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DECEMBER IS DISEASE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT MONTH

Today (Dec 24 and 31): No meeting

Next Week Jan 7:

Happy Birthday	Happy Anniversary
Dec. 27: Patrick Dobbyn	Jan. 4: Sharon Kyle & Ron Langley

CALENDAR OF CLUB EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Apr. 30-May 3		District Conference in Harrison Hot Springs	Harrison Resort
June 6-10		RI International Convention in Honolulu	

RI PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



People from all over the world have multiple reasons for joining Rotary. Many new Rotarians each year join for the same reason I did — because Rotary is a great way to benefit your career. When I was a new attorney starting out in Alabama, Gay and I became partners in her father's firm. He instilled in us the value of joining Rotary as a way to build relationships and demonstrate to potential clients that we

were serious professionals who held firm to values even more robust than what our profession required.

Rotary's commitment to vocational service is built on the highest ethical standards in business and professions, the recognition of the worthiness of all useful work, and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society. That last point is so important. No matter our profession, we all contribute mightily to the world when we conduct our work with integrity and always adhere to The Four-Way Test.

I have made balancing the demands of Rotary with professional and family commitments one of my priorities as president. No Rotarian should feel pressured to put in more time than a volunteer position should ever demand. This is true for several reasons, one of them being that the work we do in our day jobs is just as important to Rotary as the work we do in the organization. We carry our Rotary values everywhere, and our professional success helps build a case for Rotary every day we go into the office.

This is particularly important in our efforts to reach younger new members. We want to see a Rotary where no one is ever asked to choose between being a good Rotarian and being a good parent, business owner, manager, or employee. When we ask busy young people to join us, we should not be asking them to give up their time and freedom. We should be rewarding them with an experience that makes everything they already do even more inspiring.

Providing greater balance within Rotary will have another benefit as well: It will create opportunities for other Rotarians, including Rotaractors, to step up and take a leadership role on projects and committees. This will ensure that they remain engaged in our clubs and inspired to be Rotarians for life.

Throughout the world, Rotary is admired for its vocational service and for the time-honoured values we instill in all business relationships. As we continue our work to grow Rotary, let us remember that vocational service remains a crucial selling point to potential members.

Rotary Connects the World, and by making Rotary's vocational service work known to people in more professions and at different stages of their careers, we will help grow our organization and make it stronger and more diverse.

Mark Daniel Maloney
President 2019-20

LAST WEEK'S MEETING – DEC 17, 2019

President Adrienne Dale presided over the last meeting of 2019.

Special Guests: **Belinda Carlaw**
Ron Langley

President's Christmas wish:

**DEAR SANTA,
ALL I WANT
IS A FAT
BANK ACCOUNT
& A SKINNY BODY
PLEASE DON'T
MIX IT UP AGAIN
LIKE YOU DID
LAST YEAR**

Extra Special Guests from Meadowridge School (located at 12224 240th Street, Maple Ridge):

Angela Pallister, PYP Teacher-Librarian at Meadowridge School introduced our special guest, three grade 4 students. (PYP stands for Primary Years Programme. The International Baccalaureate PYP is an educational programme managed by the International Baccalaureate for students aged 3 to 12).



With funds raised by the Scholastic Book Fair and the Grade 4 Fantastic Fabulous Fundraising Fun Fair, Meadowridge was able to sponsor three Starfish Backpacks for children in our local community! Grade 4 students **Dominik, Darsh, and Enrique** were selected to present the donation and share a bit about their story:

Enrique: *Good afternoon. We are grade 4 students from Meadowridge School. In grade 4 we have been learning about how others live and work. This helps us to reflect on our rights and responsibilities. We have been learning about different organizations that help people who are not as fortunate.*

Dominik: *At school we spent some time researching about influential people who have helped make sure others are receiving their rights. I researched about Bill Gates. He created the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. I think he is important because his donations helped to support school and education for children who needed it. If you have that much money, it's important to share with others.*

Darsh: *We have been learning about the different types of action that we as kids can do. We can donate money, food and supplies. We can also create awareness about different organizations. During the Scholastic Book Fair we helped by spreading the word about Starfish Backpacks. We told our family and students in the playground about Starfish Backpacks and that we were going to share our profits with them.*

Dominik: *We wanted to help Starfish Backpacks because we learned that there are kids in our community who are hungry. We felt that this is wrong because we have food and energy and it doesn't feel right... The world should be even. We also wanted to give new books to put in the backpacks because parents with less money they spend their money only on food. We believe that it's the right of a child to have food and education.*

Enrique: *We were able to pull 120 new books off the Book Fair Shelves and raised over \$1,000.*

Darsh: *Last week, the grade 4s put on a Fund Fair called F6 which stands for - Grade 4 Fantastic Fabulous Fundraising Fund Fair! We share the profits with three organizations – Starfish Backpack Program, Child Haven and the local Food Bank. We are happy to add our donation today by \$575 for a grand total of \$1732.25.*

Enrique: *Thank you for inviting us to your meeting today. We hope you reach your goals of helping other people. We hope to continue sponsoring backpacks with your club and we promise to keep taking action to help others.
Mary Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and Happy New Year !!*

Happy and Sad:

Dave Rempel, “happy that Laurie is still my friend”.

Lib Nelson, “back from Disneyland with her grandchild(ren)”

Walter Volpatti, “is going to Trail to visit his mother”

Lynda Lawrence, “happy about the great success of the Canadian Pacific Railway Christmas train from which the Friends in Need Food Bank receives \$7,000 from CPR and \$16,000 raised by the firefighters”

Matt DeBruyn “someone [who will not be named] stole my chair I was sitting on!!”

Ineke Boekhorst, “the CPR Christmas also train stopped in Pitt Meadows and raised \$10,411 for the Food Bank. Also, Peter and I will have our entire family at our home for Christmas”.

Adrienne presented our server/waitress, **Linda**, with a gift from our club; and thanked Linda for her friendly service and attention to our individual needs and preferences throughout the year.



Gift Exchange:

Following lunch, we had a fun and anonymous gift exchange, which involved a lot of members stealing the gifts that others had originally chosen. At the end, everyone chose a number out of a bowl, and the lucky person who was left picking the last number out of the bowl (the last thief standing) was able to pilfer whatever present he wanted from anyone in the room.

In closing, President Adrienne's Irish blessing for Christmas, as follows:

*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.*

Submitted by Laurie Anderson