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AUGUST IS MEMBERSHIP & NEW CLUB DEVELOPMENT MONTH

Today (Aug 13):

Next Week (Aug 20): Dr. Matthew Biju - His new book

CALENDAR OF CLUB EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Aug. 17	10 am – 2 pm	Car Boot Sale: RM Hospice Thrift Store - Parking Lot	
Aug. 27	Noon	DG Brad Whittaker's Visit	
Sep. 6-8		Rotary Camping Weekend	Fort Camping - (9451 Glover Rd, Fort Langley)

ROTARY DUCK RACE – AUGUST 11, 2019



Labeling the ducks on Friday afternoon with their race number was the first step to the big event on the following Sunday.



And there they go on the Rotary Duck Race day, ready for the race thanks to the helping hands of the Fire Department members and all the other volunteers.



But before it was that far, there were lots of activities for all the kids – big and small.



And there they go:



And the winner of this fabulous car, donated by Maple Ridge Chrysler/Fiat is ???



You can find all the pictures on our [website](http://MeadowRidgeRotary.ca).

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

President Adrienne Dale presided.

Guests:

Linda Balzer, Past President, and Membership and Club Service chair of the Port Moody Rotary Club.

Gayle Carter, Past President of the Port Moody Rotary Club

Also, we welcomed again **Bernard Bezuidenhout**.

Today's Quote:

Life is like a taxi. The meter just keeps a-ticking whether you are getting somewhere or just standing still.

Happy and Sad Dollars:

Dave Rempel and Sharon had the wedding of their daughter at their home on July 27, and the bride and groom are now on a cruise ship in Greece. Dave presented a banner from a Rotary Club in Norway, given by a guest who was at the wedding.

Eric Mollema gave 5 happy dollars, as he went with his daughter to (and made it back alive from) Joffre Lake.

[No wonder Eric gave \$5. Did you know (Eric does) that:

"Joffre Lakes Provincial Park is a class A provincial park located 35 km east of Pemberton in British Columbia, Canada. This magnificent area of jagged peaks, icefields, cold rushing streams and turquoise blue lakes was established as a recreation area in 1988 and became a Class A park in 1996. Three glacier-fed lakes are located in the park: Lower, Middle and Upper Joffre Lakes. Steeply rising from Lower Joffre Lake, the glacier-laden peaks are visible from an easily accessible viewpoint 500 metres from the parking lot. If you carry on towards middle and upper Joffre Lakes, the trail becomes steeper and more challenging. Evidence of the park's glacial history can be found in the U-shaped valleys, glacial silts and lateral moraines."

Our guests **Linda and Gayle** each gave a dollar because they are just "happy to be here".

Ineke and Peter Boekhorst happily attended with their son Kim and two grandchildren the Barbeque put on by the Haney Club on July 31, with the invitation also going out to other Clubs in our area. Laurie and Lorna Anderson also attended. Ineke hoped that more Club members would attend next year if the event is repeated.

On a sad note, some Rotarians from Kelowna were in an serious accident in Colorado and are now recuperating in hospital in BC after spending three weeks in a Colorado hospital at a cost of \$3,000,000 (thankfully, they were covered by insurance).

Program: Port Moody's International Project in Belize.

[There are approximately 375,000 people in Belize which was originally called the Colony of the British Honduras in 1862, granted self-government in 1964 when European nations were freeing their colonies around the world. In 1973 the name changed to Belize and full independence was granted September 18th 1981.]



Linda Balzer spoke to us about the amazing and unusual project of the Rotary Club in Belize, which has been visited by members of the Port Moody Club, including Assistant Governor **Al Stjernegaard** and others. In 2001, Rotarian **John Woods** was asked by the then Minister of Prisons to bring together a group of business persons in an effort to identify ways to improve The Belize Central Prison. John approached fellow Rotarians for help.

This eventually led to the formation of the Kolbe Foundation through which the prison in Belize is operated under contract with the Federal Government. Belize Central Prison is the sole correctional facility in the country of Belize, located in Hattieville. The **Kolbe Foundation**, a non-profit, non-governmental organization, has managed the prison since 2002. The prison is on a 225-acre plot of land. The prison uses 150 acres of this land, with much of the acreage being used for farming and other activities. The main prison territory, located on 50-acre of land, is surrounded by a fence. It is the only known, privately managed non-profit prison in the world.

To date, most of the Board members remain Rotarians. The Kolbe Foundation has made tremendous success by keeping to its mission of maintaining a secure and humane facility geared towards meaningful rehabilitation and reintegration.

When Rotary took it over, they had 900 inmates sleeping in 300 beds. The prison today focuses on rehabilitation and allowing inmates to learn skills through a variety of programs, including woodworking and farming, and they even have their own radio station in the prison. They have a hog operation, a chicken operation, and their own slaughterhouse and a bakery. Inmates are able to get a high school graduation certificate while in prison. The worst violent offenders are in a separate building and the lesser offenders are allowed to take advantage of all these programs. Linda advised that the cost to run the prison is \$7 per day per prisoner (compared to \$254 per day per prisoner in Canada)

Some Rotarians in Belize saw that there was a need to improve the life of the inmates, and they saw long term that anything that can help an inmate become a better citizen, eventually will improve society and the local community in general. So in addition to life skills training they also made programs to combat addiction.

