



Meetings: Tuesday 12 Noon, Bella Vita Restaurant

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Notice of meeting venue change for Tuesday, May 28

On this date the club will not be meeting at the usual place (Bella Vita Restaurant) and time. Rather, the meeting will be held at Meadow Gardens Golf Club 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.

MAY IS YOUTH SERVICE MONTH

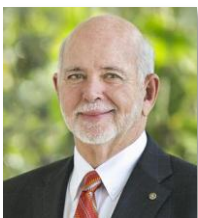
Today (May 7): **Clint Callison** - Who's Who
Next Week (May 14): **Patrick Dobbyn** - Safety in the workplace

Happy Birthday May 9: Walter Volpatti	Happy Anniversary May 8: Ted & Doris Gagel
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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 Club
Aug. 11	11 am	Rotary Duck Race	Maple Ridge Park

RI PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



The people who know me best — my family — know that my passion for Rotary is boundless. They also know that I don't expect them to get involved in Rotary the way I have. It's a choice that's up to them. But I must admit, I can't help smiling when I see them making the right choice.

At the end of the Toronto convention last year, my 12-year-old granddaughter turned to me and said, "I'm inspired to do something. What can I do?" Naturally, I did what any other Rotarian grandfather worth his salt would do: I asked her if there was an Interact club in her school. When she discovered there wasn't, she attempted to set one up. Unfortunately, her principal had other ideas, but we should not be deterred from helping Rotary youth programs whenever we can, because their value is beyond question.

Take Rotary Youth Leadership Awards as one example. It transforms young people into more confident, focused individuals with a better understanding of the world around them — changes I was pleased to see in my 16-year-old grandson after he participated.

My family is just the beginning. Everywhere I go, I meet people of all ages whose lives have been changed by our youth programs. They tell me how, five or 15 or 25 years ago, Rotary Youth

Exchange taught them a new language or introduced them to a new culture. Their eyes light up when they talk about how New Generations Service Exchange helped them advance in their career, or about how membership in Rotaract first ignited their passion for giving back to the community.

Rotary's programs for young leaders extend our ideals of service, friendship, and leadership development beyond the doors of our clubs to hundreds of thousands of young people each year. And when we serve with and for those young people — as sponsors, project partners, and mentors — it brings out the best in us, and it brings out the best in Rotary.

May is Youth Service Month, and there are many ways your Rotary club can celebrate. Sponsor an Interact club or Rotaract club, and your Rotary club will give young people in your community the tools they need to take action, become leaders, and gain a global perspective. Team up with your local Rotaract club for a service project. Get to know the participants in Rotary's programs for young leaders and share their stories with your community. You'll find more ideas in this year's Rotary Citation brochure, located under the Awards section of the Member Center at my.rotary.org.

This month, let's *Be the Inspiration* to the young leaders in our communities by mentoring them, engaging them, and working side by side with them on meaningful projects. It's an investment in their future and in the world they will live in after we're gone. And it's work that will forever enrich their lives, and our own.

Barry Rassin – RI President 2018-19

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

This week's meeting was held at the Meadow Gardens Golf Club, as a special evening meeting commencing at 6 PM.

Guests:

- Gladys West**, spouse of Mike Davies
- Cheryl Callison**, spouse of President Clint Callison
- Ann Ferreira**, mother of Urma Mollema
- Peter Tam**, guest speaker and musician

Brief report on Wine Fest:

Chairman Dave Rempel advised that although number of tickets sold was down, it was an excellent "community event". This year there were 287 persons in attendance compared to 320 in 2018. Dave said that the Wine Fest team were absolutely great, that the food and wine were excellent, and a lot of people said they really enjoyed the event.

133 Tickets were sold online, and Dave Rempel himself sold 50 tickets. **Ineke and Peter Boekhorst** kept track of numbers (including revenue and expenses) and will be able to have a report in a week or two. Dave wished to give a special thanks to **Brenda Jenkins**, who was responsible for getting out the great team of volunteers.

President's quote for the day:
(thanks to Libby, as usual)



Happy and Sad:

Dave Rempel was happy to have taken a drive-through parts of beautiful British Columbia, and especially happy that Brenda Jenkins did such a fine job in getting of the volunteers for the Wine Fest.

Urma Mollema was thankful for Peter Tam's agreeing to entertain us at this Rotary meeting.

Peter Tam, himself, was very thankful that his son is now recovering from a ruptured appendix.

Program: Peter Tam

About our Special Guest:

Professional Career: Peter gained professional, pragmatic and rational problem-solving skills from working in the high tech and engineering industry for 30 years. He has worked as a consultant that implemented Engineering Data Systems at sites such as NBC Studios in New York City and at U.S. Air Force bases, as well as petroleum companies in Saudi Arabia and Dubai and a forestry company in New Zealand, and on infrastructure projects in Europe and Asia. Peter helped to create and manage our national aviation navigation engineering data system at Nav Canada (currently working on a contract).

