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JULY IS THE BEGINNING OF A NEW ROTARY YEAR

CALENDAR OF CLUB EVENTS:

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

Happy Birthday	Happy Anniversary

DISTRICT 5050 GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE:



Welcome to the New Rotary Year

For the Canadians, I trust you had a Happy Canada Day and to the US members, have a safe and Happy Independence Day!

To Past District Governor Brad and all the immediate Past Presidents in District 5050 thank you for your leadership and success in transforming how we "do Rotary" in a pandemic. Your ability to adapt and

adopt new tools as we transitioned into a virtual world has given me and the 2020-21 Club Presidents the tools we need as we continue to serve our local and international communities.

Thank you as well to the rest of the District Leadership team, the Committee Chairs, Assistant Governors, Governor Team and Aide Pat Bond - your contributions to and support for the Clubs and members in our District is invaluable.

Rotary International President Holger Knaack has chosen the theme "**Rotary Opens Opportunities**" for the 2020-21 Rotary year. This follows RIPP Mark Maloney's 2019-20 theme of "**Rotary Connects the World**". Who would have known when these themes were chosen that in July 2020 we are now connected more than ever? With this virtual world we have the opportunity to attend Rotary meetings anywhere in the world! We can have our former Youth Exchange students visit our clubs any time they are available, given time zone differences. We never would have had "Coffee Corners" with Rotary leaders.

Our Zone Director has been holding bi-weekly meetings with all the District Governors. That has never happened before – and they have often asked why we had not been using virtual meeting tools in the past. Your District leadership team has been meeting bi-

weekly since the beginning of this calendar year. Our connectivity is at a much higher level than ever before. Of course I miss sharing meals with my Rotary friends and virtual hugs are just not the same. I am sure that when we can put this pandemic behind us, we will continue to use some of the tools we have been forced to adopt over the past four months.

I am excited about the coming year and look forward to sharing the journey with you. Thank you all for all you do. The world needs Rotary more now than ever before.

Stay well!

Carol

OUR CLUB LAST WEEK'S ZOOM MEETING:



Our new president **Clint Callison** presided over the first meeting of our new Rotary year. Clint thanked past president Adrienne Dale for her service last year, and also thanked all those who helped out with the installation of the new executive on June 26, 2020.

Guests: there were no guests at today's virtual meeting.

Happy and Sad:

Scott Payne missed the last three meetings because he was occupied with a trial, but is happy to be back.

Libby Nelson can see more clearly now - her cataract surgery was successful.

Ineke Boekhorst enjoyed not only visiting family in Kelowna but also the great weather over the last weekend. Kelowna has shut down their main street for a while to pedestrian traffic only.

Fine Master: Ineke

Like other Lower Mainland Canada Day events, those in Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows were cancelled this year due to the coronavirus, but on July 1st both communities had virtual celebrations. In Maple Ridge there was also a Canada Day Convoy which includes about a dozen or so police, fire and other vehicles making their way around the streets of Maple Ridge. In Pitt Meadows virtual activities included a community photo slideshow and the opening of a virtual art gallery exhibition. As it appeared that almost none of us knew or participated in these events, everyone was fined a dollar.

Rotary Information: the Rotary Bell - by Mike Davies



In 1922, U.S. Rotarians organized an attendance contest; the challenge was that the losing clubs would join in giving the winning club a prize. The Rotary Club of New York City was declared the winner and to them was awarded as a prize a bell from a popular patrol boat, which was placed on wood that came from HMS "Victory", Admiral Nelson's vessel at the battle of

Trafalgar. Since then, the bell used in Rotary meetings started to represent, as on the ships, order, discipline and the time to guide us through the weekly meetings. The bell informs us with its sound the beginning and end of the Rotary meeting. [It was noted that, in our club at least, it had also been struck during the meeting by the president to gain the attention of those in attendance.]

Starfish Pack Program

Ineke gave an update on this program which has been interrupted by the coronavirus. When in full operation, backpacks were given out to over 140 students in 17 local schools, and the backpacks were returned weekly. Due to Covid 19, backpacks are not able to be reused and therefore the program is looking into obtaining disposable durable backpacks that can be given out each week. Also, the volunteers at the Community Church are not able to meet weekly to fill the bags. Previously, 8 to 10 people met Thursday mornings for about an hour to do this. Anyone with any suggestions as to who might do this job are asked to contact Ineke. (The program whereby \$20 gift certificates, in lieu of backpacks, were given out through Save On Foods to needy family, was discontinued in June, 2020.)



Club Fundraisers during Covid 19

President Clint advised that the online 50-50 draw is in the works, and it is hoped that it will run from August 1 to October 1, 2020. It will be a joint fundraiser with the Haney club. It will be advertised in the local newspaper, and its success will depend upon club members getting the word out to their associates and friends and through social media. Tickets may sell for about \$25 (the price has not yet been settled).

Face Masks and Shields

Libby Nelson distributed cloth facemasks at the installation dinner and still has some available if anyone wishes them (these are not the ones being purchased by the club through Mark's). She is not charging for them, but anyone wishing to do so may make a donation to the club or a charity of their choice.



The question was raised as to where one may purchase plastic face shields. Starlite Nails (located just two stores to the left of Save-On-Foods in Pitt Meadows) sells them for about \$10. It was also noted that Walmart and Canadian Tire may also sell them.

President's Quote for the Day

Common sense is not a gift, it's a punishment.

Because you have to deal with everyone who doesn't have it.

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, July 7 until Nov 17, 2020, at 12 Noon PT.

Join Zoom Meeting: Click the following link
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86123292506?pwd=T2xIS0JwaW43bEpMVWFuU24wZi9xUT09>

Meeting ID: 861 2329 2506
Password: 578913