderson