



Meetings: Tuesday 12 Noon, Bella Vita Restaurant

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NOVEMBER IS ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH

Today (Nov 26): **Stephani Baker** - Habitat for Humanity

Next Week (Dec 3):

Happy Birthday	Happy Anniversary
	Nov 26: Matt & Lynda DeBruyn

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. 10	Noon – 1 pm	AGM - Meadow Ridge Rotary Club	Bella Vita Restaurant
Dec. 11		Our Rotary Club's Seniors' dinner	Fraserview Community Halls - 22610 116 Ave.
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	

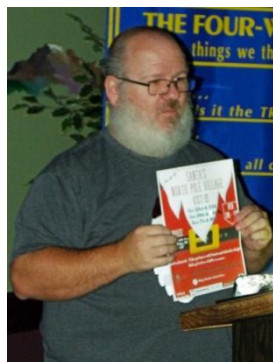
LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Adrienne Dale presided.

The start of our meeting was in the dark, because of a power outage, but despite the fact that our vision was limited except for our cell phone flashlights, we were all glad to see **Sharon Kyle** back (and not simply because she starts us out in the right key with the singing of O-Canada), albeit in a wheel chair manoeuvred by Sharon's spouse **Ron**.

Special guest: **Chinni Yalamanchili**, wife of new inductee SriKrishna Yalamanchili

Guest **Don Taylor** (who was previously a PAC leader at Eric Langton school) told us about "Santa's North Pole Village", a fundraiser put on by Don Taylor with the proceeds being donated to the Chrysta Academy (situated at 11756 232 St, Maple Ridge), a private Maple Ridge school geared towards children with autism and other special needs. Fundraising event is held at Mr. Taylor's home at 22395 124th Ave, in Maple Ridge, where parents and grandparents can bring their children and grandchildren to get their pictures taken with Santa and sit in his sleigh (though not while it is airborne). Admission is by donation. It will be held November 23rd, 24th and 30th, and December 1st, 7th and 8th.



(Click picture to see the poster)

Presidents Quote for the Day:

"Success is knowing the difference between cornering people and getting people in your corner."

Ineke Boekhorst reported on our free Seniors' Christmas Dinner which will be held on December 11 at the Fraserview Community Hall which is located at 22610 116 Ave, Maple Ridge. The committee expects approximate 175 persons in attendance at this free Christmas dinner. Members are encouraged to donate for the purchase of the turkeys (the food will be cooked by the Salvation Army). We will give out gift bags to all attendees, so any club members who have items to fill the gift bags are asked to contact Ineke or Adrienne.

Our Nominations Committee (chaired by **Eric Mollema**) is looking for club members to volunteer as club directors and committee chairs all members, especially new members who have not held positions before, are encouraged to contact Eric.

Induction of new member: **SriKrishna P Yalamanchili**
(or just "Chili" for short)



Chili was proposed as a member by **Lynda Lawrence**. In her absence at today's meeting, Chili was introduced by **Brenda Jenkins**, and then **inducted into our club by President Adrienne Dale**

About our new member - Chili:

Chili was born in 1968 in the city by the name of Hyderabad in southern India. He completed his Bachelors in Engineering and in Electronics and Telecommunications, and moved to the United States in 1990 for higher studies. He received his Masters in Bio-Medical Engineering from the University of Texas in 1993/1994.

Chili has been involved with a couple of start up Tech companies in California until he immigrated to Canada in the year 2000. He started Innomage Canada Enterprises Inc. In 2001 which is a Software Development Company, developing various Internet imaging related products. Its flagship product is called ipMAGNET, catering to the US and European Patent Community.

*Chili married his love, **Chinni**, in 1997. They have two daughters, **Maya** who is 21 and studying Business Commerce at UBC Sauder, and **Miya** who is 16 and in grade 11. Chinni recently got back into the workforce after being a stay-at-home mom for the children. They purchase their home in Maple Ridge in 2004.*

After working for over 25 years in the Software Industry, Chili was looking for something else as a challenge. His self-employed discipline, time management and people/person skills led him to start a career in Real Estate. He has successfully completed the Real Estate Trading Services Licensing Course and is currently in the process of choosing a brokerage for the Practical Course.

