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NOVEMBER IS ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH

Today (Nov 5): **Patrick Dobbyn** - Mental Health for men
Next Week (Nov 12): **Bernard Bezuidenhout** – Who’s Who

Happy Birthday	Happy Anniversary
Oct. 29: Libby Nelson	

CALENDAR OF CLUB EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Nov. 15	5:30 pm – 10:00 pm	District Foundation Dinner in Abbotsford	Quality Hotel - 36035 N Parallel Road, Abbotsford
Dec 11		Our Rotary Club’s Seniors’ dinner	
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	

RI PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE



Rotary Day at the United Nations, which we celebrate each November, is an important reminder of the historic relationship between our organizations. But this year’s event is even more important than usual, because we are building up to the 75th anniversary of the signing of the UN Charter in June 2020.

You might ask, why celebrate this anniversary? For Rotary, it is entirely appropriate, because we played such a critical leadership role in the San Francisco Conference that formed the United Nations in 1945. Throughout World War II, Rotary published materials about the importance of forming such an organization to preserve world peace.

Not only did Rotary help influence the formation of the UN, but this magazine also played a leading part in communicating its ideals. Rotary educated members about plans to create the UN through numerous articles in *The Rotarian* and through a booklet titled *From Here On!* When the time came to write the UN charter, Rotary was one of 42 organizations the United States invited to serve as consultants to its delegation at the San Francisco Conference.

Each organization had seats for three representatives, so Rotary International’s 11 representatives served in rotation. The people officially representing Rotary included the general secretary, the current and several past presidents, and the editor of *The Rotarian*. In addition, Rotarians from Africa, Asia, Australia, Europe, and

North and South America served as members of or consultants to their own nations’ delegations.

We have a deep and lasting relationship with the UN that deserves to be celebrated and appreciated. To recognize this relationship, Rotary will host five special events between now and June: Rotary Day at the UN in New York on the 9th of this month; three presidential conferences next year in Santiago, Chile, in Paris, and in Rome; and a final celebration just before the Rotary International Convention in Honolulu.

The focus on the UN in the year ahead is not only about the past; it also lights a path to our future. There are so many parallels between the work we do through our areas of focus and the work of the UN Sustainable Development Goals. While those goals are indeed incredibly ambitious, they provide inspiration and direction – and are similar to many Rotary goals, which have proven to create lasting, positive change in our world. The goals can be achieved, but only if undertaken with the same long-term commitment and tenacity that Rotary understands so well. Alone, we cannot provide clean water for all, we cannot eliminate hunger, we cannot eradicate polio. But together with partners like the United Nations, of course we can.

Please consider attending one of our five UN celebrations. I look forward to sharing news of these special events with you throughout the year.

Mark Daniel Maloney
RI President 2019-20

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

President Adrienne Dale presided.

Guests:

- Kathleen Chappon, from Australia
- Chili Yalamanchili
- Mark Stewart, Executive Director, and Belinda Carlaw, Fundraising Coordinator, both of the Salvation Army, Ridge Meadows Ministry

Presidents Quip for the day:

"In our marriage counselling session, I told my wife the truth - that I was seeing a psychiatrist. She in turn told me the truth - that she was seeing a psychiatrist, a plumber and the bartender."

President Adrienne advised that **Sharon Kyle** has broken her femur but will be home from the hospital soon, but in a wheel chair for a while. Get well, Sharon!

Urma Mollema spoke to us about the formation of a new Morning Rotary Club, which will probably meet from 7:30 to 8:30 AM each week (on a day to be determined), probably at the Meadow Gardens Golf Club. The purpose of pursuing this is to increase the Rotary family within Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows, and not to take Rotary members from existing clubs. She advised that there were business persons and others in our communities who cannot, or do not wish to, meet it at noon or in the evenings and this would accommodate those individuals and increase Rotarian membership. She pointed out that Chilliwack has four clubs within its community, and two of those clubs have each well over 100 members.

Urma was scheduled to be the president of the Meadow Ridge Rotary Club next year, but she has withdrawn her name in order to work towards the establishment of the new morning club in Meadow Ridge. (Past President Clint Callison stated that if another person to replace Urma could not be found, he would consider taking on the position of president again; however Clint and the executive are inviting other club members to put their name forward.)

