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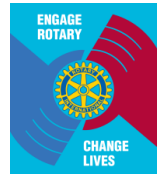
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September is New Generations Month

TODAY: Dr. Michelle Svorski, Urologist - Men's Health

NEXT WEEK: MP Randy Kamp



Happy Birthday

Sep. 03: Dave Rempel

Sep. 04: Doris Gagel

Happy Anniversary

Invocation

Sep. 03 Terry Becker

Sep. 10 Brian Bekar

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Sep. 18	6:00 PM	Rotary Duck Race Distribution of Funds	The ACT, Maple Ridge
Sep. 24	12 Noon	Membership meeting	Bella Vita Restaurant
Oct. 2	6:00 PM	Rotary at Work - Community Living Project	The ACT, Maple Ridge
Oct. 4	6:30 PM	Oktoberfest	Pitt Meadows Heritage Hall

ROTARY APPROVES \$500,000 EMERGENCY GRANT FOR SOMALIA

Rotary has approved a \$500,000 Rapid Response grant to the World Health Organization (WHO) to address a recent polio outbreak in Somalia. The outbreak occurred in the Banadir region of Somalia, where a large number of children had not been vaccinated against polio due to inaccessibility.



As of 14 August, 110 cases of wild poliovirus have been reported in the Horn of Africa—100 cases in Somalia and 10 in Kenya. This is the first outbreak in Somalia since 2007 and in Kenya since 2011.

The Rotary grant will cover operational costs, including human resources, training, and transportation of health workers, aimed at immunizing children under 10 in all accessible areas of Somalia in August.

To date, five vaccination campaigns have been held in Somalia, three in Kenya, two each in Ethiopia and Yemen, and one in Djibouti. Additional campaigns are planned through the end of the year.

Drawing on lessons learned from previous polio outbreaks, the first vaccination campaign was carried out within a week after the first case was confirmed.

“Until polio transmission is interrupted in the endemic countries, outbreaks such as the one in Somalia are to be expected,” says [Dr. Hamid Jafari](#), director of Polio Research and Operations at WHO. “So long as the budget for the new [Polio Eradication and Endgame Strategic](#)

[Plan](#) is fully funded, we’re well-equipped to pursue endemic and outbreak priorities simultaneously.”

Rotary’s emergency funding for responses to polio outbreaks in Somalia and other countries has been critical to ensuring that immunization activities proceed without interruption, thereby minimizing the risk of the disease’s further international spread.

In addition, the governments of the United Kingdom and Japan recently announced financial commitments of \$15.3 million and \$1.3 million, respectively, to fund similar emergency vaccination campaigns in the Horn of Africa.

The United Nations has warned that without further intervention, polio could quickly develop into an epidemic across East Africa and put countless lives at risk. The UK’s assistance will allow WHO to immunize 6.1 million people most at risk from the disease in Somalia, northern Kenya, and other countries in the region. This new funding is in addition to a \$457 million pledge to the [Global Polio Eradication Initiative](#) in April.

Japan’s emergency grant will pay for more than 5 million doses of oral polio vaccine for supplementary immunization activities in November and December, expected to reach more than 2.8 million children under 10.

LAST WEEK’S MEETING

Guests

Betty Levens, a former member of our club (who is interested in re-joining).

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$219.00 + 1/2 of today’s sales, 41 cards left, Jackpot on “Queen of Hearts” only!

Lee Harman, a guest of Marco Terwiel. Lee is a past District Polio Plus Chairman, and is currently the Endowment and Major Grant Advisor for Zone 24, which encompasses all of Canada as well as part of the United States and Russia. He is a member of the Arlington Rotary Club in Washington State.

Happy and Sad

- **Ineke Boekhorst**: the garage sale held last Saturday to raise money for the Nicaragua project of our International Service Committee raised \$300. To raise money for polio, the club will sell the crocus pins for \$5 each. Members are encouraged to put them for sale in our offices. If we sell all of them, the club will make \$4,000.
- **Marco Terwiel**: to have a visit from Lee Harman who travelled all the way from Washington to see him.
- **Terry Becker**: reminded us that Lee Harman was the Polio Plus Chairman for our district when our club gave donation of \$1500 in support of the Polio Plus program.
- **Mark Forster**: to finally get rid of his old van that had 300,000 km on it, and to buy a new car (hoping that his new car will perform as well as it did when Mark played "crash test dummy" in the old one).
- **Tom Manion**: had a makeup by visiting Hundred Mile House Rotary club.

Mini Guest Speaker



Ineke introduced **Betty Levens**, who is very active in the community, especially with senior's activities and the Terry Fox Run for Cancer Research. Betty told us a bit about the Run: It has been 33 years since the first Run was held. Since then it has raised \$600,000,000 world wide, and now is held in 33 countries throughout the world.

Announcements

Bob Shantz said the **RCMP Musical Ride** will be held in Maple Ridge on September 5. Tickets are only \$15. See Bob for tickets.

President Dale said that on **September 24** our regular Tuesday meeting will be a **Membership Meeting**, so plan to bring a friend.

Program

Our own **Mark Vosper**, the **Executive Director of the Ridge Meadows Hospice Society**, was our guest speaker, who told us about Hospice (and did a great job in only 10 minutes!).



The Society is a registered not-for-profit charitable organization established in 1979 and serves both Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows communities. (**Adrienne Dale** is one of the directors and **Laura Cherrille** previously occupied Mark's current position).

Hospice is not a counselling service, but rather a support service. Trained volunteers provide compassionate, emotional care and support to individuals who are living with a terminal illness, their family and friends, as well as at the time of death and through the journey of bereavement.



In the past our own club (largely through the efforts of **Bob Shantz**) raised \$100,000 to help fund the McKenney Creek Hospice Residence which opened in 2006. Many of us were therefore somewhat aware of the Residence, but may have been surprised to learn that the Society provide support not only for hospice patients in McKenney Creek, but also bereavement support for people coping with death in any number of circumstances, including suicide, accident, and homicide. Family members and friends come back to the society for support months, even years, after the death of a loved one.

Mark pointed out that many people believe that the Hospice Society is part of the Hospital Foundation, but this is not the case. It is a separate society which is funded through general donations, fundraising events, memorial and "in honour" gifts, planned giving, BC gaming, and a service contract with Fraser Health. Hospice now also runs a Thrift Store on the Lougheed Highway in downtown Maple Ridge.

The Hospice Society focuses on comfort, not cure, for both the patient and his or her family.

It offers several programs or services to achieve this end. These include, among others:

- One-On-One Bereavement Support
- Adult and Children's Bereavement Support Groups
- Care Givers Respite
- Vigil Support (for the final 72 hours)
- Hospice, Hospital, and Home Visitation Support

The services of the Ridge Meadows Hospice Society are provided at no cost to the clients of the Hospice, and one does not need a medical referral. Referrals to the society may be made by the patient, family, attending physician, social worker or healthcare providers.

The *Mission Statement of the Society* is as follows: *To provide compassion, support and care to patients and loved ones in dealing with end-of-life experience, grief and mourning.* Mark said that grief is a natural emotional response to loss and is very common. The *Vision Statement* says: *To be recognized by the community as a society that, through our efforts, enables dying persons and their families to experience this part of their life story in comfort, dignity and peace.*

Club members are reminded of a fund raising event of the Society, being an **80's Pub Night** to be held on September 20. See Mark for tickets.

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Terry Becker - lucky once, but not twice.

(It takes two to win the money as well as to tango)

Submitted by Laurie Anderson