

Meetings: Tuesday 12 Noon, Bella Vita Restaurant

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## NOVEMBER IS ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH

**Today** (Nov 19): Induction of **SriKrishna (Chili) Yalamanchili**;  
**Cheryl Ashlie** - Alouette River Management Society  
**Next Week** (Nov 26): **Stephani Baker** - Habitat for Humanity

Happy Birthday	Happy Anniversary
Nov 22: Laurie Anderson	
Nov 23: Lynda Lawrence	

### CALENDAR OF CLUB EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Dec. 4	10 am – 4 pm	Christmas Plant sale for Starfish Pack Program	RM Hospital – Main Entrance
Dec. 11		Our Rotary Club's Seniors' dinner	
Dec. 13		Club Christmas Party @ Patrick O'Brien's Home	<a href="#">10328 276 St. Maple Ridge</a>
Apr. 30-May 3		District Conference in Harrison Hot Springs	<a href="#">Harrison Resort</a>
June 6-10		RI International Convention in Honolulu	

### LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Guests:

- Rick Carruthers**, past president of our club
- Belinda Carlaw**, with this Salvation Army
- Chili Yalamanchili**, soon-to-be member
- Chelsea Scantland**, guest of Mark Forster

President Adrienne Dale's  
Quip of the Week:

**Be decisive.  
Right or wrong,  
make a decision.  
The road of life  
is paved with  
flat squirrels  
who couldn't  
make a decision.**

Happy and Sad dollars:

- Ineke Boekhorst:** happy for a good turnout at Memorial Day on November 11.
- Libby Nelson:** enjoyed (?) some snow in Nova Scotia.
- Rick Carruthers:** happy to be back visiting the club.
- Belinda Carlaw:** had to be out of her house for seven hours; the recent "lockdown" of a house by the RCMP was only two houses away from her abode.
- Lynda Lawrence:** happy she had a chance to visit her dad again.
- Eric Mollema:** happy to have been scuba diving in a crater in Utah.

### Program: Who is Bernard Bezuidenhout ?



He is not: Bazoodenhout, or Basutenoot, or Bezeenhewit, but rather Be-zui-den-hout.

That name was first found in Holland extending back to the 17th century. It is derived from the Dutch words "zuid" meaning "south", and "hout" meaning forest, which is the name of a neighbourhood southeast of Haagse Bos, The Hague in the Netherlands.

*[This is too bad, because if it had been in a neighbourhood to the northwest of Haagse Bos, we could then have called him Benoordenhout – which would have been easier to pronounce!]*

The neighbourhood of Bezuidenhout was part of German occupied Europe during World War II, and was bombed by mistake by in the Royal Air Force in the bombing raid which killed 511 civilians. *[It is said that after that happened, the Dutch called the RAF the Royal Air Farce, but that is another story.]*

The Dutch settled in South Africa as early as 1652, and sometime between that date and 1973 (when Bernard was born) Bernard's family found themselves living in a small town called East London in the Oosten part the Kaap in Zuid-Afrika. *[Bernard's parents probably thought that if they lived in a town called "East London" it would be less likely to be attacked by the British].*



It's a small world after all, because it just so happens that our president Adrienne Dale also spent part of her youth in the same town; and although they never crossed paths in East London, they now find themselves both in the same Rotary Club in the same town of Maple Ridge, both 16,433 km away (and 23 hours of flight time) from their home town near the Cape of Good Hope.

**Bernard** said that life on the Cape included beautiful beaches and 20<sup>0+</sup> weather for most of the year. Though Bernard managed to survive riding the surf, survival on land was harder - and a priority for everyday life in South Africa was to avoid the chance of getting mugged. So he took some self defence classes and also joined [OK – was conscripted into] the military service in 1993. Military service must have suited him because he said that after he left the service then came the “best day of my life” when he [got conscripted a second time and] married his wife **Karin**. They now have a 19-year-old son named **Darren**.

In 1997 he took an electronics technician apprenticeship, and in 2000 built his first home - by himself.

His decision to move to Canada was influenced by the fact that crime was increasing in South and Africa and unemployment was high (in 2019 it was sitting at about 29%); or maybe it was because he wanted a change in the weather? – he moved to Calgary to be greeted with a temperature of -25<sup>0</sup>. He then came to his senses, and moved to British Columbia and is most pleased with his investment in our province. Here in BC he enjoys his safe and good life.