Happy and Sad:

Libby Nelson (with roots as an Aussie) was eating out with her daughter in a local restaurant, when they met our guest Kathleen from Australia, which led to Kathleen visiting our club today.

Matt Debruyn will be heading South for a month, but will be back to see us again in 30 days.

Ineke Boekhorst was very happy to see our Polio advertisement in the local News, and thanked those Rotarians who contributed to its cost (the News supported our club again by giving the ad to us for half-price).

President Adrienne together with Warren are delighted that South Africa is in the Rugby finals for the world cup, and are looking forward to great things from their favourite club. Condolences to Libby and Kathleen because the Aussies were out in the first round.

Brian Bekar has a happy and sad. The sad news is that the opening of their new Mark's store in Abbotsford (next to Costco near the Sumas border) will be postponed until January due to an error in the construction that had to be rectified. The good news is that

Brian can now go south and not have to worry about the grand opening.

The club received a nice card from the **Pitt River 4H Lamb and Swine Club**, thanking us for the opportunity for them to join in the Duck Race and raise money for their club.



Speaker: Mark Stewart: executive director of the Salvation Army, Ridge Meadows Ministry.

Mark warned us, upfront, that he will never be a Vancouver Canucks fan because, despite the distance, the Winnipeg Jets are still his favourite team (but we will all forgive him for that).

As we all now know, Mark took over his current job one and a half months ago, and since that time has got to know about our community and the challenges which it faces. He heard rumours about some antipathy towards the Salvation Army in Maple Ridge, and the allegation that the Salvation Army was the cause of the number of homeless in our community. However, he has got to meet many people who have a more positive attitude and he is looking forward to his job.

Mark reminded us how and why the Army was founded. *The Salvation Army began its work in London, England, in 1865 when William Booth, a minister, abandoned the conventional concept of a church and a pulpit and took his message of hope to the poor, the homeless, the hungry and the destitute on the streets . By 1867 The Salvation Army had developed into a ministry offering basic schooling, reading rooms, penny banks, soup kitchens and relief aid to the destitute.*

In Winnipeg, the Salvation Army housed up to 500 persons per night under Mark's leadership. Many people feel that we need to focus on housing people, but Mark says that one thing no one wants to talk about is poverty. People want to talk about vandalism and how to prevent this, but there is not much discussion about the fact that human trafficking is a widespread problem.

Mark also told us of the need for volunteers for the **Kettles Program**, and told us a little about how the program got started.

In 1891, Captain Joseph McFee wanted to help the vulnerable in San Francisco, especially during the Christmas season, but he didn't know where to get funding to do so. He remembered, during his earlier days in Liverpool, England, seeing a large kettle where passengers of boats that docked nearby were able to toss coins to help the poor. Captain McFee placed a similar pot at the Oakland Ferry Landing, and encouraged the public to "Keep the Pot Boiling." He collected enough to host a Christmas dinner for the poor.

Mark said that he and Belinda Carlaw will be manning the kettles this Christmas.

Cheque Presentation



Our club presented a cheque in the amount of \$500 to Mark and Belinda to pay for a table at the upcoming Dignity Breakfast to be held on Wednesday, 27 November, 2019 from 7:30 AM to 9:00 AM, at the South Bonson Community Centre, 10932 Barnston View Rd, Pitt Meadows. With this donation the club has purchased eight seats at the breakfast, and there are still two or three tickets available to further club members who wish to attend.

The Dignity Breakfast is an annual tradition in Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows for the last eight years. It is the flagship event of The Salvation Army Ridge Meadows Ministries. It draws over 120 attendees from Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows' influential corporate community to hear the story of The Salvation Army, to provide an overview of the year, and raise funds to support vulnerable individuals and families in our communities. At the event, you will be treated to a wonderful breakfast, listen to poetry presentations from students of Thomas Haney Secondary School, be inspired by a HOPE story, challenged by our keynote speaker, and encouraged with the highlights of what The Salvation Army Ridge Meadows Ministries have accomplished the past year. Our keynote speaker is Angus Reid, BC Lions alumni, professional speaker, and author of the book "Thank You Coach".

Another Irish Blessing from our president:

*May you always
have walls for the
winds,
a roof for the rain,
tea beside the fire,
laughter to cheer
you, those you love
near you,
and all your heart
might desire.
~Irish Blessing*

Submitted by Laurie Anderson