

Meetings: Tuesday 12 Noon, Bella Vita Restaurant

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OCTOBER IS ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MONTH

Today (Oct 8): **Debi Pearce** - Her organ donation
Next Week (Oct 15): **Rose Hamilton** - SOS Children's Village BC

CALENDAR OF CLUB EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Oct. 24		World Polio Day	
Nov. 15	5:30 pm – 10:00 pm	District Foundation Dinner in Abbotsford	Quality Hotel - 36035 N Parallel Road, Abbotsford
Dec. 13		Club Christmas Party @ Patrick O'Brien's Home	10328 276 St. Maple Ridge
Apr. 30-May 3		District Conference in Harrison Hot Springs	Harrison Resort
June 6-10		RI International Convention in Honolulu	

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

President **Adrienne Dale** presided.

Cheque presentation by our Club:



Mike Davies presented a cheque in the amount of **\$1,000** to the Maple Ridge / Pitt Meadows Community Services Assoc. in support of their **Meals on Wheels** program. Accepting the cheque on behalf of the organization was **Joanne Leginus**, one of the long-time volunteers of Meals on Wheels.

Joanne stated that over 20,000 meals were served last year, and 35 more seniors have just been added to the program. There has been an increase of 3,000 more meals served compared with the previous year. Many meals are supplied to seniors at no cost for those who cannot afford them. Often the volunteers, who deliver the meals, are the only contact that the recipients have. The program could not operate without the groups of dedicated staff and volunteers who give of their time. The meals are prepared at the Seniors Centre (previously they were prepared at the hospital). The program operates on a budget \$80,000.

Note: our Club is planning a seniors Christmas dinner in conjunction with the Senior Centre, and one possible date will be December 11, 2019. Perhaps 150 to 200 seniors will be in attendance. Watch for further news on this event in the coming weeks.

Cheque presentation to our Club:



Gil Coté - representing the "Panorama Wise Guys"- presented our Club with a cheque in the amount of **\$400** to support the **Starfish Pack program**. This money was donated by a group of 'senior' guys who meet every Saturday morning at the Seniors Centre for breakfast and to listen to a speaker. Ineke Boekhorst spoke to them about the Back Pack program which resulted in their decision to make this donation. They are interested in learning about potential speakers on various topics, and invite members to let them know if they know of any person who may be interested in talking to them. Gil can be reached at 778-836-3017.

The illustrated dictionary program:

Matt DeBruyn reported on the great enthusiastic response of the grade 4 students, teachers and visiting school trustee to the receipt by the students of their dictionaries. Matt and his committee were considering dropping the program due to lack of funds, but the response was so heart-warming and enthusiastic that the committee is considering carrying on with the program again next year, and diverting some of the money from the bursary program to fund the purchase of the dictionaries. Those dedicated Rotarians who helped with the dictionary program were **Matt, Debbie MacRae, Lynda Lawrence, and Ineke Boekhorst**.

Here is a comment of one of the parents:

My 9 year old son who attends Alexander Robinson Elementary came home yesterday with a beautiful dictionary. I want to personally thank you for this wonderful gift to my son and many other grade 4 students in the school district. May it foster their love of reading. Kind regards, Andrea Brackenbury

And here is a comment of the students:



Happy and Sad:

Dave Rempel's wife **Sharon** had six pups, or at least her dog did.

Mike Davies said that his grade 4 grandchild was a happy recipient of one of the Club dictionaries at his school, and highly supports the program.

Ineke Boekhorst mentioned that while delivering Dictionaries at a school, she hopped into a grade-2 class to say hi to her grandson. His face told the story: "Oma, what are you doing here? The school is not out yet!"

Libby Nelson was impressed by the excellent "Blanket Exercise" which was presented at her church, and said that anyone who had an opportunity to see it would not be disappointed.



The **KAIROS Blanket Exercise** is a workshop that explores the nation-to-nation relationship between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples in Canada. Blankets arranged on the floor represent land and participants are invited to step into the roles of First Nations, Inuit and later Métis peoples.

