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AUGUST IS MEMBERSHIP & NEW CLUB DEVELOPMENT MONTH

Today (Aug 20): Dr. Matthew Biju - His new book
Next Week (Aug 27): District 5050 Governor Brad Whittaker

CALENDAR OF CLUB EVENTS:

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

SATURDAY AUGUST 17TH GARAGE SALE

Thank You to members and non members who donated items for the Garage Sale.....of course we wouldn't be able to have our annual Rotary Garage Sale, if it wasn't for YOU!

So, THANK YOU for your generosity.

Everything we didn't sell went to the Ridge Meadows Hospice Society Thrift Store.....and they too say THANK YOU also ☺



We were extreme lucky with the weather; even though the forecast called for afternoon rain, we kept it dry and all vendors, including the Rotary booth saw many "treasure hunters" (we clicked approx. 1200 visitors total to the Car Boot Sale!)

We didn't have many "BIG ticket items", so our sales didn't add up to a lot, but those of us volunteering at the booth had a good time. It does create an opportunity to talk to the community about Rotary and the Starfish Project (all proceeds are allocated to the MR/PM Starfish Backpack Project)

We cleared \$202.⁰⁰, which is pretty amazing with just generally \$1 - \$5 items!

Thanks SOOOOO much for the volunteers helping with setting up, pricing, manning the booth: Lynda Lawrence, Sharon Kyle, Laurie Anderson, Peter and Ineke Boekhorst!

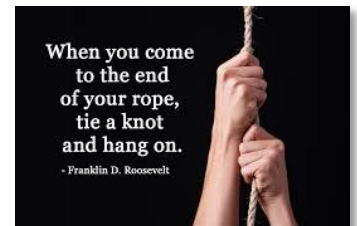
Let's do it again next year,

Kind Regards
Ineke Boekhorst

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

President Elect **Urma Mollema** presided.

Today's quote:



Cheque presentation (to our club and not by our club):



The **Maple Ridge Community Foundation** presented our club in support of the **Starfish Pack Program** a cheque in the amount of **\$2,650** which is enough to purchase five backpacks. Presenting the cheque to us were Community Foundation Secretary Ernie Daykin, along with three other persons from the Foundation (including Angela Dundas and Kate Campbell).

Ineke stated that last year 117 backpacks were given out to students in 12 different schools in Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows.

Did you know? *Maple Ridge Community Foundation (MRCF) manages a permanent endowment in order to respond to emerging and changing community needs today and in the future. This allows us to be able to provide a vehicle and service for donors with varied interests and at various levels of charitable giving. MRCF accumulates capital through gifts from individuals, families, and businesses. The annual investment income on this capital is granted to charitable organizations in Maple Ridge that address needs in education, health, recreation, the environment and the arts. Since its inception, Maple Ridge Community Foundation has contributed tens of thousands of dollars in grants back to local non-profit organizations. In 2016, MRCF celebrated 40 years of service.*

Guests:

Bernard Bezuidenhout (welcome again, Bernard)

Ineke Boekhorst reported to the club on the Duck Race which was held on Sunday, August 11, 2019. The duck race raised \$84,000 which exceeded the previous year. (The best year was \$89,000 which was raised in the third year of the event). Despite the downpour of rain, everyone had fun and the kids and the ducks didn't seem to mind. All five winners this year were from Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows. The winner of the car was Jody Makela, a parent who was responsible for selling many tickets for the Haney Neptune Swim Club (in all, that club sold \$10,000 worth of tickets). Ineke gave special thanks to **Brenda Jenkins** who did an amazing job in finding volunteers, looking after the tickets (both at the event and also at the home of Bonnie and Ralph Telep when the stickers were placed on the ducks), among many other things.

Happy and Sad Dollars:

Patrick O'Brien has apparently been kissing the Blarney Stone, as he claimed that he and Matt Debruyne (who were managing the parking lot at the Duck Race) thought they would have some fun by asking people to produce the driver's license, and that Matt even went so far as the patting down the drivers before their cars were released. Matt Debruyne had no comment about this yarn.

Lynda Lawrence was happy that her father has been released from hospital.

Eric and Urma Mollema are going on holidays for two weeks, all the way to Barcelona where they will meet their son for a family get together.

Sharon Kyle's grandson Jared Kyle sailed down the river in a Duck suit, which **Patrick Dobbyn's** two young daughters (who attended the Duck Race) thought that was great fun, and both said that they wanted to volunteer to help out at the event next year.



Ineke and Peter Boekhorst said that all three of their children and five of their grandchildren were at the Duck Race, making it a real family event.

Matt Debruyne may have avoided getting wet at the Duck Race, but on the way out for the evening with his wife Lynda he made up for it, because, having got dressed up for the evening, he pulled a tent that was still filled with water out of the back of his pickup truck, and doused himself with water resulting in a change of clothes.

Program: a video of a talk by Paul K. Chappell

As our speaker gave notice at the last minute that she was unable to attend our meeting, we watched a thought-provoking video of a talk by Paul K. Chappell that had been presented at a Rotary Conference. Paul is the son of a Korean mother and a half African American and half Caucasian father whose thirty years of military service included combat duty in Korea and Vietnam. Following in his father's military footsteps, Chappell graduated from West Point in 2002 and served as a captain in Iraq. He shows why people need to be as well trained in waging peace as soldiers are in waging war. He is an international peace educator who serves as the Peace Leadership Director of the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation.



Paul Chappell describes three simple myths of war 1) Humans are naturally violent ("war is in our genes" or "war is natural"), 2) war is inevitable, and 3) war makes us safe. The last of these, "war makes us safe" is often used as a rationale and premise for engaging in violent conflict. His videos can be found on [YouTube](#).



Submitted by Laurie Anderson