The Port Moody Club's Belize project (Al Stjernegaard as the lead) began as an educational project to provide accessibility to computer service, training and education to prisoners. The intent is to rehabilitate prisoners and provide them with tools they can use when they are released. Al made a trip to Belize to bring the first batch of equipment to the prison last November.

They've built a school in the prison with 8 classrooms, to teach inmates how to read, how to write, and how to cope. The country is poor so kids don't always finish the mandatory years of free education. They also have a wood working shop to teach carpentry skills. Highest volume items are the coffins they build and sell for funerals, also prefab homes, kids' toys and furniture on spec.

The Port Moody Club applied for a Rotary grant to pay for educational units or devices based on using RACHEL technology, which stands for Remote Area Community Hotspot for Educational Learning. RACHEL is a portable plug-and-play server which stores educational websites and makes that content available over any local (offline) wireless connection. The units they supplied were pre-loaded with 100 areas of education and training to be used in the inmate education program. A trip planned for April, 2020 (5-7 days) looking for new opportunities in Belize—to see if there a way to expand the program into the Elementary Schools.

[About RACHEL: RACHEL can instantly turn a graveyard of unused computers into a learning center. For the 53% of people around the world without an internet connection, RACHEL is a valuable tool that connects offline learners to the best free educational resources. RACHEL is rugged, lightweight, and designed to travel anywhere. RACHEL is used by schools, libraries, community centers, orphanages, and the NGOs supporting them all over the world. RACHEL servers include copies of educational websites. By storing copies of websites directly on RACHEL devices, no internet is required and there are no data usage or subscription costs.]



Closing Blessing:

Submitted by Laurie Anderson

DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS

We have a great start to the year as Rotary International President Mark Maloney will be visiting our District and there are two opportunities to interact with him.

The first is a District event where you can meet and chat with President Mark on Saturday, August 17, from 4 – 6 pm, at Kwantlen Polytechnic University Spruce building, 12666 72 Ave, Surrey, BC. This is where the District holds the District Assembly. I encourage you and your family to come to the event. Tickets are \$25 CDN and children under 12 are admitted free. Rotarians can register at [ri-president-mark-maloney-reception](#).

President Mark will be speaking at 30th Anniversary Gala Dinner of Canadian Eyesight Global on Sunday, August 18, starting a 6 pm (doors open at 5 pm) at the Grand Taj Banquet Hall, 8288 128 Street, Surrey, BC.

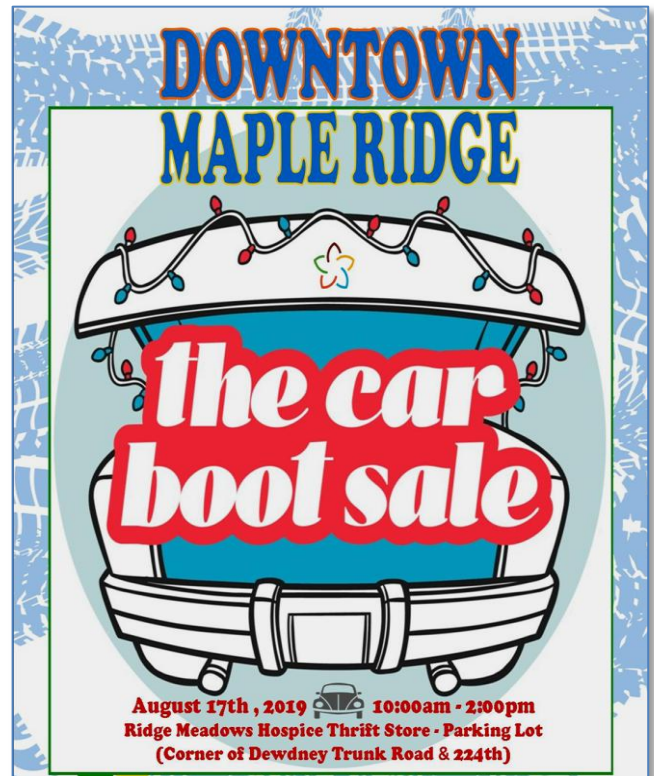
Tickets of \$50 CDN can be purchased at [CanadianEyesight.org](#).

The District GOLFUN is on Friday, August 23, at Homestead Golf and Country Club in Lynden, WA, where one can golf and have dinner ([golfun-2019](#)) or just have dinner ([golfun-2019-dinner-only](#))

Mark will also be attending Langley Ribfest on Aug. 18 afternoon, tentatively scheduled to arrive at 1 pm. [RibFestLangley.com](#)

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ROTARY CAR BOOT SALE



- We need donations of garage sale items. (No baby seats/cribs or large furniture items)
- Everything needs to be clean and “working”.
- Call Peter or Ineke for drop off/pick up. (604-465-3392)
- We need volunteers for 2 hr shifts on Aug 17.
- Assistance required for set up, pricing, sales and break down.
- All remaining leftover items will be donated to the Ridge Meadows Hospice Thrift Store
- 100% of proceeds to Rotary projects.