As a Business Entrepreneur, he owned a computer-aided design systems integration company that employed 7 people, at age 28. His production company in Maple Ridge was nominated twice for business excellence, in 2008 and 2009. He has been a Ridge Meadows Chamber of Commerce member since 2001.

Current voluntary community roles: He is president of the Haney Rotary Club, a member of the Innovation Forum Committee, the Ministry Community Council Board, the Silver Valley Neighbourhood Group (promoting neighbourhood engagement with block parties, house concerts and drum circles), a member and volunteer for the 31st BP Guild servicing Scouts in the Three Rivers Area, a member of Open Door Church worship team of the Salvation Army, a volunteer Actor for Emerald Pig Theatrical society, a fundraised for Salvation Army Kettle Drive

His past volunteer community roles include:

- Area Commissioner for Scouts Canada and a director on the Maple Ridge Pitt Meadows Arts Council, and last but not least:
- Created Silver Valley Spring Festivals for the Silver Valley Neighbourhood
- Created Job Fair to promote local jobs
- Director of North Fraser Bluegrass Festival
- Director of the Christmas Festival and Christmas Parade
- Director of the Spiritwood Festival
- RCMP Auxiliary Constable
- Judge for the JUNO awards
- Volunteer for Watershed Watch clean up
- Volunteer for Christmas Haven
- Volunteer for Hospital Foundation and Community Foundation.
- 2011 Council candidate
- 2015 Federal MP candidate
- 2017 Provincial MLA candidate

Family: Married for 30 years, 2 boys age 22 and 26, one daughter 19, 1 daughter-in-law and a grandson. Moved to Maple Ridge in 2000 from Oakville, Ontario.



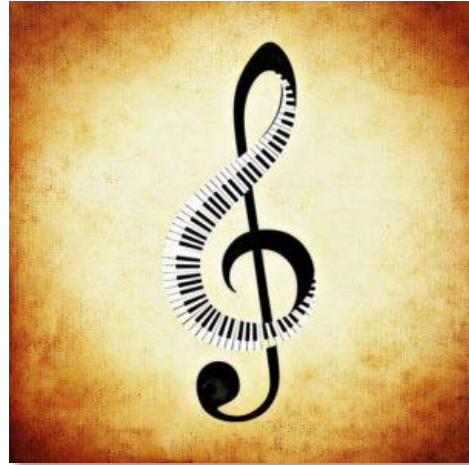
And then, of course, there is his musical career:

- Plays the piano as a professional musician.
- Written award-winning children's music.
- Founder and member of a 7-piece Elton John tribute band.
- Plays classical music as a member of a piano-cello duet.
- Sings with the SD42 adult choir.
- Directed and produced a ballet with Arts Umbrella and with choreographers from BC ballet.
- Performed on many shows with the local theatre groups, including Shakespeare at Bard on the Bandstand.
- He has recorded three albums and was honoured to be a JUNO Awards Judge in 2009, 2010 and 2011, where he has met and interacted with such musical icons as Michael Buble and Sarah McLachlan.

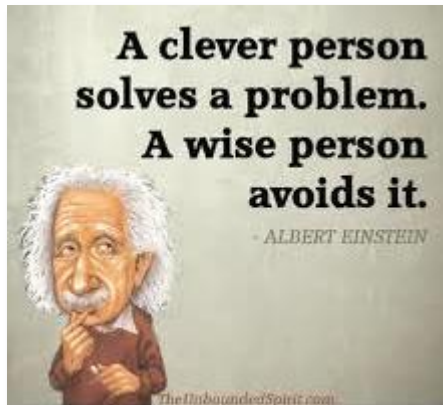
Peter now wants to retire from his current career and focus full time on his music.

Peter entertained us with playing and singing the following songs:

- **"Smile though your heart is aching.**
Smile even though it's breaking" written by Charlie Chaplin.
- **"Fly me to the moon..."** written by Bart Howard
(*"Fly me to the moon, Let me play among the stars, Let me see what spring is like On a-Jupiter and Mars"*).
- His own composition - **"Thanks for the rain"** -
(*"When I am getting depressed by all the rain, I realize that I needed the rain to appreciate the sunny days. Life is full of ups and downs but you need to have been thru bad times to see the blessings"*).
- another of his composition - **"When I found you"** -
in collaboration with Bruce Copeland as the Lyricist.
- **"Your song"** - by Elton John - (*"It's a little bit funny this feeling inside. I'm not one of those who can easily hide....."*).
- **"Piano Man"** by Billy Joel - (*"Son, can you play me a memory, I'm not really sure how it goes, But it's sad and it's sweet and I knew it complete, When I wore a younger man's clothes"*).



President's Closing Quip:



Submitted by Laurie Anderson