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MARCH IS WATER AND SANITATION MONTH

Happy Birthday	Happy Anniversary
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UPCOMING SPEAKERS:

Mar 02: Mayor Mike Morden Development in Maple Ridge	Mar 09: Rick Howard Maple Ridge Foundation	
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RI PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:



As someone who knows firsthand the great leadership potential of Rotaractors, I always look forward to World Rotaract Week, which we are celebrating from 8 to 14 March. Rotaractors are the focus of all three of my presidential conferences this year, and I was proud when, two years ago, the Council on Legislation voted to elevate Rotaract by including Rotaract clubs as members of Rotary International.

Before that, the Council had already made dual membership possible, and shortly after, the Board of Directors decided to do away with Rotaract's age limits.

But we are only just embarking on our journey together. Partnering effectively doesn't happen by itself. It requires both sides to be open and to understand the value of cross-generational alliances. Louie De Real, a dual member of Rotaract and Rotary, explains.

Joint virtual meetings have helped Rotaractors introduce Rotarians to new ideas and tools, pioneering unique ways for clubs to collaborate. In the case of pandemic and disaster response, Rotaract clubs used social media to coordinate efforts, drive information, and fundraise, while Rotary clubs used their networks and resources to amplify support, provide logistics, and bring the goods and services to communities.

Rotaractors' innovative virtual engagement and professional development activities inspired Rotarians to support and follow suit. The pandemic made Rotaract clubs realize that we can immediately connect and partner with Rotary clubs through virtual platforms. With constant collaboration, we realize that Rotary and Rotaract indeed complement each other — that we are part of a single organization with shared goals.



Both sides add value. Rotarians can be mentors and service partners to Rotaractors, while Rotaractors can demonstrate to Rotarians that difficult jobs can be simplified and limitations can be surpassed through digital approaches. This synergy motivates Rotaractors to become future Rotarians: I joined Rotary because Rotarians gave me memorable membership experiences through inspirational moments of collaboration. I needed to be a Rotarian to inspire Rotaractors the same way, now and in the future.

That same synergy leads Rotarians to realize that while Rotaractors may have a different culture, we all share a common vision of uniting people to take action. Rotaract's unique ways of doing things serve as inspiration for innovation, helping Rotary increase its ability to adapt to future challenges. Rotarians and Rotaractors will build the future together, so let's start today.

I see no difference between a Rotary club and a Rotaract club, except perhaps for the average age!

Many Rotarians still view Rotaract as our youth organization, but I see it differently. For me, they are part of us, and they are like us. To be successful together, we need to have mutual respect — to see each other as equals. Let's see Rotaractors for who they really are: students and young leaders, but also successful managers and entrepreneurs who are capable of planning, organizing, and managing a Rotary institute — including breakout sessions in five languages — as they did in Berlin in 2014.

As we take this journey together, let's remember the strengths of Rotary and Rotaract. And, as Louie says, let's get started right away in building the future together. In doing so, we open endless opportunities for our organization.

Holger Knaack
President 2020-21

OUR CLUB LAST WEEK'S MEETING:

President **Clinton Callison** presided. **Today, February 23, 2021, is the 116th birthday of Rotary International.**

Guest: Marjolein Lloyd – DG nominee for Rotary District 5060, and daughter of Peter and Ineke Boekhorst.

Invocation (Debbie McRae) – “Life isn’t about waiting for the storm to pass. It is about learning to dance in the rain.”

Program: Malcolm Kennedy –The Rotary Foundation (TRF)



About Malcolm

Malcolm Kennedy joined Rotary in March of 2007, and has become the backbone of the Rotary Club of Coquitlam Sunrise, where he served as the Club President in 2009-10. Before joining the Coquitlam, in conjunction with Rotary, Malcolm went to Thailand during 2004, 2005 and 2006 to assist with hands-on building of facilities for orphaned or abandoned children and then set about engaging Rotary clubs throughout the world to sponsor and educate these children. After joining the Coquitlam sunrise Club, he continued his busy activities, joining in many hands-on programmes from picking up trash in local parks, ringing the bells for the Salvation Army, packing Food Bank hampers, to coordinating and encouraging the volunteers for Operation Red Nose. He is a multiple Paul Harris recipient.

Malcolm continues to be on the Board of Directors of his Coquitlam Sunrise Club, and is currently as the Secretary and Bulletin Editor. Malcolm has been called the “District Grant Applicator Extraordinaire” helping Clubs to raise funds for many projects at both home and overseas. In 2011 he volunteered to serve on the District Simplified Grants subcommittee. In 2013 he assumed the role of the District Grants Chair. In 2016 he became the District Global Grants chair and in 2018 the District Foundation Stewardship Chair. He is currently the District Foundation Chair for our Rotary District 5050 for 2019 – 2022 Rotary years.

