

Meetings: Tuesday 12 Noon, Bella Vita Restaurant

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Today (July 9): **Ineke Boekhorst** - RI Conference 2019 in Hamburg

Next Week (July 16):

Happy Birthday	Happy Anniversary
July 10: Eric Mollema	

CALENDAR OF CLUB EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
July 29	6 pm?	Club Social: <i>Billy Miner pub, Music on the Wharf</i>	Haney Wharf
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)

RI PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



I love to travel! I even enjoy the mundane process of getting from here to there. But last year, my wife, Gay, and I had one of those experiences that would strain the optimism of even the most cheerful traveler. We found ourselves with six hours to wait, at an airport where we were not scheduled to be, on a day we had not planned still to be traveling, having woken up that morning at a hotel unknown to us the night before. It was one of those days.

As we waited at John F. Kennedy International Airport in New York City, Gay and I took a walk to people watch. We went from one end of the terminal to the other and back, looking at every gate, every destination, every group of people waiting for their flights.

Each gate was its own island of humanity. When we walked down the center of the concourse, we were in New York, moving along with everyone in one river. But when you veered off into those seats, you left that current and landed on an island. You were already in Delhi or Paris or Tel Aviv.

As we started our walk, I thought: "All these different people, all these different countries, all in one place. This is like Rotary!" But as we walked past gate after gate, I realized something. It was not like Rotary at all. Because everyone in that river was heading for an island. And every island stayed an island. The people heading to Taipei might be talking to one another, but they were not talking to the people heading to Cairo or Lagos.

Contrast that with Rotary. Rotary allows us to connect with one another, in deep and meaningful ways, across our differences. It connects us with people we would never otherwise have met, who

are more like us than we ever could have known. It connects us with our communities, to professional opportunities, and to the people who need our help.

Connection is what makes the experience of Rotary so very different from walking along that concourse at JFK Airport. In Rotary, none of us is an island. All of us are in Rotary together, whoever we are, wherever we are from, whatever language we speak or traditions we follow. We are all connected to one another — part of our communities and members not only of our clubs, but also of the global community to which we all belong.

This connection is what lies at the heart of the Rotary experience. It is what brings us to Rotary. It is why we stay. Please join your fellow Rotarians on this journey as Rotary Connects the World.

Mark Daniel Maloney
President 2019-20

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

This was the first meeting of the new 2019/2020 Rotary year, with Adrienne Dale, our new President, conducting the meeting.

Today's Quip:



Guests (apart from the speakers):

David Jarvis, Director of Operations at Chances

Our club supports **Music on the Wharf**, which will be having concerts on July 15, July 29, August 12 and August 26.

What is it?: *Over-looking the beautiful Fraser River, the "Music on the Wharf" concert series has something for everyone in the family. It started with a local band offering to play a one-time concert and has become one of the Maple Ridge Historical Society's most popular annual events. Twice in July, and twice in August on Monday nights the concert series features local and regional bands. The performers cover a variety of musical styles including Jazz, Blues, Bluegrass, Brass Band, Rock and Western. This is a great way to get to know the rich music scene in Maple Ridge.*

President Adrienne has chosen Monday, **July 29 for our club to have a social event by**, firstly, going for a bit of food at the Billy Miner pub and, then, going together to see the concert on the Wharf which starts at 7:30. Mark it on your calendars!

Happy and Sad dollars:

Brian Bekar is happy to announce that five firemen are coming to help putting the ducks in the water at the Duck Race; and that our "Rookie of the Year Rotarian" Brenda Jenkins has rounded up 20 volunteers to help at that event.

Ineke Boekhorst was happy for a successful Canada Day celebration in downtown Maple Ridge.

Mike Davies enjoyed going to a ball hockey game to watch one of his grandchildren not only go into double overtime but also to win the game (or was it the tournament?). And if you thought that the Raptors were exciting, you should have come with Mike to this event !

Program: Gaming in Maple Ridge: Community Impact Update



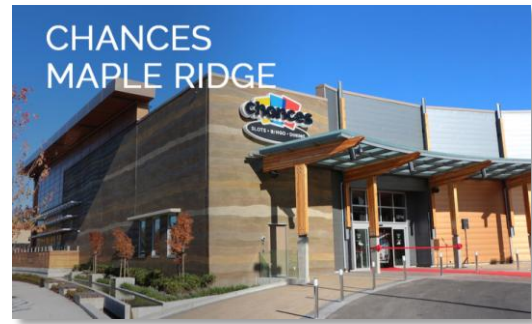
Our speakers were **Johnny DeFazio**, Regional Manager of Stakeholder Relations, with the Great Canadian Gaming Corporation, and **Ms. Jordan O'Genski**, Senior Specialist of Stakeholder engagement, BC Lottery Corporation.

