



Meetings: Tuesday 12 Noon, Bella Vita Restaurant

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## AUGUST IS MEMBERSHIP & NEW CLUB DEVELOPMENT MONTH

Happy Birthday	Happy Anniversary
Aug 16: Chili Yalamanchili	

### UPCOMING SPEAKERS:

Aug 11: Marjolein Lloyd - Shelterbox	Aug 18: D5050 Rotary Youth Exchange	Aug 25: Introduction to our newest member - Roger Powley
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### OUR CLUB LAST WEEK'S ZOOM MEETING:

President Elect Patrick Dobbyn presided.

#### Invocation: Ineke Boekhorst

*With our friends beside us, And no person beneath us,  
 With the bonds of Rotary Between us, And our worries behind us,  
 With our goals before us, And no task beyond us,  
 With a thirst for knowledge, And a dream of a Polio free world,  
 We are thankful for our Rotary friends.*

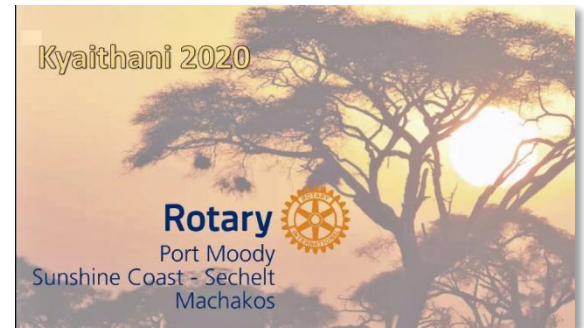
Program: the Kenya Global Grant project: **Glenn Brown**

**Glenn Brown** is a member of the Port Moody Rotary club, and the chairman of their International Service Committee. He joined Rotary 14 years ago through the Abbotsford club, subsequently moving to the Sunshine Coast club, and then transferring to the Port Moody Club (which he describes as an active, fun Rotary Club). We also dug up this information about him:



*Glenn was born in Kamloops and worked for 33 years in Corrections Services. Started in Criminology at Simon Fraser University, spent most of the 80's as a parole officer, the 90's as an Associate Warden mostly in intake, the 2000's as a warden retiring in 2011. In retirement he has been teaching some courses in Criminal Justice at both SFU and Langara College. Glen joined Rotary in Abbotsford/Matsqui after becoming a warden. Glen describes being a Prison warden as a "Jack of All Trades". There were over 50 job areas around the Prison he had to oversee and coordinate. It is also like running a very large corporation as the operating budget annually is about \$100,000,000 for the 3 areas he was responsible for. The 3 areas are Medium Security Men's facility, Institution for women facility and Regional treatment, Psychiatric Centre. When he retired, he and his wife Marcia moved to the Sunshine Coast to a place on Secret Cove, Half Moon Bay, Sechelt. While on the Sunshine Coast Glen was involved in community and Rotary events including sponsoring a Musical Ride event, a Dad and Me dance and a Scotch Tasting Event.*

#### The project:



The Kenya Global Grant Project hopes to raise \$15,000 US in District 5050 and an equal amount in District 5040, and obtain Matching Grants to raise a total of \$90,000 US to help in the eastern area of Kenya where the village of Kyaithani is located.

This area has suffered from drought and chronic food shortages for at least the last 15 years. People are subsistence farmers with incomes less than \$1 per day. Families have insufficient income to send all their children to school and often students arrive at school unfed. Previous assistance was provided by a project here adopted by the Sunshine Coast-Sechelt Rotary Club which Glenn used to belong to, and this is a follow-up project.

The overall plan is to (1) replace a diesel motor (used to power a water pump) with solar power, and thereby enhance water distribution (2) replace latrines with composting toilets (3) install handwashing stations (4) install water tanks, and (5) install or upgrade a greenhouse dedicated for community garden.

The toilet situation at each of the schools is abhorrent. This project will provide improved latrine blocks at each school. These latrine blocks will provide both toilets and hand washing facilities for boys, girls and teachers.

The larger goals for this project over the longer term are to:

- To increase quality education for girls and boys by improving nutrition, health, and education.
- To increase food production in the community to reduce the impact of ongoing rain failure and resulting famine.

The Sunshine Coast-Sechelt Rotary Club has agreed to contribute \$5000. The Rotary Club of Machakos, Kenya, is the local club which is needed to obtain the grant.

The charity called Keyna Connect, Inc. will do the on-site management of the project. It is based in Maryland, USA, and is a registered NGO in Kenya. Their web-site says that:

*Both entities have their own independent Board of Trustees and work in tandem to support the mission and philosophy of providing health and education programs in that country. As a result, we have implemented a variety of health programs:*

- Installation of water tanks
- Installation of hand washing stations, health and hygiene workshops, and liquid soap making program
- Provision of de-worming medications, working with local health professionals
- A reusable sanitary pad pilot program to encourage girls to stay in school during their menstrual cycle.
- Eye-screening and distribution of glasses in partnership with Global Vision 2020
- Installation of Compost Toilets.

Kenya Connect has (also) focused on providing a variety of programs to enhance the education of the rural students and teachers.

#### Happy and Sad:

**Roger Powley** told us about the Homes for Heroes Foundation, which is endeavouring to build housing to provide homeless veterans with a place to live. Roger says that in the lower mainland it is estimated that there are about 150 veterans living on the streets. Their website says:

*The Homes For Heroes Foundation was developed in response to the growing number of military veterans who are facing crisis as they return to civilian life and find themselves on the path to homelessness. As many as 5,000 veterans are homeless and living on the streets in Canada. These veterans put their lives on the line to protect our freedoms and now they need, and deserve, our support. With your help Homes For Heroes will provide them with housing along with the resources, services and training that will enable them to successfully transition back into civilian life.*



#### Future in-person meetings:

News will be forthcoming to all members regarding the protocols for meetings resuming at the Bella Vita restaurant, probably on the first Tuesday in September. Club members will again be contacted to determine how they will attend. As noted previously, the tenants by Zoom will also be available.

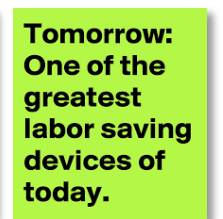
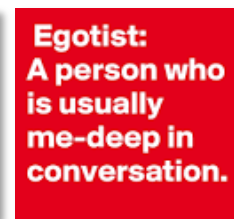
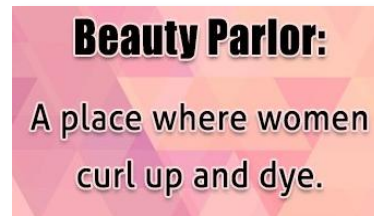
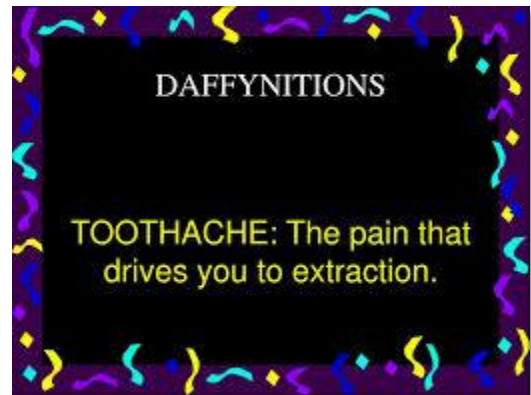
#### Rotary Masks:

Ineke said that there are approximately 30 masks (out of 50) left for sale. See order form on next page.

#### President's Quote:



#### DAFFYNITIONS:



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>

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Password: 578913