His wife Karin is a Senior Data Team Leader in the Clinical Research Industry, and Bernard is the owner of a successful Property Management business called **Buzz Property Management Ltd.**, serving a large scope of customers through to Langley and Coquitlam. He is a member of the **BB\***, **PEMAC\*\***, is the VP of the **WCA\*\*\***, and of course is now a valued member of the **MRRC\*\*\*\***. And by the way, they have a cat named **Nushka\*\*\*\*\* Tig\*\*\*\*\***.

- \* Better Business Bureau
- \*\* Plant Engineering and Maintenance Association of Canada
- \*\*\* Whonnock Community Association
- \*\*\*\* Meadow Ridge Rotary Club
- \*\*\*\*\* a Hindi name meaning “precious possession”.
- \*\*\*\*\* Tiger

Submitted by Laurie Anderson

## Christmas Plants for Starfish Backpacks!



The Meadow Ridge Rotary Club presents  
a Festive Christmas Fundraising Event,  
with 100% of PROCEEDS to the Starfish Program!  
Project details: [starfishpack.com](http://starfishpack.com)

What is the Starfish Pack Program? Every Thursday **volunteers** pack 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 2 dinners, snacks and 2 pieces of fruit into each backpack to assist hungry elementary school children in MR and PM over the week-end. The backpacks full of food are delivered every Thursday or Friday to each participating school throughout School District #42 during the school year.

### We are selling beautiful Christmas plants

**7" Farm Fresh Tin w. handles / with Christmas Plants**



\$25.<sup>00</sup> ea  
**\$23.<sup>00</sup> ea when buying 3 or more**

**4" Ceramic Chimney Pot / with Kalanchoe**



\$20.<sup>00</sup> ea  
**\$17.<sup>00</sup> ea when buying 3 or more**

(Christmas card and taxes included)  
P/U or Delivery last week of November or early December.

These fabulous plants, provided at cost by Maple Ridge Florist, come with a handmade Christmas card for easy gift giving ..... just sign your name on the card and you're done!



**Rotary**  
Club of Meadow Ridge

We will have a booth at the MAIN ENTRANCE of RM Hospital  
**Wednesday Dec. 4 (10 am – 4 pm) ONLY**  
or call Ineke 604-467-2420 for p/u or delivery in MR/PM early December

**100% of proceeds to Starfish program in MR and PM**

(Click on picture to enlarge)

**You can download the order form [here](#)  
or view it on the next page.**

# Christmas Plants for Starfish Backpack!

Meadow Ridge Rotary Club is presenting  
 their Annual Christmas Fundraising Project,  
 100% of PROFIT to MR/PM Starfish Pack Program!



Two different Christmas Plant options:

## “Farm Fresh” Tin with handles or Ceramic “Chimney” Pot.

Plants are provided at cost by Maple Ridge Florist and include a handmade Christmas card for easy gift giving!  
 Delivery: Tuesday Dec. 3 - Dec. 10, 2019



7" Farm Fresh Tin w. handles

**\$25.<sup>00</sup>** ea. - includes taxes & card  
**\$23.<sup>00</sup>** ea - when buying 3 or more.

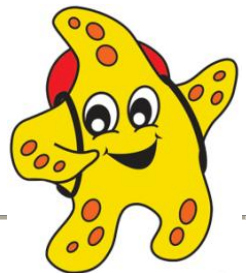


4" Ceramic Chimney pot / with Kalanchoe

**\$20.<sup>00</sup>** ea. - includes taxes & card  
**\$17.<sup>00</sup>** ea - when buying 3 or more.

(delivery available in MR/PM only)

**ALL funds raised for Rotary's Starfish Pack Program!**



Please, complete form, email to [iboekhorst@telus.net](mailto:iboekhorst@telus.net), /call 604-467-2420  
 (Print form or save it and fill out in Acrobat Reader),

Name: ..... Phone: .....

1 or 2 Farm Fresh Tins for \$25 ea. .... x \$25 Total: \$ .....

3+ Farm Fresh Tins for \$23 ea. .... x \$23 Total: \$ .....

1 or 2 Ceramic Chimney pots for \$20 ea. .... x \$20 Total: \$ .....

3+ Ceramic Chimney pots for \$17 ea. .... x \$17 Total: \$ .....

Cash  or Cheque  or Credit  Please pay: \$ .....

**Total number of plants:** ..... **Required by:** .....