

Meetings: Tuesday 12 Noon, Bella Vita Restaurant

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SEPTEMBER IS BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY MONTH

Today (Sep 10): Induction of new member Bernard Bezuidenhout
Next Week (Sep 17): Club Assembly

Happy Birthday	Happy Anniversary

CALENDAR OF CLUB EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Sep. 6 - 8		Rotary Camping Weekend	Fort Camping - (9451 Glover Rd, Fort Langley)
Oct. 2	6:00 pm	Rotary Duck Race cheque presentarion	Meadow Gardens Golf Club, Pitt Meadows

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Past president Clint opened the meeting. Sharon Kyle led the anthem and Patrick O'Brien gave the invocation.

Guests today were Bernard Bezuidenhout and Michelle Cherak. Bernard is the star of the week – see below.

Cheque presentations:



Michelle Cherak of PLEA received \$1,000 to support the "Putting on the Glitz" program for high school grads who can't afford the pictures, makeup, haircuts, or the clothes to feel comfortable at the ceremony, festivities etc.

The group collects donated clothes and accessories for the kids who are referred by the schools. They organize professional stylists, makeup artists along with fitters, seamstresses and photographers. They can keep the clothes or return them for the next group of grads the following years. They helped make grad memorable for 50 students in 2019.

Announcements:

Ineke is looking for volunteers for the Thanksgiving Food Drive. In this program, we leave bags and a food drive explanation letter on homes' doors between September 17 and 19 and then collect the food bags the 21st.

The starfish backpack program is unfortunately exhausting the volunteer workers. Bernard has volunteered to pick up the food each week and deliver to the Barnett Church.

This is a huge commitment which makes him an honorary member of the Phylum Echinodermata and the star(fish) of the meeting.



Also needed are packers for the back packs on Thursdays.

This is the last year that the dictionaries will be handed out to the Grade 4 students. Join the group visiting schools between Oct 2 and 12.

International Committee meeting, Tuesday Sep. 10.

The annual camping weekend in Fort Langley is this coming weekend Sep. 6-8. Saturday night is the big shindig BBQ.

Happy and Sad:



Sharon Kyle is off to Bralorne for a family reunion. It is close to Lillooet and was an important employer (mining) in BC's history, particularly important during the Great Depression.

Mike Davies had two leaks in his travel trailer that kind of cancelled each other out. A tap was left on inside the trailer, but fortunately found an escape hole. He did get to spend a day on his back under the trailer removing insulation etc.

Fines:

Libby was in a fining mood. Those who have not paid their dues and those who haven't been to any beaches are lighter in the pocket.

Speaker: **Karen McDermid** –Getting people with disabilities (PWD) into the workforce



Karen is a Maple Ridge resident and a past president of the Yaletown Rotary club. She is working for the ASTTBC which is the regulator/advocacy group for the technical service workers of BC. They are facing labour shortages as the economy grows whilst losing members to retirement. Since 1/7 of Canadians are listed as disabled, they are reaching out through research and training to attract this group to technical jobs.

For most, the abilities far outweigh the disability and many are ready and able to work, but need some help connecting with the jobs that are unfilled.



The Tech Ability Project:

Karen runs week long training workshops for PWD and then has them job shadow technicians to see where they could fit in. Several PWD have found work this way. Karen is looking for more PWDs for the next session as well as industry speakers and employers to provide the job shadowing.

The program is for participants anywhere in the lower mainland. A compass card and a gift card to Marks (for boots) are included in this free program.

In closing:

The customary Irish Blessing and a Toast to the Queen.

Submitted by Patrick O'Brien

ROTARY CAMPING WEEKEND – SEP. 6-8

Thank You Adrienne for organizing another wonderful Rotary Camping weekend at Fort Camping in Fort Langley!



We all had a wonderful time and the weather was amazing!

Quite the rainstorm Saturday night, but rain, thunder & lightning didn't start until about 11 pm and didn't bother any of us.

Thanks Clint for bringing the outdoor games, they were so awesome and EVERYBODY was able to participate; we really had the "family of Rotary" playing together!



Everybody brought so many delicious appetizers Saturday night, we almost didn't need all the fantastic dinner and dessert dishes others prepared to share.....thanks so much everyone.

Thank You Warren, who as usual prepared the breakfast on his amazing little bbq Sunday morning.



From beginning to end a very successful fellowship event.....all those who weren't there.....we hope you can join us next year!

Submitted by Ineke Boekhorst