Speaker: Korleen Carreras

- chairperson of School District #42 Board of School Trustees

Korleen has been a School Trustee since 2014, and recently took over as the chairperson from Mike Murray. She moved to Pitt Meadows in 2008. She advised that enrolment in schools in school district 42 is increasing by approximately 200 students per year.



Our Board consists of Trustees who are elected every four years at the same time as the mayor and city council for the two cities of Pitt Meadows and Maple Ridge. Our Trustees are: Korleen Carreras, Chairperson. Elaine Yamamoto, Vice Chairperson. Kim Dumore, and Trustees Mike Murray, Pascale Shaw, Kathleen Sullivan and Colette Trudeau. Korleen and Colette are from Pitt Meadows and the other five are from Maple Ridge.

Korleen gave us an overview of how the trustees fulfill their role and the various programs and initiatives sponsored by the school district.

The Maple Ridge Pitt Meadows school district has been selected to pilot a new integrated child and youth team to support the mental health of students. School District 42 was selected to launch the new team because of its measures already in place to help students including: a district-wide social and emotional learning framework; teaching mental health literacy at the high school level; establishing a program with a wellness and therapeutic skills focus; and working with community partners to support vulnerable youth.



Student Voice: More than 160 students representing every secondary and alternate school from the Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows School District attended the SD42 Student Voice forum at Swanest Bay Resort & Country Club on Jan. 31. Students were given the opportunity to give their feedback, as the school wants to hear from the views of the diverse student body.

Student Achievement: from the District Report:

Graduation rates continue to be an area of strength. Over the last 5 years, we have targeted this area for improvement. Our strategies have included creating a culture of care and focusing on the student rather than on the content area. We have created a variety of BAA courses, academies, and partnership programs to create choice, flexibility and relevancy for our students. We have simultaneously focused on keeping kids in school, which may ultimately decrease our grad rate. Graduation rates for students graduating from alternate programs have significantly improved over the past 5 years, though this area requires continued intervention and examination.

Korleen advised that student achievement in SD #42 is above the provincial average, especially in the aboriginal program.

President Dale's closing thought:



Submitted by Laurie Anderson

ROTARY DUCK RACE 2019 CHEQUE DISTRIBUTION

Wednesday October 2nd about 100 people gathered at Meadow Gardens Golf Course to celebrate the successful completion of the 9th annual, 2019 Rotary Duck Race.

Main focus of the event was to distribute the cheques to the participating organizations.

This year 32 groups participated and a total of \$78,303 was distributed, reflecting 90% of the tickets each group sold +\$12,000 for Kidsport.

10% of each ticket is directly allocated to KidSport, which is MR Chrysler's organization of choice. We commit every year to donate \$12,000 total of the ticket sale proceeds to KidSport, which in turn provides us with the Top Prize car donated by MR Chrysler

"Top seller" this year was the Haney Neptunes Swim Club, selling 1000 tickets for a total of \$10,000 and subsequently receiving a cheque for \$9,000! Well done Haney Neptunes!

Highest # of groups we've ever seen, total of 30 + 2 Rotary Clubs

Total tickets sold 8420, total sales \$ 84,200.00.

A very successful year for the Rotary Duck Race, a very successful year for all participating groups, serving Youth and Senior's organizations in Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows.

Thank You to all Rotarian and Non-Rotarian volunteers, Thank You to all sponsors and THANK YOU to all people buying a ticket.....we couldn't have done it without you.

Let's do it again next year, which will be our 10th Rotary Duck Race!

Submitted by:

Ineke Boekhorst

Co Chair Rotary Duck Race

Here are just a few pictures of the Rotary Duck Race 2019 Cheque Distribution. All the pictures are on [our website](#).



Adrienne Dale & Peter Tam -
Meadow Ridge, Haney Rotary
Presidents



Bonnie Telep - Rotary Duck Race Chair



Top Seller - Haney
Neptunes 1,000 tickets



Maple Ridge Concert Band