

Meetings: Tuesday 12 Noon, Bella Vita Restaurant

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FEBRUARY IS PEACE AND CONFLICT PREVENTION/RESOLUTION MONTH

Today Feb 11: Katherine Wagner & Ronda Eyben - Golden Ears Writers

Next Week Feb 18: Al Hogarth - Chamber of Commerce

Happy Birthday	Happy Anniversary

CALENDAR OF CLUB EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Mar. 28	6:00 pm	30 th Anniversary Celebration of our Club's Charter	Meadow Gardens Golf Club
Apr. 25	7:00 pm – 9:30 pm	Rotary Wine Festival	ValleyFair Mall, Maple Ridge
Apr. 30-May 3		District Conference in Harrison Hot Springs	Harrison Resort
June 6-10		RI International Convention in Honolulu	Hawaii Convention Center

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

President Adrienne Dale presided.

Guests:

Maureen Floris - from Youth Unlimited

Ron Langley - Rotary family member

President's Quote for the Day:



Cheque Presentation #1:

Community Services Committee Chairman **Mike Davies** presented a cheque in the amount of \$500 to **Maureen Floris**, on behalf of **Youth Unlimited**.



About Youth Unlimited:

In 2002, YFC Youth Unlimited opened its Maple Ridge division. A faith-based youth organization with a mandate to work in the public setting, Youth Unlimited Greater Vancouver runs many different programs including drop in centres, skate board clubs, teen mom programs, prevention and education, and many others that commit to seeing teens become whole.

Specifically focused on marginalized, vulnerable teens, Youth Unlimited walked into the Maple Ridge community knowing that the school system was a great way to engage these youth.



Dennis Hemminger, Maple Ridge Area Supervisor for Youth Unlimited, has been with the organization for 15 years. Youth Unlimited began outreach in the school system and one thing they heard time and again was that kids were coming to school hungry. They didn't have the means to obtain breakfast and sometimes wouldn't come to school because of this. In 2009 the program began with one school. With the help of the Maple Ridge Community Foundation and other supporters, it expanded to five schools in SD42. Youth Unlimited's mandate for this program is to feed hungry kids.

Maureen stated that 600 students are served meals every week.

Cheque Presentation #2:

President Adrienne, on behalf of **Centra Lawyers**, presented **Ineke Boekhorst** with a cheque in the amount of \$550 to pay for one backpack, to support the **Starfish Pack Program**.



President Adrienne and a number of club members congratulated **Brenda Jenkins** on been chosen as **Business Leader of the Year** by the Ridge Meadows Chamber of Commerce.

See all the winners at ridgemeadowchamber.com



Meadow Ridge Rotary 30th Anniversary Celebration:

Scott Payne is the chairperson of the committee to organize an anniversary dinner to celebrate the 30th anniversary of our Club's Charter. A dinner will be held at the Meadow Gardens Golf Club on **Saturday, March 28**, where current and past members and spouses and others will be invited. Mark this date on your calendars!

International Committee:

Ineke Boekhorst advised that Assistant Governor **Allan Stjernegaard**, of the Port Moody Club, will be going with his club to Belize for a hands-on international project from April 15-22, 2020. Club members are invited.

Rotaract:

Ineke also advised that the **Rotaract Club of the Fraser Valley** wishes us to connect with young people to join Rotaract, which meet every 1st & 3rd Thursday of each month at 6:45pm in the University of the Fraser Valley, 33844 King Road, Abbotsford, BC.



There are no Rotaract members from Maple Ridge or Pitt Meadows. Co-Presidents are **Brenna Hay & Phoenix MaLaren**. Phoenix has visited our club several times in the past and is a very active powerhouse. She attended a recent Rotary International Convention where she was recognized for her work in promoting Rotaract.

Submitted by Laurie Anderson