

Meetings: Tuesday 12 Noon, Bella Vita Restaurant

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JUNE IS ROTARY FELLOWSHIP MONTH

CALENDAR OF CLUB EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
June 20-26	Online event	RI International Convention	Sign up now
June 26	6 pm	Installation of New Executive	T.B.D.
Aug. 9	Cancelled	Rotary Duck Race	Maple Ridge Park

Meadow Ridge Rotary regular meetings are cancelled, due to the Coronavirus.

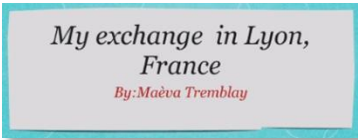
Happy Birthday	Happy Anniversary

OUR CLUB LAST WEEK'S ZOOM MEETING:

President- elect **Clint Callison** presided.

Program: **Maeva Tremblay**
our outgoing exchange student - to France

Maeva told us about her Rotary Student Exchange experience, which she described as "the best 10 months of my life". She had to come home a bit early because of the COVID-19 virus. Her home base in France was the city of Lyon, which is located a two-hour train ride from Paris.



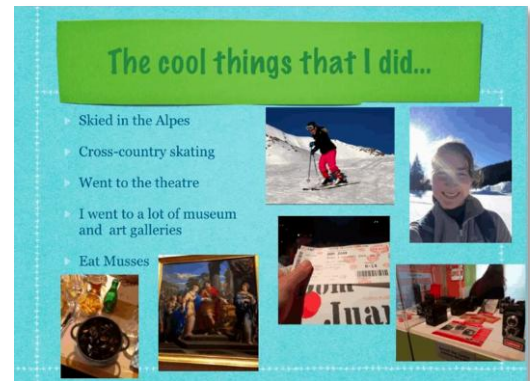
She said that Lyon is known for its food, festival of lights, the Basilica of Notre-Dame de Fourvière, puppets, the invention of cinema and photography, Vieux Lyon, the book entitled the Little Prince, and "self tissue" (a wonder fabrique?).

She compared school life in France to school life at home. She attended school at Lycee Sainte Marie de Lyon, where school starts at 8 AM and gets out at 5:40 PM. They have two hours for lunch (instead of 40 minutes here in BC) and only a 10-minute break every two hours. No cell phones are allowed in the school. Studying was very "intense".

There were 50 inbound Rotary Exchange Students in Lyon, from Brazil, Argentina, Taiwan, Peru, Australia, Mexico, USA, Russia, Canada and Chile.



On her 17th birthday, her host parents took her to Paris. She also travelled to Spain, where she visited the cities of Seville, Cordeaux, Valencia and Barcelona.



Other "cool things" that she did were skiing in the Alps, cross-country skating, and going to live theatre, museums and art galleries. She also learned to love to eat mussels.

What did she learn about life? Maeva states that she learned the following things on her fabulous adventure:

1. Be yourself.
2. Be happy.
3. Every day is not a perfect day (but persevere, and you will get through it).
4. Don't care what other people think of you.
5. Don't take things personally.

In conclusion, Maeva said she learned a lot, made friends, and had a wonderful experience. She thanked the Rotary club very much for sponsoring her.

Fundraising Committee

Clint advised that the 50-50 draw is going ahead, and the start date will not likely be until July 15, 2020.

Laurie, Ineke, Matt and Eric attended (for 20 minutes) a virtual meeting of the Amsterdam Night Watch Rotary Club in Holland, where we learned some more about the **World-Wide End Plastic Soup Action Day** planned for this **Saturday June 6**.



As it says on the website:

We challenge you to clean up all plastic waste within your own social distance, alone or with your family (at a safe distance) indoor or outdoor. You only need a pair of gloves and a garbage bag, enthusiastic people who want to help. The purpose is that as many Rotary Clubs and Rotaract Clubs as possible come into action with their family, children, grandchildren, friends to create awareness for the enormous plastic problem in the world and show that we as Rotary are People of Action. We hope that many of you will participate let us know at endplasticsoup@gmail.com

Happy and Sad

Brenda Jenkins: The Rotary International Convention this year is going online, June 20-26. A once-in-a-lifetime chance to go to a convention without leaving your home.

Clint will be changing his business location in near future.

Ineke reminded us to tune in on **Saturday, June 6 at 9:00 am via Zoom** to join the Coffee Corner conversation with **Rotary International President Mark Maloney**. District Gov. Brad Whittaker asked that we be sure to wear an Hawaiian shirt or dress to get in the mood. As District Gov. Brad says, "When do you get a chance to talk to an RI President - now you can".

Join Zoom Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/93759326166>
 Meeting ID: 937 5932 6166
 One tap mobile: +12532158782,,93759326166# US (Tacoma)

Sharon Kyle introduced us to the Rotary Club de Villefranche en Beaujolais in District 1710, France, which is the sponsoring club of our exchange student Marceau. It was founded July 18th 1948. They have 59 active members of which 12 are ladies. They also have amongst their members 36 Paul Harris Fellows. We raised a toast to this Club.

On June 2, **Laurie and Ineke** attended a virtual polio plus meeting moderated by **District Gov. Brad Whitaker**, with the guest speaker being **Mike McGovern, Chair of Rotary International's PolioPlus Program** where we learned more about the PolioPlus Program.

One interesting statement which came out of that meeting is that it is estimated 19 million people on our planet would have contracted polio between 1985 and today's date but for the polio eradication program, co-sponsored by Rotary International, and 1.5 million people would have died from contracting of this disease during that period.

We also learned at that meeting from **Mike McGovern, Chair of Rotary International's PolioPlus Program**:

- Afghanistan and Pakistan are still not polio free, and house to house vaccinations have had to be cancelled because of covid19. A large number of polio cases in Afghanistan come from Pakistan.
- Trials are under way to test a new oral polio vaccine, which looks very promising.
- The infrastructure that had been put in place to conquer polio in Africa was available to fight the Ebola epidemic; had it not been for this infrastructure, the Ebola epidemic would probably have spread worldwide.
- The anti vax movement has created some problems for the polio plus campaign, and is one of the biggest risks to the campaign.
- There is a wild polio virus and vaccine-derived virus . On very rare occasions, if a population is seriously under-immunized, there are enough susceptible children for the excreted vaccine-derived polioviruses to begin circulating in the community. If the vaccine-virus is able to circulate for a prolonged period of time uninterrupted, it can mutate. These viruses are called circulating vaccine-derived polioviruses, which can only arise with the oral polio vaccine (OPV) not the inactivated polio vaccine (IPV) which is given as a shot in the arm or leg.
- Rotary supports the World Health Organization (notwithstanding the USA President's position). The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation has not lessened its support to eliminate polio; and will match donations by Rotarians up to \$50 million. To date Rotarians have donated \$36.5 million. (Since 1985, \$2 billion has been spent on the polio campaign, of which Rotary has contributed \$1 billion).

President's quote for the Day:



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.

Topic: Meadow Ridge Rotary Club Meeting
 Every week on Tue, May 19 until June 30, 2020, at 12 Noon PT.

Join Zoom Meeting: Click the following link
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83896681975?pwd=QW10dG10RENobzFeEgDjejZQS1lWUT09>

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