



Meetings: Tuesday 12 Noon, Bella Vita Restaurant

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## SEPTEMBER IS BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY MONTH

Happy Birthday	Happy Anniversary
Oct. 2: Clint Callison	

### UPCOMING SPEAKERS:

Sep 29: Vineetha Nakka Understanding and Responding to Epilepsy	Oct 6: Cameron Diggon Homes for Heroes Foundation	Oct 13: District Governor Carol Tichelman
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### OUR CLUB LAST WEEK'S ZOOM MEETING:

Pres. Clint Callison presided.

Speaker: **Patricia Cruz**

Senior Link- Independent Living Society - Aid for El Salvador

#### Senior Link - Independent Living Society



Patricia said that 30% of seniors do not have family and community support. Therefore, Patricia brought together a group of dedicated seniors in 2002 form Senior Link Independent Living Society in Richmond as a non-profit society, whose mission and purposes are:

*To reach out to isolated seniors to assist them to sustain their independence and wellness at their homes as well as to engage, promote and provide seniors with social, mental and physical stimulation by opening avenues to participate, recognizing their talent and their valuable contribution to the community. Using the wisdom, skills and time of seniors, Senior Link quickly became more than just a society providing activities for isolated seniors, it became a network of valuable resources that will offer support in future on health-related issues. Senior Link provides a network for seniors, about seniors, as a voice to the community to showcase their activities, as well as to voice their concerns to representatives of Government, and ally with vulnerable seniors globally.*

#### Aid for El Salvador - the Senior Link

El Salvador, a country located in Central America below Mexico, is currently facing massive destruction due to tropical storm **Amanda**, which struck on June 1, 2020 during the height of the Covid 19 crisis. The entire nation has been under strict military enforced quarantine/Stay-at-Home Order for more than 90 days, which implies people have not been allowed to work, freely access food and medication, and essentially having been at home starving.

Aid for El Salvador was created by the Senior Link with the purpose to provide help and relief to the families affected by such a tragedy.

**Aid for El Salvador** sent to El Salvador a container on July 6 containing food, bedding, and other emergency items. They are endeavouring to link up with a couple of Rotary clubs in El Salvador. They are also paired with a renowned local non-profit organization called Comandos de Salvamento el Salvador (meaning veteran Commandos of El Salvador who rescue people in distress) with decades of experience in areas of emergency medical service and urban search and rescue. This group will help to receive donations and deliver supplies to families in need. The Senior Link is planning to send another container on October 30. The cost of the container is only \$2,300. They are looking for donations of items that can be used to help the people of El Salvador get back on their own feet such as sewing machines, gloves, boots, tarps, ropes, tools, and housing and building materials, and the container itself will be used as a shelter for persons who have lost their homes. Those wishing to donate may call 604-271-4427 for pickup, or items can be delivered to the **Angels There For You** office located at 104-7831 Steveston Hwy., Richmond (corner of Steveston Highway and Number 3 Road), or at the Langley office at 5423 203 Street, Langley, British Columbia, V3A 1V9. Telephone: 604-427-2839.

For further information go to [seniorslink.ca](http://seniorslink.ca).

#### Happy and Sad

**Scott** was pained to hear about the loss of the pier in New Westminster which was destroyed by fire recently.



**Matt and Sharon** were also *all fired up* when they attended in Pitt Meadows to present the bursary to the student for attending the Youth Firefighter Academy.



*Happy-go-lucky* **Clint** was pleased that the 50/50 online draw has now been launched, and he hopes that all Rotarians will share the information and make this fundraiser a great success.

#### Fine Master

**Brenda** fined everyone (except **Ineke**) who did not know that the District of Maple Ridge was formed on September 12, 1874 (and that it became the City of Maple Ridge on September 12, 2014).

#### Future in-person Rotary meetings:

The first in-person Rotary meeting will be held on October 6, 2020 at the Bella Vita restaurant. Seating will be limited, and all persons attending must comply with the Covid 19 protocol. Access by Zoom will be available for those not able or wishing to attend in person. Those attending by Zoom will be asked to pay \$5.00 to help make up the cost of meeting at the restaurant, but the \$5.00 donation will be strictly voluntary and any members not wishing to pay this donation need feel no obligation to do so.

The district governor **Carol Tichelman** will attend our meeting on October 13 (probably by Zoom).

#### Starfish Pack program



A number of Rotarians volunteered to attend at the Friends in Need Food Bank premises to assemble the food packages. The first meeting for this purpose will be on September 29.

#### End Plastic Soup

Our club has now paid the €200 and joined the End Plastic Soup campaign.

#### President's quote for the day:



Submitted by Laurie Anderson