Malcolm’s service to his community goes far beyond his commitment to Rotary. In 2013 he was awarded the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee Medal in recognition of his extensive and continuing work in the Tri-Cities Area. He has contributed considerable skill, time, effort and no doubt money to the TriCities area for the last 35 years, and continues to do so.

Members of our club (including Peter, Ineke and past-member Angie Edmonds) went with Malcolm to Nicaragua on an International project funded by a Global Grant.

Malcolm’s Presentation:

[Everything you wanted to know about TRF - but didn’t know who to ask?]

Separate Entities

The Rotary Foundation (“TRF”) is a separate legal entity from Rotary International (“RI”), and must be separate to maintain its charitable status. [There is a Rotary Foundation (Canada) with its offices in Caledon, Ontario, which receives our Canadian donations and which issues the Canadian charitable donation receipts.] TRF is our foundation which allows us to do good in the world.

District Grants and Global Grants

If we donate to the Annual Fund, the donation is held for three years with the growth (or interest earned) used to support TRF operations (or overhead). The money donated by members within our District 50-50 is shared equally between the World Fund (used by TRF at the Trustee’s discretion) and the District Designated Funds (DDF) (used in our District to pay for District Grants and Global Grants). In 2008 when interest rates fell dramatically, the interest earned did not fully pay for the Foundation’s operations. Effective July 1, 2021, 5% will come off the World Fund and the District Designated Fund to pay for these overhead expenses.



By way of illustration, in the 2018-2019 Rotary year, District 5050 contributed \$333,300 to TRF. If members in our District contribute \$333,300, then 5% (or \$16,665) is used to pay for TRF operations, leaving \$316,635. Of this amount, one-half (\$158,318) is allocated to the World Fund and \$158,318 is allocated to the District Designated Funds. The \$158,318 of the DDF is then allocated 50% to District Grants (\$79,159) and 50% to Global Grants (\$79,159).

Your Donations

To learn about your own contributions, go to <https://www.rotary.org> website, sign in, put in your username (probably your email address) and your password (if you have trouble at this point, hit the “need help” button). If your name shows up, you will know that you are logged in.

If you click on “Donate”, you can choose one of four funds, all of which are eligible for recognition points:

1. Annual Funds
2. Polio Funds
3. World Fund
4. Disaster Response Fund

To learn more about each of the funds click on the “Learn More” button.

You can also choose one of Rotary's six areas of focus (as of July 1, 2021 there will be seven areas of focus, including the environment):

1. Peace building and conflict resolution
2. Disease prevention and treatment
3. Water, sanitation and hygiene
4. Meant maternal and child health
5. Basic education and literacy
6. Community and economic development
7. Environment

Note, however, that if you choose one of these areas of focus the money does not get split back to the District, so Malcolm recommends (unless you specifically want to give to one of these areas of focus) that you pick the Annual Fund.

You can also choose the Endowment Fund (often done through a Will), where the initial capital contribution is invested and the Foundation only spends a portion of the earnings.

You can also support a Global Grants. However, if you support another club through a global grant, don't send the money directly to the other club or you won't get credit. When a club applies for a global grant, they are given a number at the time of the application, but that doesn't mean that it has been approved yet. So, wait until the other club's grant has been approved. This way you will get the Paul Harris recognition points.

If you have recognition points or wish to donate cash, you can dedicate a Paul Harris recognition in memory of, or in honour of, someone. The Rotary Foundation will send a letter to the person notifying them of the recognition.

You can donate on line.

If you click on the Donation Box, you can choose a one-time donation or a recurring donation (such as monthly or annual). You fill in your name, mailing address, etc. and credit card particulars if you want the donation to be automatically debited to a credit card. It will ask you for your birthdate and if you don't give it to them, then your age will default to 100 years (with the result that when it records the average age of your club members, the numbers will be askew).

By clicking the Donation Button, and then on the "Donor History Report", you can view all of your contributions, commitments, and recognition that you have received, and what Foundation recognition points you have available for transfer.

This Donor History Report contains personal information and no one else in the club can see it. By way of example, if it shows that you have PH+8, it means you have nine Paul Harris recognitions, but it doesn't mean you have donated \$9,000. Some of the recognitions may result from other Rotarians or a club donating or transferring points to you. But it does mean that someone has donated \$9,000 to TRF. Under the heading "Rotary Direct Participant", it shows the actual cash payments that have been made by your direct donations, and also shows the Foundation Recognition Points that are available for you to transfer to somebody else. Under the button "Transaction Details" (at the bottom of the page), it will give you a year-by-year statement about your donations.

Paul Harris Recognitions

Paul Harris Recognition is extended to any individual who contributes, outright or cumulatively, (or in whose name is contributed) \$1,000 or more to the Annual Fund or Polio Plus, or as a sponsorship of a portion of a Foundation Grant. The Recognition consists of a certificate and a pin. The awards are awarded automatically by RI.

