

Meetings: Tuesday 12 Noon, Bella Vita Restaurant

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JUNE IS ROTARY FELLOWSHIP MONTH

CALENDAR OF CLUB EVENTS:

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

Happy Birthday	Happy Anniversary
July 3: Buzz Bezuidenhout	

OUR CLUB LAST WEEK'S ZOOM MEETING:



Pres. **Adrienne Dale** presided.

Guests:

Wytzia de Savour, from the Amsterdam Rotary Club, the Netherlands.

Jared Kyle, grandson of Sharon.

Scott Kyle, son of Sharon, Fire Safety Technician, and a full time maintenance and public education member of the Pitt Meadows Fire Department.

Sherri Robinson, PAC member, Pitt Meadows Elementary School.

Playground at Pitt Meadows Elementary School



Sherri Robinson, of the Parent Advisory Council of Pitt Meadows Elementary School (and legal partner of Adrienne and Eric), spoke

to us about the new playground equipment that was installed at this school, with a partial help of funds donated by our club.

Youth Firefighter Academy - Pitt Meadows Secondary



Scott Kyle, of the Pitt Meadows fire Department, spoke to us about the Youth Firefighter Academy which the Pitt Meadows fire department conducts to provide fire service training as part of the school's work experience program. Our club provides a bursary for this program, which this year was shared by two excellent participants, namely,

Jared Kyle and another student, Aidan (which means "Little Fire" and is of Irish origin). This program provides a unique opportunity for secondary school students to fulfill their work experience requirements. It is designed for students aged 16 to 18 years who are interested in firefighting as a possible future career. The students experience everything a firefighter would experience but in an encapsulated form, including instruction on personal protective equipment, basic firefighting skills, maintenance and upkeep of the Fire Hall, and equipment / firefighting apparatus along with CPR, first aid, fire prevention and public education. Scott said that over the years seven students, who attended the Pitt Meadows academy, have gone on to a career of firefighting in other fire departments.



Jared Kyle was one of four students who participated in this program. This year the program was compressed into two consecutive weeks, 8 AM to 4 PM each day, which required them to be off school. Jared described it as a great experience where all of the participants worked and learn together, and that he "would do it again in a heartbeat". Jared also spoke highly of his participation in RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Assembly).

Program: End Plastic Soup



Wytzia de Savour, from the Amsterdam Rotary Club, was our special guest speaker (via Zoom) who spoke to us about their End Plastic Soup Initiative which started by the Amsterdam Rotarians to solve the plastic problem by working with all the 1.2 million Rotarians to act to beat plastic waste. EndPlasticSoup is already supported by 3,500 Rotarians of 800 Rotary & Rotaract Clubs worldwide. Their goal is that, “in 2050, there will be no more plastic soup in the oceans, seas, lakes and rivers Parks words the streets”.

As it states on their website EndPlasticSoup.org:

You can start today. Use less plastic, use two pieces of plastic less a day and together with 1.2 million Rotarians (and family, friends) we will start reducing plastic waste! That's easy! Or pick up one piece of plastic waste everyday from the street, beach, riverside so it won't end up in the lakes, seas and oceans. Tell your family, friends and colleagues about the problem... Sign a petition (see website)"

More than one million plastic bottles are sold every minute in the world, and only 9% are recycled. There are five major “garbage patches” in the oceans of the world, two of which are in the Pacific Ocean and one in the Atlantic Ocean. The Great Pacific Garbage Patch (between Hawaii and California) covers a surface area three times the size of France, and is 5 metres deep. 1,000 Rivers in the world cause 80% of the plastic pollution.

Wytzia pointed out that 80% of the plastic used in the world ends up in the oceans. Rotary tackled polio, so, she asks, “why can't we do the same for plastic? With many Rotary clubs involved, we could have an impact, inspire young people, unite us in a common cause”.

[Thanks **Matt Debruyn** for researching out and bringing to our attention this Plastic Soup initiative!]

Happy and Sad dollars:

Mark Forster has been elected the Junior Grand Warden of the Masons, which means that in four years time he will become the Masons Grand Master of BC and the Yukon.

[This is quite an achievement. Mark has the following history in the Masons, as we learn from the Masonic Bulletin:

Raised into Prince Charles Lodge No. 153, Kelowna, in 1995, in 1999, W Bro Forster affiliated with Perfection Lodge No. 75, New Westminster, where he served as Worshipful Master for 2004-2005. He has served as Treasurer, additional terms as Junior Warden, and is currently Senior Warden. W Bro Forster serves as the Treasurer for the Westminster Masonic Holding Company and, for the past four years, as chairman of the Grand Lodge Committee on Finance. A Certified General Accountant with more than 25 years of business and consulting experience, he has worked in banking and trusts, manufacturing, and has many years of consulting for Fortune 500 companies including banking, telecommunications, internet, and consumer industrial products. He is currently self-employed, providing technical and administrative support in the health care industry as well as working part time as the CFO and controller for several junior exploration companies. W Bro Forster is married to Pauline, and has four children, Nicolas (13), Emma (15), Riley (20),

and Christopher (22). W. Bro. Forster enjoys many outdoor family activities, including skiing, ATVing, and RVing.

Sharon Kyle was very happy to have her son and grandson attend our meeting today.

President elect **Clint Callison** is not letting Adrienne off the hook even though he is being installed on Friday June 26, so he is happy to state that Adrienne will be presiding over our last meeting of the [covid19] year, on June 30, 2020.

Matt Debruyn made the executive decision to assess all other members of the club one happy dollar each.

Rotary club of Novosibirsk Russia

Ineke Boekhorst and **Dave Rempel** visited the Rotary club of Novosibirsk Russia during their International Committee trip in 2015. At the request of Pres. Adrienne, Ineke picked this club to contact, and received the following letter in reply:

Dear Ineke,

Thank you very much for your letter! It is so important to be in touch with all our friends in Rotary! I am very glad to hear your remembrance of Novosibirsk and the club.

Actually our club was truly renovated after your visit and there is "new blood" in it. There are twelve members now. We meet on Tuesday at 7.30 PM.

As our time is UTC+7 I hardly believe we could join your meeting: your noon is 3 AM in Novosibirsk. But we would be glad to get your club's news.

The playground you visited is quite well, we had a fundraising project to collect money to fix something there last summer.

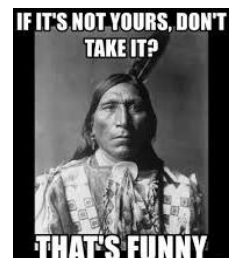
You might know we planned to set one more playground. We appreciate your club giving the money for it. Unfortunately due to new Rotary rules we can't get Global grant for it. No Areas of Focus can be connected with this project.

We are searching for other opportunities to keep the project, but also thinking about different projects. We have one idea but it needs time to analyze it. I will inform you about progress.

I will read your letter in our meeting tomorrow. Please tell our best wishes to your club.

Yours in Rotary, Peter Smirenko

President's quote for the day:



[To which our indigenous compatriots might reply:]

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=QW1OdG10RENoZkFEeGdjejZQS1lWUT09>

Meeting ID: 838 9668 1975

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