

Meetings: Tuesday 12 Noon, Bella Vita Restaurant

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AUGUST IS MEMBERSHIP & NEW CLUB DEVELOPMENT MONTH

Today (Aug 27): District Governor Brad Whittaker

Next Week (Sep 3): Karen McDiarmid, from the Vancouver Yaletown Club - the [TechAbility Project](#)

Happy Birthday	Happy Anniversary
	Aug. 28: Patrick O'Brien & Stefanie Jeanneret
	Sep. 2: Debbie & Fraser MacRae

CALENDAR OF CLUB EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Sep. 6-8		Rotary Camping Weekend	Fort Camping - (9451 Glover Rd, Fort Langley)

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

President **Adrienne Dale** presided.

Guests:

- Doctor Biju Matthew**, guest speaker.
- Bonnie Telep**, from the Haney Rotary Club.
- Irene Baxter**, a guest to has attended on previous occasions.
- Lindsay Willis**, executive director of the Hospice Society.
- Cole Scott**, invited by Lynda Lawrence and who helped at the Duck Race.
- Ron Antalek**, chairperson of the Ridge Meadows Hospital Foundation board.

Cheque presentation:

The club presented a cheque in the amount of **\$500** to **Lindsay Willis** in support of the **Hospice's Oktoberfest**. Lindsay advised that Oktoberfest has now been held for 10 years, and is becoming one of the largest fund-raising events for the Society, with approximate 220 people attending last year.

As an example of what our donation allows Hospice to do, Lindsay gave the recent example of a preschool teacher who died, and hospice was called to talk to the 3 to 5 year-old children about the fact that the teacher had died.



Adrienne also advised that our club received **\$2,830** in support of the **Starfish Pack Program**, from **Erin Jacob and Sandi Temple**, **donated by the Centered Within Yoga Community.**



Their web-site says: *Centered Within Yoga is a place for people of all ages and backgrounds to come together and join in a community of wellness, acceptance, and support. We offer a variety of yoga programs suited to meet the needs of any students, regardless of their yoga experience, physical abilities, or injuries. Through the correct principles of alignment, breath control, asana (postures), and relaxation techniques, we endeavour to help our students achieve a state of complete balance and union of mind, body and spirit. We offer special therapeutic programs with highly trained instructors that help injured students learn to heal from a wide variety impairments in a natural, drug free way. Our methods are gentle, patient, and highly effective. (They are located at #5 - 20306 Dewdney Trunk Rd., Maple Ridge, BC V2X 3E2)*

Happy and Sad dollars:

Betty Levens is off on a cruise ship to Alaska.

Libby Nelson was impressed while driving on highway 101. No, we do not mean forced recruitment by a press gang. Rather, she ran out of gas on the freeway and the highways department or highway police helped her out by stopping and giving her some petrol to get her home. She was impressed.

Patrick Dobbyn supported the Port Moody club by going to their Rib Fest.

Guest **Cole Scott** was happy that his girlfriend got a job that she really liked at the Hansel and Gretel Bakery (situated at 22775 Dewdney Trunk Road).

Brian Bekar was happy because of the successful Duck Race, but happy also that it was over for another year (Brian had spent many, many hours getting all the ducks in order, ready for the race down the River).

Patrick O'Brien is getting a new addition to their family, which already includes five horses. Stephanie is off to Vernon to pick up a "new puppy" (yes, that is a redundancy!).

Program: Dr. Biju Mathew – "Super 30"



About our Speaker: Dr. Biju Mathew of Maple Ridge became interested in psychiatry as a student in a Mumbai hospital. He pursued that career, and arrived in Canada in 1989 and has been in Maple Ridge for 20 years. Dr. Mathew was honoured this year as one of 25 recipients of this year's B.C. Achievement Community Awards, issued by the B.C. Achievement Foundation which is an independent foundation established and endowed by the

province to celebrate excellence in the arts, humanities, enterprise and community service. Dr. Mathew was also the 2018 citizen of the year, issued by the Maple Ridge Community Foundation. Dr. Mathew is president of the B.C. Psychiatric Association, has served with the Ridge Meadows Hospital Foundation, helped turn Maple Ridge's Youth Wellness Centre – now "Foundry" – from dream to reality, and is president of the Ridge Meadows South Asian Cultural Society.

In 2011, Dr. Mathew read an article in the Globe and Mail about Anand Kumar, a remarkable mathematician, and invited him to come to Canada to speak to the Ridge Meadows South Asian Cultural Society. Although Biju had never written a book in his life, this led to writing a book about Anand which now has been made into a movie called "Super 30", which will have a special showing on September 30 at the ACT as a fundraiser benefiting Ridge



Meadows Hospital Foundation and Maple Ridge Pitt Meadows Arts Council/the ACT Arts Centre in support of education, programs, and opportunities for youth in our community. The film is based on the life of mathematician Anand Kumar and the students of his educational program, Super 30. All proceeds which Dr. Mathew has and will make from the book and the movie will be given the Super 30 School. The book has now been sold in 73 countries.

A synopsis of the movie: *Son of a postman, a young Anand Kumar clinched an admission at the Cambridge University owing to his brilliance in mathematics. But when he has to let go of this opportunity of a lifetime solely because of being unable to afford the fees, life hits him hard and breaks his spirit. But that doesn't last for too long, since he becomes a maths teacher for affluent students at an IIT coaching centre, run by him.*

But soon, his true calling and passion catches up with him and he realizes that he must use his skills to give lesser privileged, bright students a fair chance at life, especially the young Dalit, or "Untouchables". Each year, Kumar invites – free of cost – 30 educationally bright yet underprivileged students into his coaching program, giving them a shot at the prestigious, highly competitive, and daunting entry exam for the Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) and the chance to transform their lives.



'Super 30' drives home the message that education is truly the privilege of those who have the access and economic resources. Unfortunately, for many it remains a distant dream, but if given the same opportunities they have it in them to shine equally bright.

Dr. Mathew said: *"In psychiatry we see hardships in childhood and adolescence leading to significant psychiatric modalities". "Teachers are nation builders".*

A number of Rotarians are going to see the movie at the ACT. The ticket includes (at 6:30 pm) a reception featuring delicious Indian appetizers, an onstage interview with Anand and Pranv Kumar and Dr. Mathew led by Lisa Craik (of the News) and (at 7:30 pm) the filming of the 2hr. 42 minute movie.



Submitted by Laurie Anderson