

Meetings: Tuesday 12 Noon, Bella Vita Restaurant

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APRIL IS MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH MONTH

Happy Birthday	Happy Anniversary
	April 21: Buzz & Karin Bezuidenhout

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.

OUR CLUB LAST WEEK'S ZOOM MEETING:

President Adrienne Dale Presided, Virtually.

Invocation by Ineke Boekhorst:

Almost all elements of our daily lives are being impacted by the COVID-19 outbreak, and Rotary clubs are no different.

Fundraising events and humanitarian service projects which were scheduled for the coming months are being postponed, and Rotary clubs are coming together online rather than in person.

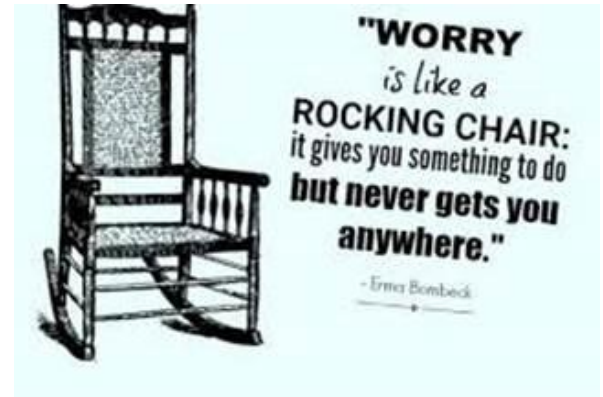
But, as Rotary clubs and members often do in times of need, Rotarians all over the world and locally are turning their attention to how we as Rotarians can help.

Just have a chat with someone on the phone or collecting some shopping can be a vital lifeline to many at this time. It's extremely important and we should encourage anyone to check on their neighbours, family and friends who may also need help right now. It will help to let people know they are not alone in this time when so many things are unknown.

It is a scary time for many locally and all over the world. Let us provide information about how to get in touch with local volunteers, food providers, and others, so social interaction is maintained.

We're all in this together and together we can get through this.

President's Quote for a Covid 19 Day:



It could also be dangerous!



"Okay, the motorized rocking chair could use an emergency 'off' switch."

Rotary News updates:

Our club and the Haney club unanimously agreed that our District Grant money would go to the local food bank. However, Pres. Adrienne will still be in touch with the Division of Family Practice to see if they would like us to put them in contact with someone from another Rotary club who may have access to facemasks.

The Happy, the Sad and the Really Bad:

Laurie Anderson was sad to report that his sister (who is 86 years old and lives in Utah) is losing her long battle with cancer, and has only a few more days left to live. However, she is at home being cared for by her children and not in a care facility or hospice, which gives her much comfort.

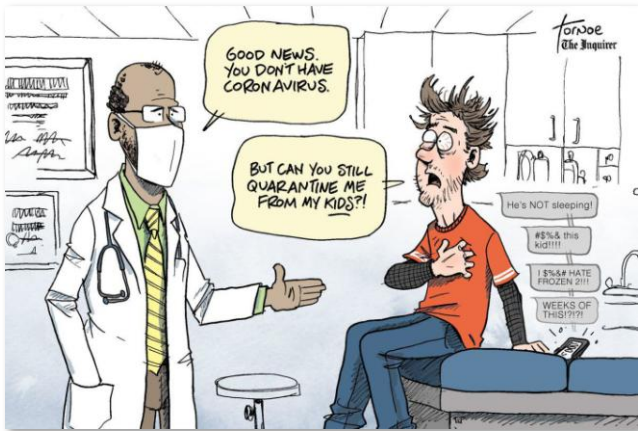
Ineke and Peter enjoyed a fun time during Easter with their grandchildren (while maintaining a proper social distance, of course) watching them hunt for Easter eggs that had been planted by the Easter Bunny in the front yard. Meanwhile, **Laurie Anderson** was the benefactor of an Easter basket containing a roll of toilet paper apparently delivered by another mythical creature called the Easter Bummy.

