



Meetings: Tuesday 12 Noon, Bella Vita Restaurant

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JANUARY IS VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH

Today Jan 14: Jesse Sidhu - Youth Empowerment

Next Week Jan 21: Bill Dingwall - Mayor of Pitt Meadows

Happy Birthday	Happy Anniversary
Jan. 13: Matt DeBruyn	
Jan. 20: Betty Levens, Urma Mollema	

CALENDAR OF CLUB EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Feb. 5		Visioning Session	
Apr. 30-May 3		District Conference in Harrison Hot Springs	Harrison Resort
June 6-10		RI International Convention in Honolulu	

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Clint Callison presided at today's meeting.

Guests: Ron Langley and past member Jim Michals.

Quote for the day:



Discussion regarding the Duck Race:

Walter Volpatti advised that the application for the gaming licence has not been sent in for the 2020 Duck Race because a final decision regarding the first prize car has not been made. It appears that Maple Ridge Chrysler may not be putting the car up this year. Maple Ridge Volkswagen will provide a vehicle worth between \$29,000 and \$30,000 providing that the club pay \$20,000 for it.

A condition of the car being donated by Maple Ridge Chrysler was that part of the proceeds goes to KidSport, but if Maple Ridge Chrysler is not donating the car this year, the money which would otherwise go to KidSport would be available to purchase a vehicle if that was the club's desire.

A majority of club members felt that a cash prize of \$15,000 would probably be more appealing than a car, because in the past the winners of the car usually went back to the dealer and negotiated for a cash settlement instead (which apparently was usually less than the car value). However, the general consensus was that, as time has almost run out for us to get a gaming licence, club would proceed with purchasing the vehicle if it was necessary to do so.

Eric Mollema announced that there would be a **Visioning Session on Wednesday, February 5, 2020**. Club Vision Facilitation is a three to four hour evening session (typically 5:00 PM – 9:00) that assists club leaders and interested members of a Rotary Club in achieving continuity, consistency and consensus with regards to how they view the future of their club. During this session, the club members attending will be guided through a process in which they will identify what they envision their club to look like in five years, the milestones that need to be reached to achieve this vision, and establishing a plan to present this information at a Club Assembly.

Patrick Dobbyn has undertaken the task of lining up speakers for our club meetings. Thank you, Patrick.

Today's speaker is **Cornelius Temple**, and his topic is **KidSport**.



Cornelius has lived in Maple Ridge for approximately 15 years and was a local baseball coach when he learned about Kids Sport. He was very impressed with this organization. Currently President of Ridge Meadows Minor Baseball Association, Cornelius joined KidSport Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows Board in 2010. He believes that by dedicating time to KidSport and working together, all kids will have the opportunity to participate in sports.

About KidSport: *The KidSport concept was launched in 1993 by board and staff at Sport BC as a way to help address the challenges faced by many families when registering their children in organized sport. From a modest start in that first year, issuing \$35,000 in grants, KidSport has grown exponentially across the country and has become a truly national entity with 11 provincial/territorial chapters and over 180 community based chapters. Its mission is to remove the financial barriers that prevent some children from playing organized sport! KidSport believes that every child should have the opportunity to experience the joys of a season of sport. Abundant research exists that proves sport participation enhances academic performance, improves health and develops valuable life skills in the areas of teamwork, socialization, goal setting and time management.*

KidSport Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows has partnered with **Operation Red Nose**. Its directors voted unanimously to become the local Operation Red Nose Host Committee after being approached by Operation Red Nose volunteers. KidSport will provide administrative assistance, work closely with the local volunteer committee and recruit local businesses and organizations to get involved and help provide support.

Cornelius said that nowadays approximately 50% of the applicants for assistance come from middle-class families. Even with a middle-class income, many families have substantial debt and don't have the money to register their kids in sports activities. In 2019, KidSport in Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows sponsored 149 events and gave out \$38,000 in grants.

In closing, an Irish blessing:



Submitted by Laurie Anderson