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AUGUST IS MEMBERSHIP & NEW CLUB DEVELOPMENT Month

CALENDAR OF CLUB EVENTS:

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

Happy Birthday	Happy Anniversary

RI PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



The year 2020 has brought monumental changes that have already included a global pandemic and a renewed call for social justice. We are reminded that we live in a constantly changing world, and Rotary is a reflection of that world.

We must be ready to listen and adapt, always drawing upon our core values of service, fellowship, diversity, integrity, and leadership. If we live these values

and apply The Four-Way Test to all aspects of our lives, we will be prepared to lead at all times.

I am proud of how we have proven our ability to adapt. Faced with a pandemic, Rotary has not stopped. We moved meetings online and found new ways to serve. We turned the canceled 2020 Rotary International Convention in Honolulu into our first virtual convention. Each week, we are proving that Rotary is a flexible gathering that happens anywhere — in traditional meetings, on cellphones, and on computers. Rotary offers a way to connect for everyone who wants to, at any time, and will continue to do so.

Some have even told me that they enjoy Rotary's mix of online and in-person meetings more now than before! How can we build on this momentum and seize the opportunity to embrace change so that Rotary keeps thriving?

For me, supporting new types of clubs is key. They are no longer just experiments but a real part of Rotary today. In addition to traditional clubs, we have e-clubs, Rotaract clubs, cause-based clubs, and passport clubs. These help make Rotary more inclusive, more flexible, and more attractive to new members. Visit these clubs, exchange ideas and partner with them, and promote them to one another and to our communities.

We all agree that we need to grow Rotary, but sometimes we can get caught up in the numbers game and lose sight of the bigger picture. After all, an increase in membership is meaningless if next year, those new members leave our clubs. Let's grow Rotary sustainably. Rotary's flexible options for participation will engage members and show the community how we're different from any other club. Let's celebrate that Rotary is now less about rules and more about joining together in a variety of ways besides traditional meetings.

I recommend that each club hold an annual strategy meeting to ask — and honestly answer — if we are doing all we can for our members and if our club reflects the community we serve. We are taking this approach at the international level, too. I am proud that six women are serving with me on the RI Board of Directors this year, the most we have ever had. Let's keep Rotary moving in this direction at every level. We need more perspectives, more diversity, for Rotary to thrive.

It's fascinating to imagine how we will find new ways to adapt and stay nimble this year and beyond. But I am also inspired about what hasn't changed and never will in Rotary: the friendships, the networking, the ethics, and the service. Indeed, these are the values that make Rotary attractive to all.

As Rotary's founder, Paul Harris, said, we have to be revolutionary from time to time. Now is such a time.

Rotary Opens Opportunities — countless ones — for us to embrace change that will strengthen us even as we remain true to our core values.

Holger Knaack
President 2020-21

OUR CLUB LAST WEEK'S ZOOM MEETING:

Guests:

Roger Powley, soon-to-be member
Cristopher Johnston, guest speaker

Invocation by Libby:

As we gather here today as members of Rotary, we pray that we are ever mindful of opportunities to render our service to fellow citizens and to our community. Keeping in mind always the enduring values of life, exerting our efforts in those areas and on those things upon which future generations can build with confidence. Let us continue to strive to make a better world.

Program – **Christopher Johnston**- West Coast Flying Trapeze

About Chris:



Chris hails from Alberta. He started gymnastics at the age of four, and at thirteen he began to focus on trampoline and tumbling. His tumbling career took off quickly, and he was the Canadian National Champion at seventeen, earning him a spot on the Canadian National Team. After leaving gymnastics and completing a degree in human

kinesiology at a university in Alberta, his love of acrobatics led him to Club Med, where he taught and performed circus arts. Despite being terrified of heights, he fell in love with flying trapeze. Chris is a certified NCCP Level 2 Trampoline instructor and has taught circus and gymnastics and directed circus school programs in Mexico, throughout the Caribbean, and the United States. His passion for flying trapeze and circus arts inspired him to bring the experience back home to Canada.

About West Coast Flying Trapeze:

West Coast Flying Trapeze is located at #105 19055 Airport Way, Pitt Meadows, BC, V3Y 2B4. It was started in 2014 by Chris Johnston, Dave Cavaletto, and Colleen Forrest.

Their website says:

"We've moved all around the Vancouver area: from Cypress Mountain to Richmond to the PNE. On April 1, 2016, we opened our doors in our permanent home, in Pitt Meadows, where we have expanded our programs to include aerial arts, handstands, ninja warrior, acro, and more. We believe that circus is for everyone. It's a fun, interactive way to get fit, join a community of active people, and amaze yourself with what you are capable of. We offer multiple classes each day, and teach people of all skill levels over the age of 6. Our coaching staff will ensure your circus class will be the safest and most memorable activity you've tried in Western Canada."

Chris advised that they offer Aerial silks (aka tissu, fabric, ribbon, which is a type of aerial art in which artists climb, hang, and wrap for drops and poses in the fabric), tumbling, gymnastics and trampoline, juggling, flying trapeze, and more. They have classes for children between the ages of 6 and 12, as well as older children and adults, and even had a 77-year-old man on the trapeze. The Silks are the most popular, followed by the flying trapeze.



Future meetings:

President Clint advised that some members do not wish to attend Zoom meetings anymore and will wait until "in person" meetings can be re-established at the restaurant. A committee was struck make sure that when restaurant meetings are again implemented, there will be proper protocol and safeguards against the coronavirus. Zoom meetings will be established to go along with the "in person" meetings, so those that cannot, or do not wish to, attend in person can still meet virtually. Clint believes that virtual meetings will become a permanent fixture of our club even when the coronavirus disappears.

Happy and Sad Dollars from members included, among others, a further offer from Brenda of \$5 to establish a haircut fund for Dave Rempel, sad dollars from President Clint who is suffering in his motorhome without air conditioning (but nevertheless having fun at Happy Trails Campground at Cultus Lake), and news that Walter will be away for a week and Clint away until the end of August.

Matt Debruyn will take care of collecting the money for happy and sad dollars and fines, and forwarding them in a lump sum to Treasurer Walter (which Walter very much appreciated, so that he didn't have to be inundated with small sums of money paid in various forms).

Fund Raiser:

President Clint gave an impassioned plea that all club members get behind the 50-50 draw which starts on August 12, 2020, and spread the news by social media (and whatever other means is available) to anyone that we can think of who may be willing to buy some tickets. We also need to keep in mind other possible fundraisers. Roger Powley suggested a Car Rally, which would accommodate social distancing.

International Club News:

Libby Nelson made reference to the Rotary Club Marbella-Guadalmina, situated in the south of Spain, whose website says they are "a thriving, active, English speaking, multi-national Rotary Club on the Costa del Sol." One of their projects is Dental Mavericks which "provides a sustainable oral health programme for children in Morocco. Groups of dentists, nurses and helpers make organised trips to remote parts of Morocco, the Rif and Atlas Mountains, to bring dental care to children who would not otherwise have any. In May 2016 a team visited Morocco to treat over 400 children."

Today's Quote: (Just ask Dr. Bonnie Henry)

The spread of the coronavirus will depend on two factors:

1. How dense the population is, and
2. How dense the population is.

Submitted by Laurie Anderson

BURSARY YOUTH FIREFIGHTER ACADEMY OF PITT MEADOWS FIRE DEPARTMENT

As mentioned in the June 30th edition of the Four Way Flasher, the Pitt Meadows Fire Department conducts the Youth Firefighter Academy 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.

On July 22nd Jared Kyle, grandson of our Sharon Kyle, was presented with the bursary. Congratulations, Jared!



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