The pin will be sent to your club.

Multiple Paul Harris Fellow Recognitions are extended at all subsequent \$1,000 levels. Recognitions consist of a pin with stones corresponding to the recipient's recognition amount. This could be made up of the recipient's actual donations, or recognitions awarded by a third party (such as by a club or an individual).

\$1000	PHF	original pin	3
\$2000	PHF+	one sapphire	3
\$3000	PHF+2	two sapphires	6
\$4000	PHF+3	one sapphires	7
\$5000	PHF+4	three sapphires	8
\$6000	PHF+5	four sapphires	1
\$7000	PHF+6	one ruby	1
\$8000	PHF+7	two rubies	0
\$9000	PHF+8	three rubies	0

The numbers at the end indicate how many persons in your club have attained each level of recognition.

Accumulating and Transferring Foundation Recognition Points

What are they and how can I accumulate them? Foundation Recognition Points are awarded to donors who contribute to TRF through the Annual Fund or Polio Plus, or who contribute to the sponsorship of a Foundation Grant. Donors receive one recognition point for every US dollar contributed. Since 2011, donors can transfer Foundation Recognition Points to others to help them qualify for a Paul Harris Fellow or a Multiple Paul Harris Fellow.

How do I transfer foundation recognition points?

A minimum of 100 recognition points must be transferred at a time. The donor must complete and sign a Recognition and Transfer Request. Points may not be transferred from an individual to a club or to a District – you must give them to an individual. Individual donors are the only ones authorized to transfer recognition points. Club presidents are the only ones authorized to transfer recognition points from a Club account.

The Meadow Ridge Rotary Club, as of February 2021, has 12,139 Foundation Recognition Points available, and therefore the Club can award 12 Paul Harris awards.

Every Rotarian Every Year

Every Rotarian is encouraged to participate in a Rotary Foundation Project. Malcolm urges our club to apply for a District Grant or a Global Grant, and to make a personal gift to The Rotary Foundation Annual Fund every year. The benchmark of Rotary International is that Every Rotarian Every Year donates \$100 US to The Rotary Foundation.

The Rotary Foundation is a not-for-profit corporation supported solely by voluntary contributions from Rotary members and friends of the Foundation who share its vision of a better world.

This support is essential to make possible projects, funded with Foundation grants, that bring sustainable improvement to communities in need.

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(If you have trouble following any of this, then Malcolm invites you to phone him at 604-941-8606 or to contact him at malcolm.rotary@outlook.com)

Happy and Sad

Dave Rempel was sad to learn that one of a pair of swans that he supplied to West Vancouver’s Ambleside Park several years ago went missing, and the other was found swimming in the ocean. Dave was interviewed on the radio by the CBC, and by the North Shore Newspaper which reported as follows:

Exactly what happened to the male is something of a mystery. The absence of a carcass or any sign of a struggle is odd, given that is almost the case with predation. “Usually when a predator takes a bird, there’re feathers all over the place,” said Dave Rempel, owner of Whonnock Water Fowl. It was Rempel who sold the swans to the District of West Vancouver about 10 to 12 years ago. He estimates they are about 13 or 14 years old. In captivity, they can live up to 40 years but, Rempel said, Swans are always at risk of predation without serious protection like the electric fences and 33 inches of sheet metal he keeps his own personal flock behind. It’s possible the male was taken by people, although there isn’t any direct evidence of that either, according to the Conservation Officer Service.

The following is a picture of those same swans taken in 2018 swimming with their cygnets:



Brenda – happy to be back and for the well wishes she has received.

Clint, Libby and Ineke – happy that Brenda is back.

Libby - happy to have made it to the hospital after some problems on the highway, a little late but safe, while taking **Deborah** to the hospital.

Announcements:

Ineke: Our incoming exchange student in Rotary year 2015-2016 **Jhon (pronounced John) Christhian** from Peru. He lived in a small village in the rain forest on the Amazon River, and used to paddle a boat on a 1 ½ hour journey to get to school. He now lives in Lima Peru and has two children. Because of COVID, he can’t work and is struggling financially.

Some members of our Rotary club and the Haney Rotary club wish to help him, and are suggesting that those members who wish to help donate \$300 towards this cause (this is the suggested benchmark, but any donation will help). The money will be accumulated and \$300 a month will be sent to him once it is determined how that may be done securely. To donate, send funds to our treasurer Walter Volpatti (by e-transfer to his home email address – not to his former work address).

Marjolein (who said she joined our meeting on Zoom “so she could visit with her parents”) was apparently confused when she linked up, thinking she must have joined a Rotary club in Louisville by mistake, because she saw a person at our meeting whom she at first thought was Colonel Sanders.



But it was pointed out to her that it was KFC, not KFS.



Quote for the day:

Always keep your words soft and sweet, just in case you have to eat them.

Submitted by Laurie Anderson