Today's speaker: **Cheryl Ashlie** – President of The Alouette River Management Society

About Cheryl Ashley: Cheryl moved to Maple Ridge in 1995 and immediately immersed herself in community life. She was a trustee on the Board of Education for nine years, and served two terms on the Maple Ridge Council. Four years ago she was voted citizen of the year in Maple Ridge, she is a member of the Maple Ridge Education Foundation, as well been involved in numerous other community organizations and projects.



The **Alouette River Management Society (ARMS)** was formed as a society in 1993 (Rotarian **Gordon Robson** was a founding member).

The primary focus of ARMS at that time was to negotiate with BC Hydro an increase in the river's base flow from the Alouette Dam. This goal was achieved in 1996, when the base river flow release was increased by fivefold. Since 1996 ARMS has become involved in almost all aspects of watershed stewardship, including education, inventory and monitoring, habitat restoration and lobbying for the protection of aquatic habitat.



The focus of Cheryl's talk about ARMS was their continued efforts to restore salmon on the Alouette River and advocating for a fish ladder over the Alouette Dam. She also reviewed their current effort (by taking the City to Court) to block a real estate development in an environmentally sensitive watershed area adjacent to the Alouette River.

The ARMS website which contains the following information (here abbreviated):

The Alouette River Management Society (ARMS) is dedicated to proactively protecting and improving the Alouette Watershed and surrounding areas by creating a healthy environment connecting parks, trail systems, public centers and waterways..... ARMS offers environmental education programs including fieldtrips, classroom and habitat programs, and day camps.

The creation of the Alouette Dam in the late 1920's blocked downstream river flow other than tributary flows, or at times, gave the Alouette River roaring floods. This resulted in dramatic declines in the historic numbers of all five Pacific salmon species plus ocean-going steelhead.....and the extirpation of the Alouette sockeye salmon which needed the Alouette Lake for its traditional spawning grounds. By the 1960's pink salmon were another tragic species lost in the Alouette system.....In 2007, sockeye returned to the Alouette River, which was seen as a miracle, given that there hadn't been any reported returns since a couple of seasons after the Alouette dam was built. The sockeye which returned were tested by Fisheries and Oceans Canada for their DNA and these fish were determined to be genetically Alouette stock, or landlocked kokanee, which had left the Alouette system in the 2005 flood and returned as sockeye. There is now a mandated water release to allow kokanee out of the reservoir every year from April to June.... However, it is ironic for the adult sockeye returning home, as there is no way for them to get back to the lake to continue their life cycle and spawn.... any returning sockeye are sampled, trapped...and trucked by BC Corrections via a gravel road up to Alouette Reservoir and then released.....ARMS is currently advocating for a fish ladder over the Alouette Dam, reconnecting the river and lake since 1928.....

Fish passage over the Alouette Dam would not only be of huge benefit for out-migrating smolts and returning adults, it would open up more rearing and spawning habitat for other salmon species, correct a historical wrong with local First Nations who were never consulted when the Alouette dam was constructed, and be a great tourism draw to the Maple Ridge region.... Having a strong self-sustaining run of all six species of Pacific Salmon in the Alouette River and Alouette Reservoir would be a historical, ecological, social and economic win-win-win for Katzie First Nation, the City of Maple Ridge and the ratepayers of BC Hydro.



President's Closing wish for the day:



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

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	4" Ceramic Chimney Pot / with Kalanchoe
	
\$25.⁰⁰ ea \$23.⁰⁰ ea when buying 3 or more	\$20.⁰⁰ ea \$17.⁰⁰ 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

\$25.⁰⁰ ea. - includes taxes & card
\$23.⁰⁰ ea - **when buying 3 or more.**

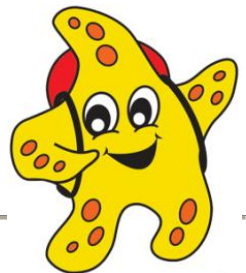


4" Ceramic Chimney pot / with Kalanchoe

\$20.⁰⁰ ea. - includes taxes & card
\$17.⁰⁰ 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, /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:**