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OCTOBER IS ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MONTH

Happy Birthday	Happy Anniversary
	Oct 25: Chili & Chinni Yalamanchili

UPCOMING SPEAKERS:

Oct 20: Ken Holland Inspirational Speaker	Oct 27: Lorraine Bates MR/PM Christmas Hamper Society	Nov 03: Nikki Nevison The Family Education and Support Centre
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OUR CLUB LAST WEEK'S ZOOM MEETING:

President **Clint Callison** presided.

Guests: (apart from the District Gov.)

Al Stjenegaard - Assistant Governor

Mark Stewart - Executive Director of the Salvation Army, Maple Ridge

Program: District Governor Carol Tichelman's Official Visit

About our district Governor:



Carol Tichelman grew up in Vancouver, and spent 8 years in Prince George as Branch Manager with Canada Trust. She first joined Rotary in 1992 when in Prince George. In 1995 Carol moved to Chilliwack to get closer to family and friends in the lower mainland, opened her own Financial Planning practice, and joined the Rotary Club of Chilliwack. Carol is a multiple Paul Harris Fellow, and a Major

Donor and Benefactor of The Rotary Foundation, and a recipient of the Avenues of Service Citation from Rotary International in recognition of her lengthy list of service to Rotary, her Church and her community.

Her history of community service outside Rotary includes;

- 5 years on the YMCA Board in Prince George
- Founding Board member for the Prince George Community Futures Committee and served for 5 years
- 4 years as Director of the Prince George Golf and Curling Club
- 2 years on the Catholic Diocese of Prince George Finance Council
- 3 years as a Director with the Chilliwack Branch of the Canadian Cancer Society
- Director of Volunteers for the Chilliwack 2003 BC Seniors Games (which was a 2½ -year City Council appointment),

- 6 years as a Director for the Chilliwack Hospice Society,
- Served on her Homeowners Association Board for 5 years
- Very active in her Church as a regular Lector, serves on the Parish Finance Council and teaches the Financial parts of the Marriage Preparation course.

In Rotary Carol was President of the Rotary Club of Chilliwack 2005-2006, and was President again in 2016-17. Carol was District Trainer from 2006-2009, District Conference Chair 2009, has been part of the faculty for the Rotary Leadership Institute since 2007, was the District Visioning Coordinator from 2007-2013, served as an Assistant Governor 2009-2011 and was an Instructor for the Pacific Northwest PETS for 3 years (2012-2014). She has been to many International Conventions and went to Brazil in 2015 on a Friendship Exchange.

In 2004 Carol went to Mexico for 4 days with 20 other Rotarians and family members to deliver a container load of wheelchairs – which started her passion for international service. Carol has been to Ethiopia and Uganda to perform Rotary service work annually since 2009 (except for 2016) including participating in their Polio National Immunization Days. In 2015 Carol received The Rotary Foundation's "International Service Award for a Polio-Free World", and in 2016 Rotary's "Service Above Self Award".

District Governor Carol's presentation:

District Governor Carol's talk included a reminder of RI President Holger's four key messages for Clubs, namely:

1. The district will be actively at work creating new, innovative club models and will need your support.
2. Every club should host at least one strategic meeting each year at which you ask: What should our club be like in five years and what steps should we take to help achieve that vision? What value do we bring our members? Select someone to lead that effort. She noted that our club has already completed a visioning session.

3. Select new members carefully. Make sure that they are a good fit with your club and that your club meets their expectations. Engage them and take care of them. There is no wrong age to become a Rotarian.
4. Continue your club's efforts to end polio by donating to [End Polio Now](#) and by hosting a World Polio Day event in October. We must fulfill the promise that we made to the children of this world.

She noted that Rotary operates at the club level, and it gives "ordinary people the opportunity to do extraordinary things". She referred to a new report released by Johns Hopkins University prepared for Rotary International which provides a powerful look at the impact of all those volunteer Rotary hours. The study found that Rotary members had volunteered a total of 5.8 million hours within a four-week survey period. Extrapolating those results over an entire year, the report gave a conservative estimate of nearly 47 million hours of volunteer effort generated by Rotary members in a typical year. The report then analyzed the economic impact of all those hours and estimated the value conservatively at \$850 million a year, if communities had to pay for the services that Rotary volunteers provide.

Our district Gov. went to Ethiopia in 2009 and was privileged to give immunization to a number of children. She was pleased to announce that the WHO, on August 25, 2000, declared the wild polio virus stopped in all of Africa, and is now only found in Pakistan (74 cases) and Afghanistan (47 cases).

Rotary is also committed to diversification. Jennifer Jones, of zone 28 in Canada, is the presidential nominee for Rotary International for 2022 – 2023, and will be the first woman president of RI. Rotary's goal is to have 30% of positions in leadership in Rotary to be filled by women.

Supporting the environment will become Rotary's seventh Area of Focus (joining:

- Peace building and conflict prevention
- Disease prevention and treatment
- Water, sanitation and hygiene
- Maternal and child health
- Basic education and literacy
- Community economic development).

These causes encompass some of the world's most critical humanitarian needs and provide an opportunity for Rotary members to transform the world through volunteering and service projects.

In conclusion, District Gov. Carol Tichelman told us about her own personal "Rotary Moment". She said that she was raised with a great family and had three brothers, but she didn't have a great mother/daughter relationship. Her mother, who was Catholic, felt that Carol shouldn't spend so much time doing Rotary work but should do her service through the church. In 2004 Carol went to Mexico to deliver wheelchairs, and her mother came along with her. On the first morning when her mother saw the chairs being delivered, there were tears in her mother's eyes, and she said, "you are truly doing God's work". Her mother became a multiple Paul Harris recipient, and became a legacy donor before her death.

DG Carol said that Rotarians take action to improve the community and the world, and follow the 4-Way Test. She gave to our Club three "people of action" pins for presentation by our Club president to three members, who are people of action, namely:

Matt DeBruyn:

who organized our club is a camping weekend in September.

Brenda Jenkins:

who keeps all of our club's members connected through her online communications.

Libby Nelson:

who helps our club president to organize our meetings and (in the words of Clint) "makes this all work").

President's Quote for the day:



Submitted by Laurie Anderson