



Meetings: Tuesday 12 Noon, Bella Vita Restaurant

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## APRIL IS MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH MONTH

<a href="#">Happy Birthday</a>	<a href="#">Happy Anniversary</a>
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### CALENDAR OF CLUB EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Apr. 25	Cancelled	Rotary Wine Festival	ValleyFair Mall, Maple Ridge
Apr. 30-May 3	Cancelled	District Conference in Harrison Hot Springs	<a href="#">Harrison Resort</a>
June 6-10	Cancelled	RI International Convention in Honolulu	<a href="#">Hawaii Convention Center</a>

**Rotary meetings are cancelled commencing March 17, 2020, due to the Coronavirus.**

We will have a ZOOM meeting at our usual Rotary Luncheon time. You can connect on your computer or smart phone. It's set up as a reoccurring meeting, meaning there is a virtual meeting every Tuesday at 12 noon, until May 12 for now. [Here are the instructions!](#)

### RI PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



I spend a lot of time thinking of family, not just my own or the extended family of Rotary, but also the families we are helping in the communities we serve. In many parts of the world, mothers and children face challenges to survive that most of us will never comprehend. According to the World Health Organization, the risk of a woman in a low-income country

dying during pregnancy or childbirth, or from related causes, is about 120 times higher than that of a woman living in a high-income country. It is encouraging that infant mortality rates are declining globally, yet 4 million babies annually still die within the first year of life.

In April, Rotary turns its attention to maternal and child health. And when we think of what we can do to help, we can look to clubs like the Rotaract Club of Calabar South-CB, Nigeria, for inspiration. It teamed up with the Rotaract Club of Canaan City (CB) in a program focused on educating mothers on best practices to prevent infant mortality and promote postnatal health for themselves and their babies. In Bangladesh, the Rotary Club of Dhaka North provides free surgeries and medicine to pregnant women who cannot afford the hospital costs associated with giving birth. I encourage you and your club to go to [ideas.rotary.org](http://ideas.rotary.org) to find projects like these that are helping to save mothers and children.

We also have witnessed how millions of people — families and entire communities — have been ripped away from their homes because of conflict, poverty, and disasters during the past decade. But Rotary has not stood idly by during the global refugee crisis.

During Rotary Day at the United Nations last November, we honoured a Rotary Peace Fellow and five Rotarians who are taking action to help refugee communities. Among them was Ilge Karacak-Splane of the Rotary Club of Monterey Cannery Row, California. After visiting several tent camps in Turkey, she led a Rotary project that collected 1,000 pairs of children's shoes and socks for families in the camps and, later, led a global grant project to help educate refugee children. In March, Gay and I had the privilege of visiting a tent camp in Torbalı and seeing firsthand the good work that Rotarians from Turkey and California were accomplishing with Syrian refugees.

The challenges faced by mothers, their children, and refugee communities around the world are daunting. But when we remember our greatest strength - how Rotary Connects the World - we can begin to find solutions. Through our creativity, our resources, our dedication, and our networks, Rotary can and will open opportunities to face these challenges.

Mark Daniel Maloney  
President 2019-20

## MESSAGE FROM ROTARY INTERNATIONAL:

Rotary is closely monitoring the pandemic of COVID-19, the illness caused by the novel coronavirus, and continuously assessing the potential impact on Rotary operations, events, and members.

Your health and safety are always our top priorities. Look below for information on Rotary activities that may be affected. We will update this page as new information becomes available.

In the near term, Rotary International recommends that districts and Rotary and Rotaract clubs meet virtually, cancel, or postpone meetings and events following the advice of national and local health officials.

Rotary encourages members and their families to take precautions to protect themselves from contracting the virus by: washing your hands often and thoroughly, putting distance between yourself and others if COVID-19 is spreading in your community, and staying home if you are sick.

### Grant options to respond to COVID-19

As people of action, Rotary members want to find ways to respond to COVID-19, which is now a global pandemic, and to help people affected by it. The Rotary Foundation offers several options that Rotarians can use to help care for and protect people in their own communities and others around the world.

#### District grants

Districts can use [district grant](#) funds to support local activities, like purchasing thermometers, protective medical gear, or other items to donate to medical professionals who need them. Districts can also use contingency funds from an open district grant or repurpose previously planned activities as a COVID-19 response. As districts prepare to submit new district grant applications for 2020-21, we encourage you to designate funds for COVID-19 responses. As a one-time exception, the Foundation will allow expenses related to COVID-19 that were incurred since 15 March 2020 to be reimbursed through 2020-21 district grants.

#### Disaster Response Grants and Rotary's Disaster Response Fund

Rotary's [disaster response grants](#) provide a fast and effective way to respond to local events. The Rotary Foundation recently added COVID-19 projects to its list of eligible activities for these grants. Each district can apply for one grant (of up to \$25,000) to address COVID-19, depending on the availability funds. Disaster response grants are funded by the [Rotary Disaster Response Fund](#) to help districts around the world respond to disasters. The fund accepts online contributions and DDF. Districts may designate that their DDF contributions to the Disaster Response Fund be used exclusively for COVID-19 grant activities. Cash contributions will be used for general disaster response, including response to COVID-19.

#### Global Grants

[Global grants](#) remain an excellent way to make a transformative impact in a community. If medical equipment is needed in order to respond effectively to COVID-19, global grants can help pay for these items. The Foundation is waiving the 30 percent foreign financing requirement for any new global grant that addresses COVID-19. Note that these grants still require both a host and international partner.

## Rotary International Convention

We regret to announce that the Rotary International Convention, scheduled for 6-10 June 2020 in Honolulu, Hawaii, USA, has been cancelled due to the ongoing threat of COVID-19.

