



Meetings: Tuesday 12 Noon, Bella Vita Restaurant

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SEPTEMBER IS BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY MONTH

Happy Birthday	Happy Anniversary
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UPCOMING SPEAKERS:

Sep 1: Roger Powley Introduction to our newest member	Sep 08: Gary Thandi & Jesse Sidhu Moving Forward Family Services	Oct 13: DG Carol Tichelman
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RI PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:



Rotary youth exchange — one of the many programs for youths and young adults that we celebrate this month — was my path into true engagement in Rotary. My wife, Susanne, and I began hosting exchange students soon after I joined, and the experience helped me go from simply being a member of my Rotary club to being a true Rotarian. Now Rotary Youth Exchange is a family tradition, and a strong one: Over the past 24 years, we have hosted 43 students!

From the start, we loved it so much that, in addition to hosting students in our home, we became involved with the program by helping to organize student summer camps. During one such camp, I met Christine Lichtin, who was a German high school student at the time and whose father is a past president of my Rotary club. To try something new during this year of embracing change, I am turning this space, normally reserved for the president of Rotary, over to Christine so she can share her story.

My first contact with Rotaract was about 13 years ago, when I was with Susanne and Holger at a barbecue for the summer youth camp. Holger turned to me and said: "Why don't you visit a Rotaract club? You'll meet a lot of great young people who come together to have fun and to make a difference."

A few years later, when I was at Trier University, his words came back to me and I decided to give it a try. That was more than eight years ago, and I'm still at it. Once you are in Rotaract, you just don't want to get out. Rotaract has accompanied me everywhere, starting with the Trier club and then on to a club in Bologna, Italy, during the year I studied there. When I was in Kiel for my master's degree, I got involved with Rotaract there before landing at the Rotaract Club of

Hamburg-Alstertal as I began my career. Each of those clubs has its own identity and focus, but all have the same intrinsic motivation.

I am now taking on a senior advisory role in my Rotaract club, which I really enjoy. I carry Rotaract in my heart, and it shapes my values, even as my interests evolve. One day, as if she had sensed this evolution, Susanne knocked on my door, wanting to introduce me to a young, modern Rotary club located between Hamburg and Mölln, my hometown. The E-Club of Hamburg-Connect, which Susanne helped charter, holds e-meetings, all of them very relaxed and personal. With members of different ages, everything just seemed to fit, so I thought, why not try it out? After all, time is precious and should be filled with fun whenever possible; the rest happens by itself.

Now I am in both worlds — a proud member of Rotaract and a Rotarian. And my small personal goal is to build a bridge between these two parallel worlds. All of us have very similar reasons for being part of the Rotary family.

It took some persistence to persuade Christine to become a member of Rotary, but it was well worth the effort. It is our duty to put in this kind of effort with youth program participants and Rotaractors so we can keep them in the family of Rotary. I hope you were inspired by her story. It's up to each of us to ensure that more young people like Christine can experience the many ways Rotary Opens Opportunities for us and for the people we serve.

Holger Knaack
President 2020-21

OUR CLUB LAST WEEK'S ZOOM MEETING:

Pres. Clint Callison presided.

Speaker: Chad Cowles – manager of the Community Social Safety Initiatives



About Chad Cowles: Chad Cowles is the new manager of the Community Social Safety Initiatives for the City of Maple Ridge. Previously he was the Superintendent of Citywide Services for the City of Vancouver, where he worked for 15 years. Chad and his wife moved to Maple Ridge 2 ½ years ago, and they have two daughters, ages three and one. In

Vancouver and now in Maple Ridge, Chad has been involved in the Night Hoops Basketball Society (which is a charity organization that provides late-night basketball programming for at risk youth and offers them the chance to grow and learn in a supervised and supportive environment).

