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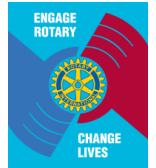
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January is Rotary Awareness Month

TODAY: Gordon Kirkland – Canadian Transplant Association
JAN. 14: Business Meeting



Happy Birthday

Jan. 13: Matt DeBruyn

Happy Anniversary

Jan. 4: Sharon Kyle & Ron Langley

Invocation

Jan. 7 Betty Johansen
Jan. 14 Brian Johnston

Dear Rotarians,

It is with great sadness that I share the news that our fellow Rotarian Marco Terwiel passed away early on Saturday morning. I was with Matt DeBruyn late on Friday night, after the Pub Night, when we heard that Marco had been moved to Hospice, after experiencing terrible pain. He subsequently passed away in the early morning.



Marco at his last Rotary meeting on Dec. 3, 2013

He battled his illness for so long and with such courage, while at the same time participating and contributing to our club and his Rotary duties, as best as he could, right up until the end when he said goodbye to the club. Although so many meetings he could hardly sit through a meal, he would come and share the hour of fellowship with his club members.

Marco will be sorely missed as a Rotarian and a friend by so many people in our community.

Our condolences to Lila Jane and all his family over this very difficult time.

Yours in Rotary,
Adrienne Dale

ROTARY PUBNIGHT AT THE LEGION - NICARAGUA PROJECT FUNDRAISER

Friday January 3, we held our last and final Fundraising event for the Nicaragua Project; and what a great night it was!

Thanks to everyone who participated, 16 of our members were there!

We sold a total of 89 tickets and everyone told us, they had a really good time. I want to especially thank Angie, who sold 15 tickets and Dave Rempel, who sold 19 tickets! Both Angie and Dave also assisted enormously the night of the event.....thanks sooo much, we couldn't have done it without you!

We showed a small PowerPoint presentation, to explain what the mission will be all about. Malcolm Kennedy from the Coquitlam Sunrise Club, who went already twice to Nicaragua the previous 2 years, was at hand to explain some of the details.

We showed off the beautiful jackets, that each team member receives; they were donated by Marks' Work Wearhouse.

After all that, we enjoyed a wonderful meal, either chicken or steak. We sold 50/50 tickets and also had a small Silent Auction.

At the end of the night, Sharon Kyle won the 50/50 (\$265; she donated \$65 back to the project....thanks so much Sharon!)

We made \$330 on the 50/50 and \$765 on our Silent Auction. We additionally made \$780 on the ticket sales, AND received a \$300 donation. After all is said and done (some minor expenses, approx. \$160) \$2000 was cleared, which is really amazing!

Thanks again to our entire Club, you've all assisted with the Nicaragua Project in "some way", which really made it a wonderful project!

And now..... the time has come to go.....

We are leaving Tuesday night and Wednesday morning, arriving Wednesday night in Nicaragua. We are returning Wednesday January 22nd and will tell you all about it, after our return.

Submitted by: Ineke



PubNight at the Legion

DEC. 17 MEETING

This, our last meeting of 2013, was chaired by Lindsay Hendy. We commenced with a Cheque Presentation to the following organizations:

\$500 to the **Maple Ridge Music Society**, which brings outstanding musicians to our community. **Josine Eikelenboom** accepted the cheque on behalf of the Society.



Sammy Nelligan received \$500 on behalf of the **Maple Ridge Festival of Lights**.



And last, but not least, **Annika Polegato** received \$1500 on behalf of the **Allouette Addictions Society**. (Annika had attended our club on November 5, 2013 to talk to us about the good work they are doing.)



Happy and Sad

- **Janis Elkerton** advised of the passing of Tom Murray. Janice also expressed how impressed she was with the operations of the Hospice Society.
- Although a guest, **Annika Polegato** gave five happy dollars to show her appreciation for the bequest to the Allouette Addictions Society.
- **Ineke Boekhorst** expressed her appreciation for the sale of all the cyclamens, and for everybody support at the Christmas Tree Sale. She pointed out that the extra trees which were not sold were given to the Boy Scouts, who in turn donated the extra money that they made from the trees which we gave them to the Hamper Society.
- **Eric Mollema** is now a landed immigrant and was pleased to announce that he was called to the bar last week.

Guest Speaker

Our guest speaker for the day was **Karen Pighin**, who is the **Communication Manager for the Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows Arts Council**, which manages the ACT. Karin has been on the Arts Council for three years.



Karen advised that a survey revealed 93% of the respondents said that Arts were important, and 91% were of the opinion that the Arts made our community a better place in which

to live. The Arts Council was founded 42 years ago, and it has now been 11 years since the ACT opened in our community. The ACT has between 12 and 15 staff, both full and part time. The ACT has 132 volunteers. 11 of those persons have been with the organization since day one. 42 of the volunteers have given more than five years of service.

The following information is found on the Art Councils Web Site:

As a community arts service organization the Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows Arts Council (MRPMAC) has been promoting and supporting arts and culture in the communities of Pitt Meadows and Maple Ridge since 1971. Since 2003 the MRPMAC has managed The ACT Arts Centre and Theatre, also acting as the key presenter in the region bringing a variety of performing arts disciplines for all ages to perform at The ACT. In 2005 the Arts Council was also asked to take on the operations of the Maple Ridge Art Gallery, to enable the Arts Centre to continue to service the local visual arts community upon the dissolution of the Maple Ridge Art Gallery Society. Through our extensive arts programs, performing arts presentations and services to the arts community and the District of Maple Ridge and the City of Pitt Meadows we have established ourselves as the primary arts provider in the region upholding the following Mission Statement:

"In partnership with the community, the Maple Ridge & Pitt Meadows Arts Council works to develop, promote and celebrate the Arts."

Beyond this we also have a wider mandate established through our partnership with the District of Maple Ridge and the City of Pitt Meadows;

"To provide for the co-ordination and provision of visual and performing arts opportunities for the benefit of the residents of the District and to provide for the operation of an arts centre in the District."

As a non-profit society governed by a volunteer Board of Directors, the MRPM Arts Council is dedicated to promoting and encouraging appreciation for the arts. Working in partnerships with other organizations, individuals and governments, the council also acts as an arts resource and forum for communication. The Arts Council promotes and supports all disciplines of the arts and is committed to fulfilling their motto of "Bringing Arts to the Heart of Our Community".

History

The Arts Council is proud to celebrate a long history of service to the community. In 1970 the Community Arts Council of Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows was founded on the rich artistic talents of the area. In 1971 the council incorporated as a society called the Community Arts Council of T'Lagunna, a First Nations word for "Golden Ears", the majestic mountain peaks that feature prominently in both communities.

Through the 1980's the Arts Council continued to grow and evolved as the Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows Arts Council, which truly reflects the service to both communities. Today, the Arts Council operates and manages The ACT Arts Centre and Theatre through a fee for service agreement with the Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows Parks and Leisure Services Commission and continues to be a strong voice for arts and culture in our community.

Submitted by Laurie Anderson