As the virus continues to spread rapidly around the world, we made the difficult decision to cancel our annual convention to protect the health and safety of our members, staff, attendees, and the local Honolulu community.

## OUR CLUB:

**Mike Davies**, chair of our Community Services Committee, has advised that the Committee (with the approval and support of our Board of Directors) has approved a grant to the Friends in Need Food Bank in the amount of \$4,000 to help them to continue to provide food to those in need at his critical time. Other group event requests (such as the Pitt Meadows Agricultural Association Country Fest and the Maple Ridge Parks Recreation and Culture support for Canada Day) have already been cancelled or postponed, and will therefore be put on hold for now.

Our treasurer **Walter Volpatti** advises that we have \$29,000 in gaming funds to last until Jan 2021, of which \$15,700 is committed for ongoing programs, leaving \$13,300 for community requests.

**Matt DeBruyn** received a heart-warming thank-you letter from one of the students whom we supported through our bursary program.

The letter, which I received March 29, is from Annika Meekel, who graduated last year. She asked me to share her letter with our membership, which request I hereby fulfil.

I have already received the first application from one of this year's graduating students. I consider the attached thank you letter as a great encouragement to continue our bursary program and invest the time and effort to diligently seek out deserving students.

*Dear Meadow Ridge Rotary Club,*

*Thank you for your wonderful donation this year that helped me to pursue an education at Capilano University. This school year has been the best year of my life. I have grown and matured as a person, as well as a student.*

*This year I took classes in acting, singing, music theory, piano, musical theatre, tap, ballet, jazz dance, musical theatre history, Literary and contemporary culture in English, and university writing strategies in English. Some of my favourite events were performing a self-choreographed song and dance number, mask work in acting class, and singing as an ensemble member to tunes like "Varsity Drag" and "Anything Can Happen". This program has pushed me as an individual not only in a performance but in academics as well, which I can say I succeeded in. I have furthered my craft extensively and have become more confident in who I am.*

*I have also formed life long friendships with my cohort of 22 students. Each one of them is so talented and I feel so honoured to be a part of their journey. I could not imagine pursuing any other program at any other university. Capilano's sense of community and acceptance makes this program worthwhile.*

*As I also lived on residence, I was able to immerse myself within the school's community, attend many events and learn how to be independent. I can confidently say that I can see myself pursuing an art career field and because the professors made such a difference in my life, I want to do the same for others. In the future after my three years of the musical theatre diploma, a year to obtain the BFA, and then achieving a history degree, I want to become a high school teacher and lead others to the arts.*

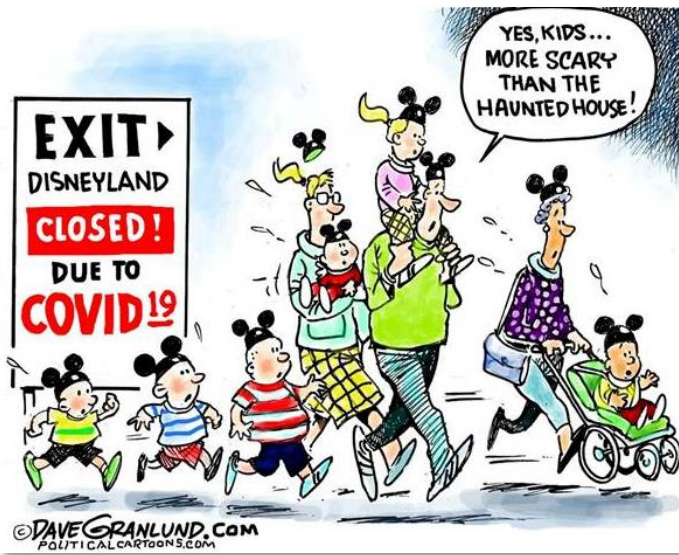
*Thank you for helping me be more financially stable this year, so that I could pursue my educational dreams without worrying about expenses.*

*Your help has not gone unnoticed and I am forever grateful.*

*Sincerely,  
Annika Meekel.*

Note to members: If any member wants to share any thoughts or items of interest through our 4-Way Flasher, please forward them to Laurie Anderson at [laurenceanderson@shaw.ca](mailto:laurenceanderson@shaw.ca) or to Peter Boekhorst.

Cartoon of the week (LOL – We have to keep our sense of humour during times like this!):



Submitted by Laurie Anderson

## ZOOM MEETING INSTRUCTIONS:

All members have to do, is click on [this link](#) Tuesday at noon. Give yourself a few minutes in advance.

The first time it will download the zoom app, which takes just a couple of seconds and you are in; it's that simple!

Members can turn on their camera if they like, but don't have to.

[Here's the link to join a scheduled Zoom meeting.](#)

Topic: Meadow Ridge Rotary Club Meeting

Every week on Tue, March 31 until May 12, 2020, (7 occurrences) at 12 Noon PT.

Please download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar system.

Weekly: [https://us04web.zoom.us/meeting/uZYvf-qopj0s9gksXq2fniPCIVc0U9o0lg/ics?icsToken=98tyKu2qrD MpGtyTtlzta7AvW53ibvGxkShJobBljU3jDSljQQ\\_AnBJ3a70vOd-B](https://us04web.zoom.us/meeting/uZYvf-qopj0s9gksXq2fniPCIVc0U9o0lg/ics?icsToken=98tyKu2qrD MpGtyTtlzta7AvW53ibvGxkShJobBljU3jDSljQQ_AnBJ3a70vOd-B)

Join Zoom Meeting: Click the following link

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/422830866>