



Meetings: Tuesday 12 Noon, Bella Vita Restaurant

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## APRIL IS MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH MONTH

<b>Happy Birthday</b>	<b>Happy Anniversary</b>
May 9: Walter Volpatti	

### CALENDAR OF CLUB EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
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>
Aug. 9	Cancelled	Rotary Duck Race	Maple Ridge Park

### 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:

Pres. **Adrienne Dale** presided.

Guests, being members of the Rotaract Club of the Fraser Valley:

**Emily Ell, Adam Hill, Phoenix McLaren, Aaron Hinks and Alexander (Alex) Simpkin.**

Cheque presentation by: **Sean Reid**, a nurse at Ridge Meadows Hospital emergency department, and **Cass McLeod**, Realtor:

Sean advised that the front-line workers at the emergency department of the Ridge Meadows Hospital were appreciative of the support which they have received from the public, and they decided they wanted to give back to a worthy cause in the community.

Their goal was to raise \$3,000 and to find a co-sponsor. The front-line workers raised over \$3,000 and Sean contacted his friend Cass, who in turn raised further funds from his real estate agent associates, with the result that between them they are able to donate \$6,550 to the Starfish Back Pack Program.

Ineke Boekhorst, on behalf of the Back Pack program, thanked Sean and Cass and the other persons who helped raise these funds, and advised that this would enable the program to add approximately 20 to 24 additional students to those persons receiving food over the weekends. Ineke also advised that prior to this donation approximately 110 children in 15 schools were receiving the Back Packs.

President **Adrienne** reported that the executive had decided not to participate in the online fundraiser which Jesse Sidhu spoke to us about that our last virtual meeting.

Regarding the distribution of non-surgical face masks (which was proposed by **Deborah Hyslop**), Adrienne reported that Mark's Work Wear (through Brian Bekar) could supply them if we wanted to proceed.

#### Rotary Annual Camping Weekend

Our Meadow Ridge Rotary Annual Camping Weekend is on, thanks to **Bernard Bezuidenhout** who is managing Thousand Trails RV resort at the south end of Cultus Lake (1855 Columbia Valley Hwy, Lindell Beach, BC V2R 0E1). The event will be held (weather be damned, but virus permitting) the weekend of September 11, 12 and 13<sup>th</sup>. **Matt DeBruyn** is in the process of collecting information from all previous participants as to kind of RV, size, etcetera, so let Matt know if you are going to attend so that Bernard can reserve the appropriate spots. You can also come and join the fellowship for an evening even if you do not have a camper or trailer.

#### Program

Members of the Rotaract Club of the Fraser Valley teamed up with four other Rotaract Clubs and sent 24 members to a small village in Guatemala where they installed 89 Aler Stoves. The Rotaract Club of the Fraser Valley raised \$15,000 by participating in the Rib Fest put on by the Port Moody Rotary Club, and a total of \$88,000 was raised by all of the clubs who participated. Various Rotaract members related to us their impressions of this experience. They especially enjoyed meeting and interacting with the people, despite the language barrier, and experiencing what a difference Rotary can make in the lives of people.



*About Aler Stoves: One of the leading causes of illness, injury and death among the villagers in Guatemala and other areas of Central and South America relates to the breathing of smoke inside the village huts from the open fires used for cooking and heat. Unfortunately, children are often burned falling into fires, villagers get respiratory diseases, the wood huts they live in can catch fire, and all of this is in addition to the negative impact it has on the environment. Aler stoves burn 65% less wood, are designed to greatly reduce the risk of burns. With the Aler Stove, not only do the villagers spend fewer hours of each day gathering firewood, but the potential for smoke-related respiratory illnesses has all but been eliminated.*

**Ineke Boekhorst** attended, by Zoom, the 5060 District Conference, the very first one in the world held online. She said there were great speakers including RI President Mark Maloney, Evan Burrell of the Rotary Club of Turramurra in Sydney, Australia, Prime Minister Trudeau, and others.

#### Happy and Sad

It was **Peter Boekhorst's 75<sup>th</sup> birthday today**, resulting in contributions and well wishes from several members. To celebrate, family and friends had a Zoom party, and Peter's grandson cooked up some special pancakes.

**Brenda Jenkins** had a visit from some racoons who shredded her roof in the effort to gain access to their attic as a home from their 'kits' or 'cubs' (as the little babies are called, besides 'cute').



President's Irish toast:



And the award goes to:



**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.

[Join Zoom Meeting:](#) Click the following link

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/422830866?pwd=ZkhkdStnRVJBREIk3IsVUxJMTBnUT09>