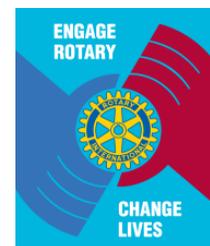


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March is Literacy Month

TODAY: Andrea Coogan - "BC Cancer Foundation"
NEXT WEEK: Ineke Boekhorst – International project in Nicaragua

Happy Birthday

Mar. 4: Jim Coulter

Happy Anniversary

Invocation

Mar. 4 Tom Manion
Mar. 11 Eric Mollema

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Fri. March 7	6pm	Membership "Pub Night" at the Legion	12101 224 St.

RI PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Growing up in Duncan, Okla., USA, I took it for granted that everyone could read. In my own elementary school, not only were we expected to be reading by the age of seven or eight, we were expected to read upside down. We each took turns reading books to the entire class, and of course, if you want to read out loud to a group while you show them the pictures, you can't do it the right

way up. All the way through elementary school, we did that every week, until it didn't really matter to us which way we were holding the book.

I never thought too much about that skill at the time. But a few months ago, on a visit to a Rotary project in Decatur, Ala., I walked into a first-grade classroom and was asked if I would read a book to a class of six-year-olds. Naturally, I was happy to oblige. I sat down, opened the book they had chosen, and started reading to about 30 little kids – upside down, just the way I did it back in second grade.

In a sense, I was doing exactly what I'd learned to do more than half a century earlier. But as an adult, and especially as a Rotarian, I saw that experience in a different way. I was reading to a group of children who were well on their way to literacy themselves. We were sitting in their classroom, in a school where Rotarians came every week to read one-on-one with children

who needed a little extra help. There wasn't any question that every child in that room would grow up to be a literate adult. And all of them took that completely for granted – as they took it for granted that adults would care enough to read them a book while showing them the pictures, even if that meant reading upside down.

We all know that millions of children all over the world aren't that lucky. That's why we make basic education and literacy a priority in our Rotary service. As we mark Literacy Month in Rotary, we remind ourselves what a gift we are giving when we help a child to read – whether it's a child on the other side of the world or right in our own hometown.

Ron D. Burton, President 2013-14



RYLA 2014

Posted by Jacqueline Smith on Feb 02, 2014

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!
RYLA dates are April 10 - 13



www.ryla5050.org



Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) is an exciting and challenging leadership training program for leaders, and 'potential' leaders, between the ages of 18 and 30.

Candidates have to be sponsored by a Rotary club. Often the participating clubs will contact young adults that they know personally, either at a local school, in the community, at work or at home. Family members of Rotarians can also participate. The cost to the club is \$375 per person until March 15 (increasing to \$395 after that date).

For more information and for registration, visit the Rotary District 5050 RYLA website at www.ryla5050.org

The **RYLA** program enables young people to debate issues of professional responsibility and human relations, improve leadership and communication skills, understand Conflict Resolution, learn about businesses and institutions and meet Rotarians while having fun and making friends. **RYLA** provides young adults the opportunity to refine skills and explore pertinent topics with their peers and elders. **RYLA** provides Rotarians the chance to help develop leaders, share valuable expertise and bridge the gap between generations.

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Visitors for the meeting were (apart from our guest speakers) **Cherie Delaney** and **Clint Callison**.

Happy and Sad

Patrick "Skywalker" O'Brien recently returned with his wife **Stephanie** from a veterinary conference in Las Vegas, which included a side trip to the Grand Canyon where Patrick got to feel like he was walking on air by stepping on to a clear glass platform some 4,000 feet above the canyon floor.

Ineke Boekhorst, who is working with Matt DeBruyn on Vocational Service, reminded all members that the club has funds available for eight bursaries of \$1,500 apiece. If we know of eligible students, we should spread the word about the applications.

Robert Shantz was impressed by the new SFU Surrey Campus, where Bob went to lecture to the Criminology 300 Class. Also, he is following up some leads on a car for the Duck Race.

Announcements

President Adrienne Dale announced, to much applause, that **Ineke had agreed to be our President Nominee**, assuming that office in the 2016 – 2017 Rotary year.

Mark Forster reminded us of the Pub Night on March 7 to be held at the Legion for a cost of only \$25, for a good meal and some fellowship - and to bring a friend and potential Club Members.

Rotary Moment

Mark Forster gave a one minute talk on membership development, and reminded us that all Club members have an obligation to bring in some good new Rotary members. One of the many suggestions he had: when thinking about inviting

somebody to a meeting, pick a meeting where the speaker might be of interest to the invitee.

Program

Our speakers were **Patti Rippel** and **Michelle Cherak**, who told us about "**Putting on the Glitz - Grad Program**".

Putting on the Glitz is a Ridge Meadows based program compiled of committee members and representatives from Ridge Meadows Community Service Agencies and partners, who are working together to provide local high school graduates in need with 'formal attire' so that they can attend their graduation festivities with pride. Without such assistance many of these students could not afford to participate in celebrating this important milestone due to financial constraints.



Students are referred to the program by School District #42 school counsellors.

Last year 16 females and 10 males participated, and this year 27 females and 6 males will get the benefit of the program. This year's event will take place on March 5. There are approximately 100 people involved, including the grads. The girls select a party dress and the right accessories, which may include a tiara (a popular item) and jewellery, handbags and shoes.

Hair and makeup artists are on hand, as well as a seamstress who can make alterations on the dresses to make sure that they are in good shape and fit properly.

Professional photographers are available to take pictures of the young ladies in their dresses, makeup and new hair do.

Food and music is also provided for the evening.

The boys usually come later in the evening, and are supplied with a cap and gown and a suit, if needed, or are given a ticket for a tuxedo rental for the graduation evening.

All attendees are given a gift bag which, for the boys, may include a ticket for a free haircut so they will look handsome on grad night.

Our speakers commented that when many of the young ladies attend, they feel very shy and undeserving. However, by the end of the evening they are relaxed and feel proud of themselves.

Many of the girls say of the program, "it made me feel like a princess for the night".

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Ticket, Pick it, Sticky Wicket!

Sorry, Doris

Submitted by Laurie Anderson