

Meetings: Tuesday 12 Noon, Bella Vita Restaurant

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Cancellation of meeting venue change for Tuesday, May 28

On this date the club will be meeting at the usual place (Bella Vita Restaurant) and time.

MAY IS YOUTH SERVICE MONTH

Today (May 21): **Theresa Green** - Cythera Transition House Society
Next Week (May 28):

Happy Birthday	Happy Anniversary
May 22: Ineke Boekhorst	

CALENDAR OF CLUB EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
May 29	5 pm – 7 pm	Pub Hub	Townhall Public House - #206-20690 Lougheed Hwy.
Jun. 21	6 pm	Installation of 2019/2020 Executive	Meadow Gardens Golf Club
Aug. 11	11 am	Rotary Duck Race	Maple Ridge Park
Aug. 27	Noon	DG Brad Whittaker's Visit	

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Presidents quote for the day:



"Reading can seriously damage your ignorance".

Guests:

Karen McDiarmid - from the Yaletown Rotary Club
Patrick Dobbyn and his daughter Norah Dobbyn
Mary and Gordon Robson



Special guest **Norah Dobbyn**, a young elementary student, learned about the Starfish Backpack program from her father (who, in turn, learned about it from Rotary), and Norah presented our club with \$100 of her own money to support this program which helps other children in need.

Norah and her father Patrick read the following "bio" about Norah:

Norah Dobbyn was born in Regina, Saskatchewan and is the middle child Patrick and Tiffany. She has two sisters Rhiannon and Avilene, each girl born 4 ½ years apart from one another. She has had an exciting life so far, going from a small town girl, living in the quaint community of Regina Beach, Saskatchewan, to big-city bumpkin, plus multiple trips to Mexico, truly seeing and understanding how different people live and how the quality of life can drastically change even in first-world Canada. Norah is an award-winning actress for her lead role in an emotional Macy's commercial featured on Father's Day. Among other commercials her credits include "Christmas in Evergreen: Letters to Santa" and "Supergirl". She is spunky, determined and curious about everything. Never a dull moment with this kid around and a true bleeding heart. She is proud to be presenting the Rotary Club with a donation to help fund the Starfish Backpack in her community and hopes to bring awareness to other communities by promoting it on her social media page.

Past President Libby Nelson (chairing this meeting in President Clint's absence) welcomed back our Sergeant-at-arms **Brian Bekar** who has returned from his annual stay in warmer and drier climes down South. Brian advised that volunteer **José Viveiros** (who along with Brian Bekar was responsible for setting up the duck race in the Alouette River for the past few years, will no longer be participating this year and Brian is therefore looking for volunteers to replace José.

Program: Libby Nelson's "Who's Who"

Libby was born in Melbourne Australia in 1939, one of four girls in her family. She became a nurse and got her training in Australia. She married her husband, Dick, in 1967, and the happy couple moved to Fruitvale, British Columbia. That was quite a change from Australia because in her new home she had bears (no kangaroos) as neighbours. She had three children - all girls - Eloise, Carolyn, and Pam.

Libby and her husband Dick were very involved in Rotary. Dick was very passionate about Rotary and in 1989/90 was the District Governor (in the year when the Rotary theme was "Enjoy Rotary", which they did). Despite the small size of Fruitvale and the lack of the usual convention facilities, they held the District Conference in their town by managing to rent the local school to host the two day conference (of course, says Libby, the fact that they were able to pull that off "had nothing whatsoever to do with the fact" that Libby was a trustee of the local school board!). To show how important the event was, even the "Queen of England" attended the conference. (The "Queen" did such a good job of impersonating her Royal Highness that some American visitors thought she was the real thing.) Libby and her husband hosted three Rotary exchange students, and were very active in Rotary. Libby's husband passed away, and had two insurance policies on his life. The proceeds of one policy in the amount of \$250,000 was given to the Rotary Foundation which resulted in Libby becoming a member of the Arch Klumph Society.

[Note: Named after the sixth president of Rotary, the Arch Klumph Society recognizes The Rotary Foundation's highest tier of donors — those who have contributed \$250,000 or more during their lifetime. Membership in the Arch Klumph Society is lifelong. Each member has the opportunity to have his or her portrait placed in the Arch Klumph Society Gallery, located on the 17th floor of Rotary International World Headquarters in Evanston, Illinois, USA. Portraits are etched on glass plaques to create a stunning display of the Rotary Foundation's most valued supporters. Members will also have their profiles included in an interactive display, plus receive pins, pendants, and several other benefits commensurate with their generosity.]

Being a modest person, Libby passed up on attending and participating in the ceremony and receiving these well-deserved recognitions.]

In addition to Rotary, Libby became active in community politics. She was a school trustee for 10 years, and was the mayor of Fruitvale for 15 years. She was also on the board of the Kootenay Boundary Regional District for 12 years, among other community-minded activities. How did she manage all this? She says, "a diamond is just a piece of charcoal that handles stress very well". She was successful in getting money for her community from government agencies . Through her years of service, she learned that "if you go to the government and ask what you want five times, they will eventually give you what you want just to get rid of you".

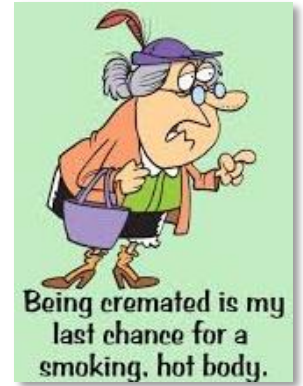
Her daughter Eloise, who was a teacher, had foster children and then adopted three children, all of whom she home-schooled. Tragically, Eloise died in 2013.

Libby decided to move closer to her children, and left Fruitvale. Libby's daughter Pam has a BA in recreation, and her daughter Carolyn is a lawyer. Carolyn and Libby have travelled a lot together in many parts of the world.

Libby left Fruitvale to be closer to her family. She enjoyed her life in Fruitvale but "doesn't miss the snow a bit".

Libby has enjoyed her life but has a good attitude towards death, because she says:

"Being cremated is my last chance for a smoking hot body"



Closing quote for the day:



If at first you don't succeed..... skydiving is not for you.

Submitted by Laurie Anderson