The Good, the Bad and the Not-so-Pretty:

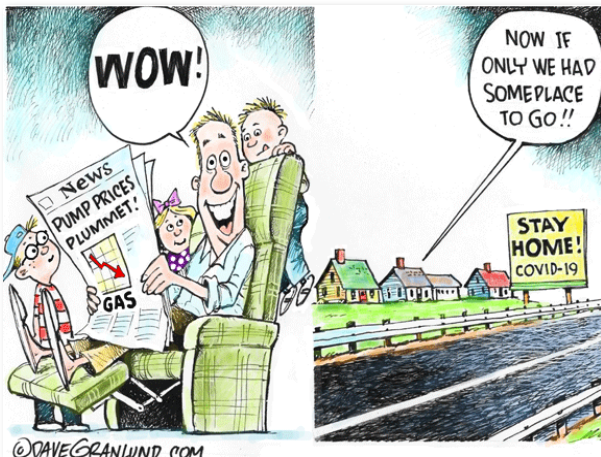
Pres. Adrienne ask members for their comments on what they found to be not so good, but also not so bad, about the virus isolation:

Matt Debruyn says at least we are spending less money, using less gas, going to fewer restaurants (except the odd take-out).

Eric Mollema commented that it's not natural to be so close with one's family members for an extended period of time (which creates a life or death situation?)



and he thinks he will drive around in his car for a while in order to empty his gas tank so that he can take advantage of buying cheap gas.



Libby Nelson said it was a good time to be alone (what day is it, anyway?)

Mike Davies said that his four-year-old grandson said, "I'm hiding from you because of the virus".

Ineke said that both she and **Adrienne** are involved with Hospice where people are dying from causes other than the virus, and it is sad that family members don't have a chance to grieve with their loved ones.

Adrienne commented that since she misses the social contact with people, even when she goes for a walk on the dike where people tend not to interact with one another. On the other hand, she enjoys the slower pace of life for a while.

As we all know, **Ineke** is the Executive Director of the Maple Ridge Downtown Business Improvement Association. She reported that many businesses operate very "close to the line" under normal circumstances and many will not open again after this is over. Commercial tenants are having difficulty paying the rent, but small business landlords also have expenses and it is important for them to still receive payment of rents.

(On April 16, **Matt Debruyn** reported to us as follows:

This morning I spoke with the owner of the Bella Vita restaurant and I expressed, on behalf of all our members, our concern about his and his staff's wellbeing, considering the negative effect the corona virus policies must have on his business. I mentioned that our board had discussed how our members might be able to support the restaurant by making use of his PickUp service.

He said that at this time such service is not available. His calculations showed that he would lose money on every meal sold, and he has therefore decided to wait for the subsidies coming from the government, which he expects to receive information on in the coming week. He promised to phone me as soon as PickUp service is available from his restaurant.

Again, on your behalf, I wished him all the best and expressed our hope to be back in his restaurant on a regular basis as soon as possible.

Local realtor **Brenda Jenkins** stated that, while real estate agents are considered an essential service, business has slowed down mainly to the completion of transactions that were entered into prior to the outbreak of the virus.

President's Irish Proverb:



And remember, folks, keep your sense of humour, it will one day be over!!



Submitted by Laurie Anderson

MEADOW RIDGE 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

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/422830866?pwd=ZkhkdStnRVJBRErIk3IsVUxjMTBnUT09>

FOLLOWING ARE VIRTUAL MEETING LINKS IN OUR AREA:

Haney

Time: Wednesdays at 6pm

Every week on Wed, until May 13, 2020, 7 occurrence(s)

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/923694402?pwd=eHVzRTF6ZGJlbXkv aTdXeHIJNnVodz09>

Meeting ID: 923 694 402

Password: 998750

Port Coquitlam

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/740237775>

Coquitlam Sunrise

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/872511100>

Port Moody

Time: Apr 8, 2020 07:30 AM Vancouver

Every week on Wed, until May 27, 2020, 8 occurrence(s)

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Weekly: https://zoom.us/meeting/vpwpfu-qpjgof5ltjm-Cx1KX3SF-9efnPQ/ics?icsToken=98tyKuqqjlsGNyWsl_HRbYvA8H8bvHmjXcbg7dXkVLGG3F4WIDFEK8bN7RxIOmB

Join Zoom Meeting:

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