The following is a brief (if inadequate) summary of Chad's presentation:

The Community Social Safety Initiatives (CSSI) is a multi-faceted program that seeks to ensure **citizens feel safe and engaged; citizens are protected; and citizens' well-being is supported.** The City is working with community partners and other levels of government to gather their input, identify service gaps and opportunities to improve service levels where needed. Programs and/or initiative developed under the CSSI will encourage public engagement in positive activities and interactions, volunteer opportunities and will increase the vibrancy of our community. The CSSI will ultimately execute the LEAD plan to deliver on Council's vision.

LEAD Maple Ridge



Your Maple Ridge Council has deployed an integrated plan to ensure citizens are able to live their best lives today and into the future. The plan is called 'LEAD Maple Ridge.' LEAD is an acronym for **Listen, Engage, Assess and Deliver.**

It is Chad's job to oversee and implement the Community Social Safety Initiative and to manage the team of Community Safety Officers. Chad was hired as the Manager of Community Social Safety Initiative in February 2020. This role is key to ensuring the City is creating a lasting legacy of community safety initiative that include the learnings and advice from City staff and two expert consultants.

Community Safety

The Framework



A number of initiatives have been implemented to date and include:

- Increased enforcement coordination and additional security patrols in the Town Centre to ensure the safety of citizens who are enjoying community events, shopping and park amenities.
- Enhanced early morning cleanups of public areas to better support safe experiences for citizens using our business community. An enhanced and integrated communications system for security, volunteer and City staff to ensure prompt deployment of resources to address any concerns that arise in the downtown core.
- Installed thirteen new laneway lights in the Town Centre as part of the Light Alleyways program. -Increased focus on delivering free community events in and around Memorial Peace Park to provide fun family activities well into the evening.

Health and Social Services

We will examine how we can advocate and support people dealing with substance misuse to connect them with the pathways to recovery.

Social Housing

We are addressing the need for affordable housing for youth, young families, seniors, people with disabilities and those struggling with housing instability.

These priorities include the development of a "Made in Maple Ridge" demonstration model of a permanent supportive housing facility, expanding the affordable housing opportunities for Maple Ridge seniors and families, endorsing a social services mapping exercise to inform other potential housing services needed in Maple Ridge and the development of a regulatory approach for supportive recovery homes in residential settings in Maple Ridge.

Happy and Sad dollars included:

Brenda Jenkins noted that in the lobby of the Seniors Centre was a photo of a senior (who recently passed away) who had enjoyed very much the Christmas party put on for seniors by our club. Brenda hopes that that Christmas party can be replicated as soon as the coronavirus permits.

Clint Callison had a fantastic holiday with his family camping on Vancouver Island, and thank those who looked after his rotary duties during his absence, **Adrienne Dale** is looking forward to camping with the Club at Cultus Lake, and **Ineke and Peter Boekhorst** also enjoyed camping in Peachland.



Walter Volpatti is enjoying his first day of retirement, and in the process of moving his rotary files to his home office.



Dave Rempel, who is celebrating a birthday, forgot the first line of the 4-Way Test in alleging that his age is celebrated in the Beatles' song:

♫ When I get older losing my hair
Many years from now
Will you still be sending me a Valentine
Birthday greetings bottle of wine

If I'd been out till quarter to three
Would you lock the door
Will you still need me, will you still feed me ♫
When I'm sixty-four

Starfish Backpack Program

Ineke advised that in order to save the Backpack Program, members of our club need to take on the responsibility (previously looked after by the Burnett Fellowship Church) of packing and delivering the packs to the 15 different schools in School District 42. Because of the virus, the volunteers at the Burnett Fellowship Church are no longer able to fulfill this function. Ineke and others (including Roger Powley, who will contact the Legion) will be looking into what facilities are available, and will report back at the next meeting.

50-50 Fundraiser

Pres. Clint urged all members again to find sponsors for the online 50-50 fundraiser. He noted that money supplied by sponsors will not go into the pot, but will be used for other Rotarian charitable functions. He also reminded us to get ready to advertise the fundraiser and sale of tickets through emails and Facebook.

President's Quote for the day (with apologies to Joan Baez):



Submitted by Laurie Anderson