

Meetings: Tuesday 12 Noon, Virtual Meeting

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FEBRUARY IS PEACE AND CONFLICT PREVENTION/RESOLUTION MONTH

Happy Birthday

Happy Anniversary

UPCOMING SPEAKERS:

Feb 09: Christine Payton Author of The Power Within	Feb 16: Shashanka Vangari Cancer and Rare Disease Research	Feb 23: Malcolm Kennedy Rotary Foundation
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OUR CLUB LAST WEEK'S MEETING:

Libby Nelson and **Clint Callison** took turns presiding.

Guest: **Beverly Harrington** -our District Governor for 2021 – 2022
 [See below for a bio of our new DG for the next Rotary Year]

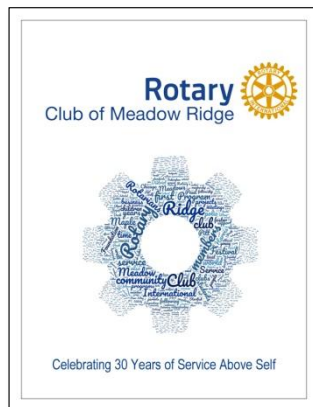
Today's Program: Update on 30 Year Anniversary Celebration and Remembrance Book – **Scott Payne**

Scott Payne gave us an update on what is planned for this COVID-delayed celebration, and the book of remembrance that is in the works for the occasion. Scott is the chair of this committee which includes Peter Boekhorst, Mike Davies, Eric Mollema and Laurie Anderson. The hard cover book will be given to all members, past-presidents and others, and will be available also to introduce prospective members to Rotary. The Celebration will be held as soon we are able to get back together as a group in person to celebrate this milestone in our Club's history.

The book will give an introduction about the history of Rotary International and how it got started, and more particularly the history of our club which was chartered on March 3, 1990 and the activities and contributions of our club over the past three decades. There will be yearly summaries, with each past - president (that can now be located) being asked to summarize the events of his or her Rotary year.

In researching the book, the committee has gleaned information from:

- 1) our club bulletins "The Four Way Flasher", that Peter posted on our website (most of those from the first decade are unavailable),
- 2) from documents which we were able to obtain from the Maple Ridge Museum and Archives (who have been very helpful), and
- 3) from our past-presidents themselves.



MEADOW RIDGE ROTARY



CHARTER NIGHT  MARCH 3, 1990

We are still looking for a full list of presidents and board members for the first decade of our history and the story of our club during that time, which is still a work in progress.

There will be a section honouring those past members who have passed away, and a review of what our club does currently in terms of social events and camaraderie. Any club members who wish to contribute articles of interest that they feel should go into the book can contact Scott or any members of the committee.

Happy and Sad

Libby related the following message from **Deborah Hyslop** [Talk about a positive attitude!]: "I wanted to give a Happy Five Dollars today to celebrate my first round of Chemotherapy! At Abbotsford Cancer Center, I am a Tuesday girl. That means the plan is for me to have my treatments (roughly once a month) on Tuesdays, so I will miss seeing your smiling faces a few times over the coming months. My diagnosis is a bit complex so if any of you want more details we can talk on the phone!"

Walter Volpatti's mother, who had a tumble and fractured her neck and collarbone last fall, had another tumble and is being assessed in the hospital. Walter will be trying to go back to Trail to visit her when possible.

Brian Bekar was so sad about missing Matt Debruyn's birthday that he threw a couple of dollars in the kitty.

Matt Debruyn made a mysterious and [to at least one member, who missed the meeting, but caught the show as a re-run] incomprehensible statement about some anonymous member teaching Matt something about Chinese culture - which evidently resulted in numerous members sending Matt money..... or something along those lines.

Eric Mollema gave some happy and/or sad dollars because it is his 30th wedding anniversary, which is going to result in him and his better half going to a late dinner at an expensive restaurant in Vancouver.

Ineke, at the invitation of her daughter, attended an on-line bingo put on by the Kamloops Rotary Club, and had a fun time. She suggests that our club should consider putting on a similar event. [Ineke has some experience with bingo as she and an associate used to run the Haney Bingo-Plex some years ago.]

Roger (who told us some weeks ago about the flood in his bathroom) learned how overpaid the restoration companies are by the insurance companies, but he was happy that the job was finally completed.

Announcements

Regarding the **Valentine gift bags** to be delivered to seniors within our community, Ineke stated that we have enough people to fill the bags, but need drivers for Thursday, February 11, to deliver the bags to the senior recipients. If you can help, contact Ineke. Also, small items to put in the gift bags could be useful, so if you can also help out in this department please contact Ineke.

Regarding the **Duck Race**, sponsors are still needed, so if anyone is interested or knows any other persons or businesses that would be willing to become sponsors by making a money donation, please contact Ineke or Bonnie Telep of the Haney club.

Clint noted that despite the pandemic, our club is still keeping busy - involved in various ongoing matters including the Duck Race, the Valentine social for seniors, the Wine Fest, the Starfish Backpack Program, and the Valentine's Day virtual social on February 14.

Quote for the Day



Submitted by Laurie Anderson



Bev grew up in San Mateo, California, and lived in the same house until she left for college with a stay-at-home mom and a dad who worked two jobs to provide for her and her three brothers. It was a happy time with summers spent camping and water skiing. After returning from a year in Austria as an exchange student, she attended the University of California, Berkeley, until marrying and starting a family.

Bev and her husband Dick live in Burlington, Washington. They have a blended family of four adult children: Suzie (Eric) living in Canada, Danielle (Ray) living in Bellingham, Scot (Lani) living in Mount Vernon, and Shannon (Aaron) living in Bellingham. They have been blessed with nine "grands" and three wee "greats."

Bev joined Rotary in 2005 due to its focus on Service Above Self and the opportunity to join with others to make a difference locally and internationally. She is a graduate of the Rotary Leadership Institute and served as her club's president in 2016-2017. Because "Doing Good in the World" requires financial resources, she is a member of the Paul Harris Society and a Major Donor of The Rotary Foundation.

Early on in her career, Bev was a credit union CEO. Over the years she was the Director of Finance for a high-tech company in Seattle, Business Manager/Accountant at the Seattle Girls School, and Chief Financial Officer at the Pacific Northwest Trail Association in Sedro Woolley. She also served as the Manager of the Burlington Chamber of Commerce, taking it from a box of records without an office to a full-fledged operation. She has owned and worked in her own business since 1988, Skagit Auto Licensing, providing vehicle titling and licensing services to the local community for the State of Washington. In 2007 she obtained a Career & Technical Education Certificate from the State of Washington and was the initial instructor of the Academy of Finance at the Northwest Career & Technical Academy.

Service has been a life-long endeavour since being trained as a Development Educator by the World Council of Credit Unions and USAID. Bev has served on the Burlington City Council, the Washington Credit Union League, the Credit Union National Association, and as a volunteer financial consultant in the Gambia, West Africa. In order to learn more about her community and its needs, she completed Leadership Skagit in 2016.

Bev developed the Rotary Youth Engaged in Service (YES) program in 2007 to involve high school youth in local and international service. She was a Group Study Exchange Team Leader to Ecuador in 2009. She has served on the RYLA committee, co-chair of the District Vocational Committee, and was the 2019 District Conference Chair. She is a recipient of Rotary International's "Service Above Self" award.