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INSTALLATION OF PRESIDENT ADRIENNE DALE AND 2019-2020 BOARD MEMBERS

JUNE 21, 2019 - AT MEADOW GARDENS GOLF COURSE



Eric Mollema was Master of Ceremonies.

Patrick Dobbyn was inducted as a new member by District Governor Brad Whittaker (DG for 2019-2020).



Patrick, welcome to our Club!

Awards Presentation:

Rotarian of the Year: **Libby Nelson**



Paul Harris: **Ineke Boekhorst** (her 5th) for her service to the club.



Paul Harris: **Annika Polegato** for her dedicated work to our community including, among many other community activities, acting as Executive Director of Alouette Addiction Services, and assisting with our Wine Festival.



Paul Harris: **Adrienne Dale and Matt Debruyn** for their personal contributions to the Rotary Foundation.



Outgoing President Clint Callison's Remarks:

Clint stated that going to PETS opened his eyes and mind to what Rotary does and can do in the world. He says that when you work in Rotary, Rotary becomes part of you - knowing that you can make a difference in the world.

Libby Nelson introduced District Governor Brad Whittaker:

Brad lives in Chilliwack with his wife Kim Isaac, along with Rosie (his 12-year-old retriever) and three rescued cats. He also has two sets of stepsons, all well grown up or at least well into adulthood. Brad recently retired from the University of the Fraser Valley as Director of Research Services and Industry liaison. He is also a "beaten up former jock", who enjoys traveling, films and gardening. He eats and breathes a Rotary.



Libby also introduced Assistant District Governor Al Stjernegaard who is a member of the Port Moody Rotary Club, chair of the International Committee of his club, and current chair of the Port Moody Rotary Rib Fest. Al works with Rotary World Help - which is a nonprofit organization aimed at collecting and distributing medical equipment and supplies, dental, optical, education and sports equipment and disaster relief supplies to international recipients in need.

Our District Governor and Assistant District Governor installed our new club executive for the 2019 – 2020 Rotary year.



President: Adrienne Dale President Elect: Urma Mollema
Past President: Clint Callison Secretary: Brenda Jenkins
Treasurer: Walter Volpatti Directors: Mike Davies,
Sharon Kyle, Ineke Boekhorst, Matt DeBruyn and Eric Mollema

President Adrienne Dale's Remarks:

Clint, on behalf of your fellow club members, I would like to thank you for stepping up to the plate, amidst your very busy business commitments and an active young family, to lead this club during the 2018/2019 year. We have had a very successful year and I hope to be able to keep up the good work that you started this year. We would also like to thank Libby for sharing the load and extending her term to assist you. Go well, and enjoy your next Rotary year as past president, as you have heard the saying "there is nothing as past as a past president.... until you chair again". As I have been a past president three times, I have put together some of my past Rotary pins to send you on your way. Wear them with pride.

I would like to give you a gift on behalf of the club. I know we could have bought you a number of pens, clocks and Rotary dust collectors, but I thought in honour of our Rotary Camp-out each year, we would give you a special voucher, so you can continue to be the gadget king, "go big or go home, Callison rig owner" to the rest of us humble campers. One year Clint arrived with a TV protruding from one of his many slides to the envy of the rest of us modest bunch, to create a "drive-in type" movie night for his girls. Last year it was the poofie black velvet chairs to supplement the movie night. Let's see what he can do with this one. Just make sure it is something we can all enjoy!

Congratulations to you also Annika (Polegato). I have worked with you on the Allouette Addictions board for several years and no one is more deserving of this auspicious award.

District Governor Brad and ADG Al, presidents from other Rotary clubs, my fellow club members, friends and family, and of course not to forget "Prince Philip" (Warren), thank you for coming to support me tonight on my fourth round as club President, two times in South Africa and my second in this great club. It is even more of a privilege as we are going into a big year for our club, it is our 30th year since we were chartered. When I was in my second term of being president in South Africa, we celebrated 100 years of the Rotary International Organization . So this must be a lucky term.

I will try not to just be a recycled Past President, regurgitated from the last time, as there was no one else, even though the installation printed program shows the same old, same old, template from last year. However, we have a stable club with a great committed core of members and we do amazing work. I don't intend to "break what is not broken", but rather shakeup what is just waiting to be kick started into action.

It strikes me that this community has grown exponentially in the last five years, but we have no new clubs and very little growth in the number of Rotarians. Despite this, we have much more work to do in our community.

Just to mention three things I would like to focus on this year:

1. At home in Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows, we have had so much success in partnering with other organizations, for example, Allouette Addictions, Hospice, the school PACs, to achieve bigger results with fundraising etc. We have assisted two schools with large lump sums to complete playground revamps. In turn, they have supported our Duck Race by selling tickets and volunteering at our fundraisers. Our Rotary funds have gone so much further and touched so many more people having these partnerships, while at the same time, we spread the word about Rotary to people who would never have otherwise connected with the organization. Hopefully the end result will lead to expanding our numbers while we make a difference in the community.
2. On the international side, we have a possible international project in Belize with some of our Tri-Cities clubs (and thank you for being here tonight to support me). Nothing better than a hands-on project using matching funds. We had hoped to do a club international exchange to Italy; when it was apparent that this was not going to happen, we began looking at one in the USA being much more doable. We have connected with the Whidbey Island clubs. These two ideas fall squarely within the Rotary international theme for this year.... Rotary Connects The World.
3. Lastly, I would like to start some kind of initiative for the elderly in this community. This is a section of the community which I don't believe we have turned our attention to in several years. Preferably, looking at some kind of a grant for a hands-on project, where we can interact with these old dears. I'm thinking of a Christmas party with some entertainment; however, I would welcome any ideas.

Once again, thank you for attending. I look forward to a happy, fun, active 2019/2020 Meadow Ridge Rotary 30th year.

My meetings will be close with a lovely touch that I heard at PETS from Rotary International President Mark Daniel Maloney - the Traditional Irish Blessing:

May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind always be at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
and rains fall soft upon your fields.
And until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of His hand.

Submitted by Laurie Anderson