

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:



Pres. Adrienne Dale presided.

Guests: **Mark Stewart**, Salvation Army director
Sarah Nelson, Speaker (member of Haney Rotary club)

Program: Sarah Nelson: Her "Scots-Irish Quest" AKA "the Top 10 Things To Do In Ireland"

Sarah Nelson is an active member of the Haney Rotary Club, where she is the chair of the Community Services committee, the International Service committee, and the Vocational committee. She is also a history buff who has a Scottish - Irish heritage, and took a trip with her daughter to Ireland to search out her ancestors and see the country from which they came. She also did DNA testing and research to search out her ancestry, and through that was able to meet a DNA cousin while on her trip. She rented a car, and with her daughter took an amazing 17- day trip through the north and south of Ireland meeting people, seeing interesting places and taking great photographs that she shared with us.



This is her list of the top 10 things to do in Ireland:

10. Look for and Capture the colour of the country.
9. Take great photographs, and utilize photographic techniques such as framing and symmetry.
8. Stay in unique accommodations (small towns, B&Bs and castles).
7. Be sure you want to rent a car (left hand driving and narrow roads and streets).
6. Embrace the sheep.
5. Visit monasteries and castles.
4. Do the less obvious (museums about emigration, leprechauns or linen, visit a jail).
3. Do spectacular things (visit little villages and the Giant's Causeway).
2. Find a personal story through people and places (visit and sign the Peace Wall in Derry).
1. Meet the people.

Happy and Sad

A Happy One: **Laurie Anderson** attended District Gov. Brad Whitaker's Coffee Corner conversation with Rotary International President Mark Maloney and his wife Gay on Saturday, June 6, 2020, and advised about the up-coming virtual international Convention.



His more detailed report is as follows:

“President Mark Maloney spoke to us from his law office in Decatur, Alabama, a city smaller than Maple Ridge, with a population of approximately 55,000. He pointed out that he would be the first Rotary International President with no in-person Rotary International Convention. However, he will be the first RI President to hold a virtual convention, which will be held on June 20 – 26. It will be free of charge and will be similar to previous conventions with the opening plenary sessions on June 20 – 21 (with United Nations Secretary-General welcoming all participants) followed by breakout sessions starting June 22, and a virtual House of Friendship going 24 hours a day (which we have all heard Ineke talk about as being one of her favourite events). There will be a map, and if we want to go to the House of Friendship, for example, we simply put a mouse over the marked space and enter the House. Registration for the event just opened on June 5 and RI Pres. Mark Maloney hopes that many Rotarians will register so that if he is the first RI Pres. during whose year there will be no regular Convention, at least he will be presiding over the one with the largest attendance. He said that the largest convention ever held was in Japan in 2004 (when there was great support from local Japanese Rotarian clubs) with an attendance of 45,300 registered Rotarians. Pres. Maloney would like 50,000 registrants for this convention.

Simply [click here](#) to sign up – and it only takes a minute.

The opening session will start at 6 AM our time, but if we register but can't attend during the actual session, we will be able to play it back later. The convention will not be via Zoom, but will be a one-way live streaming platform.

Pres. Maloney believe that the Covid 19 crisis will be a watershed moment not only for the world but also for Rotary, and we will speak of events as before or after the virus. It is his personal belief that future Rotary international conventions will have a virtual component which will allow members from all over the world to attend virtually or in person. He thinks live streaming will be the norm. This year's theme was “Rotary Connects the World”, and next year's theme will be “Rotary Opens Opportunity”. Referring to the saying “never waste a good crisis”, clubs around the world have caught on to virtual meetings, and he encourages clubs to think about using these new virtual tools to attract a new younger virtual demographic.

District Gov. Brad indicated that the Port Moody Rotary club is moving towards a virtual component for their meetings, so that those members who may not be able to attend in person will still be able to participate, thus enabling the club to engage with more members. In fact, in our district 50-50, many clubs reported that they have more persons attending the virtual meetings than before the shut-down.

A Sad One: Eric Mollema lost 15 out of his 18 Koi fish (actually, he didn't lose them – they were probably eaten by the same raccoons who recently made a home in the roof of Brenda Jenkins' house).

A Happy One: Chili Yalamanchii noted the article in the New York Times about our public health officer Bonnie Henry, which said in part:

“...That Tuesday in March was the day Bonnie Henry had been preparing for her whole life.

Overnight, 83 people had tested positive for the novel coronavirus and three more had died. The pandemic had officially broken out in British Columbia.

Standing inside the provincial legislature's press gallery, the preternaturally calm top doctor of Canada's westernmost province declared a public health emergency. Under her orders and recommendations, schools closed, bars shuttered and social distancing measures were put in place.

“It seemed so surreal,” she said. “I felt like someone was standing on my chest.”

That day, March 17, Dr. Henry ended her presentation with a line that would become her trademark, and a mantra for many Canadians struggling to cope under a lockdown. It has since been hung in windows, painted on streets, printed on T-shirts, stitched on shoes, folded into songs and stamped on bracelets.

“This is our time to be kind,” she said in her slow and low-pitched voice that many call comforting, “to be calm and to be safe.”

In the next few months, Dr. Henry would prove to be one of the most effective public health officials in the world, with lessons for nations struggling to emerge from lockdowns...



Another Happy One: Matt DeBruyn has emerged from the lockdown to rejoin his fiddle group.

Vocational services committee

As reported in a previous Flasher, **Matt DeBruyn** met with Sarah Nelson of the Haney Rotary Club, and in view of the fact that there will be no graduation ceremony where Rotary bursaries may be given out, they planned a car drive to the houses of the recipients, where they gave out bursary letters and a bottle of bubbly to the students. There were 21 applicants for the bursaries, and eight of them were given out. Here are some pictures of that event:



Installation of new executive:

Friday, June 26 at Meadow Gardens Golf Club will be the date for the installation of President-elect Clint Callison and his new board. Social distancing protocol will be observed.

Rotary Information Moment:

Chili Yalamanchii talked about Rotary and what can be done during the Covid virus pandemic. He noted that the polio infrastructure (which had been put in place) helped combat this new virus, and that it was still vital to support the polio campaign.

President's quote for the day:



Submitted by Laurie Anderson



[Here is a video](#) from the Rotary Club "Nighwatch" in Amsterdam. They sponsored the project "End Plastic Soup Now"

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=QW1OdG10RENobzFEeGdjejZQS1lWUT09>

Meeting ID: 838 9668 1975

Password: 898583