

Meetings: Tuesday 12 Noon, Bella Vita Restaurant

President: Adrienne Dale Phone: 778-242-5549 E-mail the President
 Secretary: Brenda Jenkins Phone: 604-816-6961 E-mail the Secretary
 Editor: Peter Boekhorst Phone: 604-465-3392 E-mail the Editor



JULY IS THE FIRST MONTH OF THE ROTARY YEAR

Today (July 2): **Chuck Keely** - BC Gaming; Update on the latest BC gaming rules
Next Week (July 9): **Ineke Boekhorst** - RI Conference 2019 in Hamburg

CALENDAR OF CLUB EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Aug. 11	11 am	Rotary Duck Race	Maple Ridge Park
Aug. 27	Noon	DG Brad Whittaker's Visit	
Sep. 6-8		Rotary Camping Weekend	Fort Camping - (9451 Glover Rd, Fort Langley)

Meet New RI President Mark Maloney and Gay



RI President Mark Maloney's theme for 2019-20, "**Rotary Connects the World**", asks Rotarians to strengthen the many ways that Rotary Connects the World, building the connections that allow talented, thoughtful, and generous people to unite and take meaningful action through Rotary service.

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

This was the last meeting of the 2018 – 2019 Rotary year, with **Clint Callison** presiding.

This week's quote:

President Clint advised that **Brenda Jenkins** had been nominated for the District 5050 "Rookie of the Year" Award. Thank you for all you do, Brenda; we hope you get the award.

Artificial intelligence is no match for natural stupidity.

Cheque presentations:

1. \$650 was presented to **Belinda Carlaw** of the Salvation Army to support their summer camp for underprivileged children. Belinda said that 53 children have been registered for the program so far, and they are anticipating that the final number will be about 70. There will be two camps this year, one between July 15 – 19th, and one from July 29 – August 2. These camps are there to help children whose families are in need.



2. \$1,389 was presented to **Tanya Grange**, acting on behalf of the Whonnock Elementary school. The funds are contributed to support their purchase of "proportionate" (smaller size) guitars for their music program for the young children who find it difficult to play the ordinary sized instruments. They have 75 instruments for use by the children.



3. \$4,000 was presented to **Shelley Grogan**, who is the Director of Fund Development, for the Youth Wellness Centre. These funds will pay for the construction of the "Nourish Station Space", which is the snack centre for the youth at the Centre which will shortly undergo renovations. The Youth Wellness Centre was started by the community to help young members of the community. 800 Youth access the Centre. Renovations will start in the middle of July, with the planned opening in December, 2019.



4. \$20,000 was given to help pay for the Pitt Meadows Elementary School Playground. Accepting the cheque was **Sherri Robinson** (community volunteer and lawyer with Centra Lawyers). The playground (which cost \$120,000) was paid for completely by community donations from groups group including the Legion, the Pitt Meadows Lions Club, and proceeds from selling Duck Race tickets. Our donation help them complete the project. Sherri stated that it is really a Community Playground, and will be used by members of the community and not just the School.

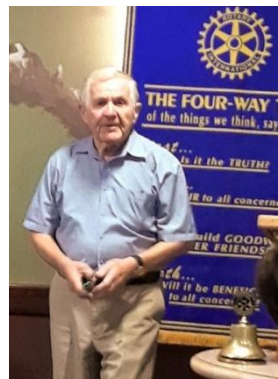


David Rempel, chair of our Wine Fest, pointed out that most of the money which we gave away today came from money raised in the Wine Festival.

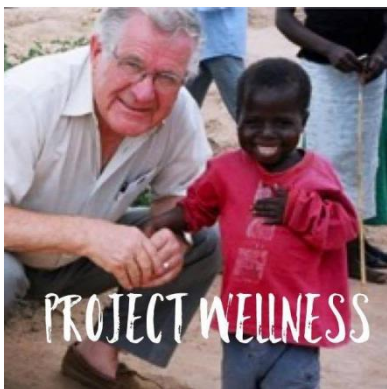
Brian Bekar advised that he had met with the fire department to obtain volunteers for the Duck Race, and 20 firefighters have volunteered to help out this year.

Program: **George Klassen**: Project Wellness

For many years **George Klassen and his late wife Shirley** have dedicated their lives to helping underprivileged children in South America and Africa. He spent 22 years working in the Amazon River area and speaks Portuguese. For the last 14 years he has been working in Malawi, in Africa. He has been responsible for the building of four large orphanages, and the school which has educated 750 students. Many orphaned children in Malawi are in need of help because both of their parents have died. They need care during the day, and often relatives can care for them in the evening. When building the orphanage, he made sure that the kitchen was protected by walls and not be the common outdoor one, as children are often burned when they fall in kitchen fires.



He has now been instrumental in constructing 47 wells to bring fresh water to various parts of Malawi. He has only lost one well. That is because he makes sure that the wells that he digs go down 45 metres deep, whereas many others that are constructed are drilled to only half that depth which results in them going dry during periods of drought.



Editorial note: On April 16, 2018, our **MP Dan Ruimy rose to speak in Parliament to commend George Klassen for his work.** The following is what Dan said on that occasion:

*Canada is filled with incredible and kind-hearted individuals whose deeds are done without acknowledgment and for the benefit of others. I am proud to say that my riding, Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows, has many people like **George Klassen**, and his late wife Shirley. They started a non-profit organization called Project Wellness in 2006 providing clean water, education, medicine and food to orphans in Malawi. Last week I was invited to George's 80th birthday, and **words cannot express how inspiring it was to hear his experiences.** George has built over 39 wells and taken almost 500 orphans under his care, and continues to successfully build new water wells. In a week's time at the young age of 80 he is leaving to drill five new wells again in 2018. Good luck, George, you are an inspiration to me and my community. On behalf of all Parliament we wish you safe travels; and maybe one day I will be out there drilling a well with you.*

Closing (unabashed) quip for the day:



Submitted by Laurie Anderson