

Meetings: Tuesday 12 Noon, Bella Vita Restaurant

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AUGUST IS MEMBERSHIP & NEW CLUB DEVELOPMENT MONTH

Happy Birthday	Happy Anniversary
	Aug 28: Patrick & Stefanie O'Brien

UPCOMING SPEAKERS:

Aug 25: No Lunch Meeting! Instead Social at Matt & Lynda DeBruyn's home	Sep 01: Chad Cowles Maple Ridge Community Safety Officer	
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OUR CLUB LAST WEEK'S ZOOM MEETING:

Patrick Dobbyn presided.



Guests:

Felicity Dye, the Chair of the Rotary Youth Exchange program in our District

Reece Carpenter, exchange student 2016-17

Andrea Stiller, Secretary of the District Rotary Youth Exchange Committee

Mark Stewart, executive director of the Salvation Army

Program: Rotary Youth Exchange - Felicity Dye & Reece Carpenter

Felicity Dye:



Felicity is a member of the Rotary club of Bellingham, and has been involved in youth exchange since 2014 when she became a Rotary youth exchange host Mom. As a host Mom, she became more interested in the program and was asked to join the District Committee. While her husband Curtis has been a Rotarian for 30 years, she was not - but that didn't

last long. Once again, Rotary Youth Exchange leads to Rotarians.

Felicity has presented to 10 clubs in our district, and 23 clubs are scheduled.

There are now three Youth Exchange Programs in our District:

- (1) the long-term exchange program,
- (2) the short-term exchange program, and
- (3) a summer program for high school students.

The summer program for high school students involves two students, each being six weeks in one country and six weeks in another. The student stays with the family of the student from the other country. This program works out well for a person who cannot commit to a full year, and takes place in the summer so no little schooling is missed.

When a Rotary Club gets deeply involved in the Exchange Program, it involves all aspects of Rotary service: international service, youth service, community service, club service, and vocational service. The exchange program promotes peace - one student at a time. The students gain an understanding of how others live. Throughout the world in 2018 - 2019, there were 10,000 exchange students. It is estimated that each exchange student has an impact directly with six Rotarians; or in other words, with 60,000 Rotarians worldwide. It is also estimated that each student (through the school which they attend in other activities) come in contact with 255 different people; in other words, with 2.5 million people worldwide. The Youth Exchange Program is completely financed by Rotary clubs and by the students own contributions to their cost, and through volunteers.



Rotary Youth Exchange therefore has a great impact both locally and globally. The future of Rotary begins with youth! YAIL and RYLA plant the seeds. The seeds are fertilized at Interact and Rotaract. The harvest comes at Rotary. Each Rotary Exchange Student that participates is a future Rotarian, because they understand the fundamental values of what Rotary does: Peace, Community, Service. We need to invest and communicate with these young people, and encourage them to continue with Rotaract/Rotary. Unfortunately, we have not been good at following up with exchange students when they returned from their trip. They need to be asked to become involved – to join a club or to join Rotaract. If we fail to do so, we are missing an opportunity because returning students understand Rotary.

Reece Carpenter:



Reece is originally from Oregon, and told us about her exchange to Austria, with her host city being Leibnitz, Austria, and has a population of approximately 8,000 persons. The language spoken is German, but each area has its own dialect which made it more difficult to learn the language, but she successfully was able to speak German upon her return. She had

three host families, and had a good relationship with each of them. When attending school, there were a number of refugees in her class and she therefore got to learn about their stories.

Part of the exchange program is the ability to travel throughout Europe. She went on an 18-day excursion to such places as France, Italy, Croatia, and England, where she saw the cities of Vienna, Berlin, Prague, and London. The cost of these types of excursions are paid by the student and their own family, but the other costs of the exchange program are paid for by the Rotary clubs.

She established a great relationship with other students in Austria. So close, in fact that the Rotary club flew Reece back to Leibnitz, Austria so that she could attend the graduating class of the school which he attended (even though, of course, she was not graduating herself). She established and especially close and long-lasting bond with one of the girls of her own age in one of the host families, and she refers to her as a “host sister”. Reece stated that she came back feeling more confident and motivated. She learned a lot about people food, and another culture. She came back to the USA and became involved with the Rotary.



Rotary Youth Exchange 2016-2017
District 5100-1910/20

Rotary international and district 5050 have many resources to help with Rotary Youth Exchange. *The North American Youth Exchange Network, commonly known as NAYEN, is a Regional Association representing 167 districts, in Canada, Mexico and the United States, which are involved in Rotary Youth Exchange. The annual three-day conference provides a forum for training youth exchange officers in best practices and the opportunity for interaction and collaboration with our overseas counterparts. NAYEN further supports its members through the development of resources and training materials to support their district programs.* *The North American Youth Exchange Network, commonly known as NAYEN, is a Regional Association representing 167 districts, in Canada, Mexico and the United States, which are involved in Rotary Youth Exchange. The annual three-day conference provides a forum for training youth exchange officers in best practices and the opportunity for interaction and collaboration with our overseas counterparts. NAYEN further supports its members through the development of resources and training materials to support their district programs.*

Happy (no Sad):

Matt DeBruyn: looking forward to the camping trip on Sep. 11.

Roger Powley: for allowing me to join your club.

Brenda Jenkins: transfers to our club have now been completed (with the help of Libby) for Wendy Whitter and Roger Powley; and she has again volunteered another \$5 to Dave Rempel’s hair cut fund!

Adrienne Dale: she is now ready for the camping weekend commencing Friday, September 11, as she now is in possession of her new trailer, which will have a “Tiki Bar” attached to it, opening at 4 PM (BYOB). Eric will serve up his usual South African meal on Saturday night.

In-person meetings:

It appears unlikely that the Bella Vita restaurant will be able to accommodate in person meetings on September 1, as our usual meeting room is currently being used to store furniture that had to be removed from the main dining area due to Covid.

Message from Mark Stewart, Salvation Army:

Things are progressing well notwithstanding the coronavirus. Someone has donated a new van to the Army, and they have raised sufficient money to pay for 500 backpacks.

In lieu of regular meeting at noon on August 25:

Matt and Lynda have offered their yard again for some fellowship, which will replace our Tuesday Zoom luncheon meeting on August 25. This a real BYO, so no touching of other people’s goodies. You will need to bring the following:

1. Lawn chairs;
2. Drinks and glasses;
3. Snacks, dinner or whatever you are wanting to eat;
4. Cutlery, plates etc.
5. Any one who has a firepit, if they could bring it along.

Matt will be ready from 4:00 pm, but come as soon as you are able to get away from work. The address is **12593 Garibaldi Street.**

President’s quote:

“The Edge...There is no honest way to explain it because the only people who really know where it is are the ones who have gone over.”



Submitted by Laurie Anderson