



Meetings: Tuesday 12 Noon, Bella Vita Restaurant

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APRIL IS MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH MONTH

Happy Birthday	Happy Anniversary
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CALENDAR OF CLUB EVENTS:

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

Meadow Ridge Rotary meetings are cancelled, 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!](#)

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 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

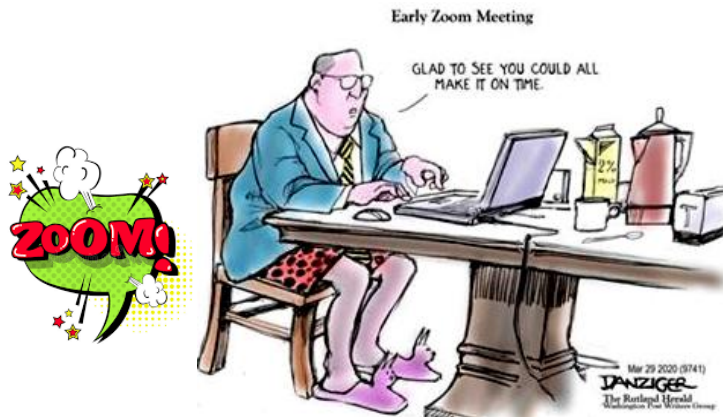
We regret to announce that the Rotary International Convention, scheduled for 6-10 June 2020 in Honolulu, Hawaii, USA, has been cancelled due to the ongoing threat of COVID-19.

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 LAST WEEK'S ZOOM MEETING:

On March 31, 2020 the first virtual (Zoom) Meadow Ridge Rotary Club meeting was held.

Guest **Marjolein Boekhorst** talked to us about and how it works:



and those of us who are not “tech savvy” not only got to show our faces up close (until we learned to turnoff the video button), but also learned how to block out our messy rooms behind us with the picture of the Golden gate Bridge, a beach in Hawaii or the northern lights behind our virtual faces.

Another special guest was **Al Stjernaard, Assistant Governor for our Rotary Area D**, who spoke to us regarding the **Covid 19 District Grants**. Prior to the meeting, Al sent us the following letter which summarizes what the program is about:

Hi Everyone

The district leadership has met and reviewed funds that are available or can be drawn upon to help our communities in this time of extreme need. The district has allocated about \$60,000US for immediate COVID related relief projects. Basically each Area will be allocated a maximum of \$5,000USD in matching funds. It is up to the clubs in that area to come up with one or **more** projects that could be of assistance in our community. For example Share, Starfish, Hospice, homeless etc.

We, as clubs, can raise combined funds for any amount, for example if we allocated \$10,000US from the clubs the district would match with 5K. If we raised 3K the district would match with 3K.

My job is to get the consensus from the clubs on projects, work with the clubs on funding and then submit the application on your behalf. This will be a fast turn around, these are not RI funds, these are our funds. Please communicate with your club members, socialize ideas, connect with your partners and validate needs. Let us use our Virtual meeting on April 6th to share thoughts and ideas. I will invite the PE's to this meeting as well.

After Al explained the program, we tossed around various ideas about what projects might be of assistance in our community. Ineke Boekhorst also brought us up to date on how the Backpack Program might continue its good work in supplying food to needy families through the school district.

Submitted by Laurie Anderson

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 or to Peter Boekhorst at peter.boekhorst@telus.net

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=98tyKu2qrDMpGtyTtlzta7AvW53ibvGxkShJobBljU3jDSljQQ_ANbJ3a70vOd-B

Join Zoom Meeting: Click the following link (Requires PW)

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