



# CAPRI ECHO

## January 19, 2026

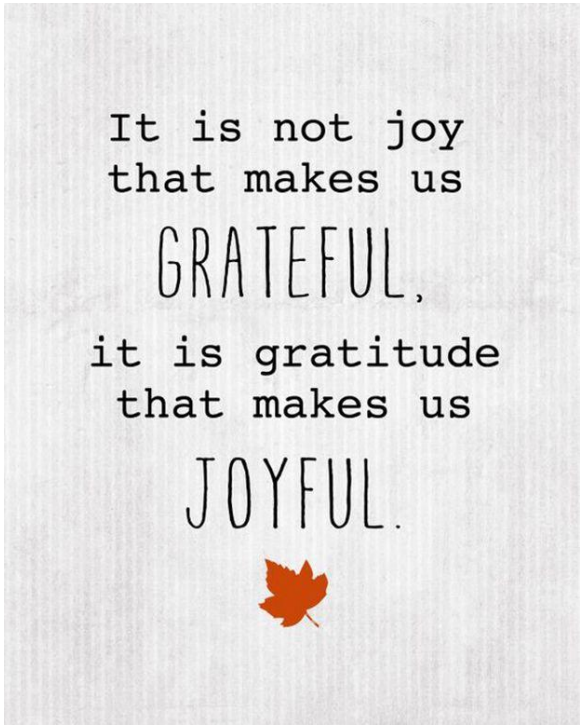
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- Jan 26 - Regular Meeting
- Feb 2 - Regular Meeting
- Feb 9 - Regular Meeting
- Feb 16 - Regular Meeting
- Feb 23 - Regular Meeting
- Mar 2 - Regular Meeting





The Sheriff this week was Peter Spek.

**Canada has the longest coastline in the world**

**At over 202,000 km (that's like circling the Earth 5 times!), it touches three oceans: Pacific, Atlantic, and Arctic. No wonder Canadians love their beaches... even if many are frozen half the year!**

**Santa Claus officially lives in Canada (at least according to Canada Post)**

**Every year, kids worldwide send millions of letters to Santa Claus, North Pole, Canada H0H 0H0. Canadian postal workers actually reply to them — it's the most wholesome government program ever!**

**The name "Canada" comes from a hilarious misunderstanding**

**It derives from the Iroquoian word "kanata" meaning "village" or "settlement." French explorer Jacques Cartier heard Indigenous people say it and thought it was the name of the whole country. Classic colonial mix-up!**

**Canada produces 70–80% of the world's maple syrup**

**Almost all of it comes from Quebec. Canadians take their maple syrup so seriously that there was once a multi-million dollar heist of the sweet stuff (true story — the "Great Canadian Maple Syrup Heist" of 2012).**

**The world's largest beaver dam is in Canada**

**Located in northern Alberta, this massive engineering marvel is over 850 meters long**

**— so big it can actually be seen from space!  
Beavers are basically Canada's unofficial rodent architects.**



## Capri Rotary Club AGM

We established a new board for Rotary Year 2026-2026.

President - Peter Spek  
President Elect - Peter Spek  
Past President – Peter Spek  
Treasurer - Lockie Bracken  
Secretary - Carola Spek  
Club Public Relations - John Mullock  
Foundation Chair - Ron Becker

Directors:  
Glenna Gillan  
Mike McGee

Honorary Director:  
Art Gillan

**Rotary Day July 2026 –** things look good for 2026.

## Happy Sad Dollars

Ron had happy and sad dollars because his neighbor will move to assistant living, which is the sad dollar, the happy dollar is that he will be released from keeping their driveway snowfree.

HUMOUR

**YOU KNOW YOU  
ARE GETTING OLD WHEN**



**YOU KNOW YOUR CHILDHOOD FRIENDS  
PHONE NUMBER BUT NOT YOUR WIFE'S**

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