The Provincial Gaming Structure is as follows (from the top down):

- The Province of British Columbia: David Eby - Attorney General
- Gaming Policy and Enforcement Branch: Assistant Deputy Minister
- British Columbia Lottery Corporation (BCLC)
- Service Providers: Great Canadian Gaming Corporation

The Province of British Columbia receives net income from gaming in the amount of \$1.4 billion per year. The city of Maple Ridge receives 10% of net revenue from Chances. In 2018/2019, the city received \$1,760,000, and a total of \$9.9 million since the opening of chances in Maple Ridge.

Chances in Maple Ridge is owned by the Great Canadian Gaming Corporation, which has 25 properties in four jurisdictions. It has been in operation since 1982 and is a public corporation. Chances in Maple Ridge has 249 slot machines, one dining amenity (the Well), and has hosted 56 live entertainment shows. In 2018, it also hosted 250 conventions, and had 450,000 visits to the facility. Chances in Maple Ridge has 22,000 ft.² of space.



Chances has:

- 79 team members (a.k.a. employees)
- 25 different job positions on-site
- Average age of staff is 38
- 23% of team members have worked at Chances in Maple Ridge for more than 10 years
- 16 different languages and dialects are spoken by staff at Chances.



The Economic Impact of Chances on Maple Ridge may be summarized as follows:

- In 2018, Chances Maple Ridge spent \$327,000 in goods and services purchased locally from 49 Maple Ridge-based vendors
- in 2018, Chances Maple Ridge pay \$212,000 in annual property taxes
- Since inception, Chances Maple Ridge has invested \$28.1 million in capital investments and projects

Direct community support by Chances may be summarized as follows:

- Chances Maple Ridge supported 63 community organizations in 2018.
- Chances Maple Ridge pays an annual disbursement of \$100,000 every year to the Ridge Meadows Bingo Association to distribute to all of its affiliated charitable groups.
- Chances Maple Ridge has provided community support to hundreds of organizations including Alisha's Wish, Youth Wellness Centre, Friends in Need Food Bank, Ridge Meadows Hospital Foundation, BC SPCA, and the Haney and Ridge Meadows and Rotary clubs.

Community Gaming Grants:

- The province of BC allocates \$140 million annually to community organizations through the community gaming grant program (of which our meadow Ridge Rotary club is a recipient with the money being distributed through our Community Services Committee).
- 79 organizations in Maple Ridge received funding last year.
- \$2.24 million went to support those organizations in the human and social services sector, public safety, sports, arts and culture, and parent advisory councils.

Gambling Statistics:

- On average, 72.5% of adults participated in at least one gambling activity in the past 12 months
- moderate and high risk problem gamblers make up an estimated 3.3% of adult British Columbians
- annually, BCLC spends an estimated 6.6 million on player health and problem gambling initiatives, programs and research including Voluntary Self-Exclusion and GameSense
- responsible gambling resources available in BC include BC GamInfo Line (formerly called Problem Gambling Helpline) and free counselling services

Note: Following the meeting, some members asked **Johnny DeFazio** about money laundering at casinos, and we were advised as follows:

When a person brings cash into a casino, their picture is on the video camera and they are identified (so it is not as if the casino and therefore the police cannot determine who they are).

By way of example, if a person brings in \$100,000 in cash and is given \$100,000 worth of gambling chips, and if that person then goes and gambles that money and wins \$50,000, and are therefore entitled to get back \$150,000, the casino does not write a cheque to the person for \$150,000. Rather, they get back \$100,000 in cash (what they brought in) and are given a cheque for their winnings of \$50,000. So the \$100,000 in cash which they brought in is not "laundered".

If the person brings in \$100,000 in cash, and is given \$100,000 worth of gambling chips, and if they lose \$25,000, then the person is given back in cash \$75,000, and no cheque.

Therefore, the hundred thousand dollars has not been "laundered" because the person bringing in the money gets their cash back minus the loss.

When it was reported in the news, this was not brought to the attention of the public; which no doubt left many people with the impression that if the person brought in \$100,000 in cash, then they got back all the money that they were entitled to in the form of a cheque which the person could then take and deposit into their bank account.

As Adrienne said at her installation, she plans to end her meetings with the following Traditional Irish Blessing (heard at PETS from Rotary International President Mark Daniel Maloney):



Submitted by Laurie Anderson