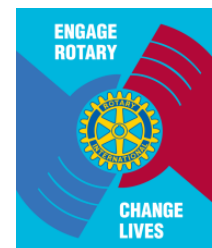


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## March is Literacy Month

**TODAY:** Jack Rae - "Polio Awareness & Scholarships"  
**NEXT WEEK:** Ernie Daykin - Mayor District of Maple Ridge

### Happy Birthday

Mar. 30: David Riddell

### Happy Anniversary

### Invocation

**Mar. 25** Dave Rempel  
**Apr. 01** David Riddell

### CALENDAR OF CLUB EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
May 1-4		District Conference	The Fairmont, Whistler, BC
Aug. 31	10am – 3pm	Rotary Duck Race	Maple Ridge Park
Oct. 11		OktoberFest	

## GREAT NEWS FROM DISTRICT 5050

This year the theme of our district conference, as you will have heard, is "**Rotary the Peak Experience.**"

The program will include presentations from four clubs that have had "peak experiences" as a result of their projects. We had issued an open invitation to all district clubs to enter the contest to decide on which four clubs would present at the conference and also host a table in the House of Friendship.

From a slate of excellent candidates, four clubs have been chosen:

- Everett:** ***The Next Generation Project***
- Coquitlam Sunrise / Meadow Ridge:** ***School Kitchens/Roof/Painting at 2 K-6 Schools in Nicaragua***
- Abbotsford:** ***Blessings in a Backpack***
- Arlington:** ***Haller Park Children's Playground***

Many thanks to Peak Club Committee Chair, Brad Whittaker (AG Elect) and committee members PDGs Jane Helten, Larry Jubie, Rod Thomson and Larry Stinson.

**The Peak Clubs will be part of an amazing program. There is still time to register by going to the conference link at [www.district5050.org](http://www.district5050.org). Hope to see you there.**

Best wishes.

Denis  
District Governor District 5050

## LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Adrienne called the meeting to order.

Patrick O'Brien led the anthem and gave the invocation.

Guests: Irena Shantz, Kevin Duffield, Clint Callison

### Happy and Sad:

- David Riddell's son has a serious eye problem from a sport's injury.
- Brian Johnston is on his way to being a film star with a paid part in a movie later this year.
- Mark Vosper thanked the club for the support received in the recent Hospice pub night.
- Eric Mollema was the mystery greeter. There was no mystery with regard to clemency for the miscreants.

### Business meeting:

Ineke will be our president for 2016/17. This is her second presidency and all but Peter were enthused.

### Oktoberfest:

October 11 and we are looking for people to dress up this year. More music and libations are planned for this year. If you take more than 2 tickets, we need to be paid for them. This is to

prevent the situation where unsold tickets are returned just prior to the event. The News and Jim will be the sponsor. Our club is grateful for the advertising the News does for us.

### Duck Race:

Our application has been submitted and the race will be August 31<sup>st</sup>-a month later this year. It is important that we sell 25% of the tickets to fulfill the Kidsport obligation imposed by Maple Ridge Chrysler. We will use a letter of credit again this year to satisfy the gaming commission that we can afford to make good on the prizes (~\$27,000).

### Treasurer Walter:

There is about \$12,000 in the gaming pot allocated to bursaries, YAIL, RYLA (we are short of kids if you know someone.)

The News published beautiful colour ads with respect to the Sports Banquet funds (\$85,000). No applications have been yet received but there has been contact from a number of youth sporting groups.

We will be having a pub night in lieu of our next fireside to raise money for our admin costs. Members and their guests are invited.

One person is left to donate to the Rotary Foundation's Every Rotarian Every Year. Well done everyone!

**Submitted by Patrick O'Brien**

## WHAT DOES THE ROTARY CLUB DO?

Someone asked that question once, and I stood there feeling like a dunce!  
What do our Rotarians do? I hemmed and hawed a time or two,  
Then said, "We gather for a meal, and ask each other how we feel.  
Get our food and have some fun, chattering till the meal is done.  
We get club business out of the way, and have the program for the day.  
Some are good . . . and some are great! And . . . some run on 'til fairly late.'  
But then my friend, he turned to go, "That wasn't" he said, "what I want to know."

I've thought a lot about this since . . . what could I possibly say to convince  
My friend that Rotary does more than meet.. greet . . . take a seat . . . then eat?  
Well, this is how I would make amends, by explaining Rotary to my friends.  
Two billion children are healthy today, in land both near and far away  
Who otherwise might be lame . . . or dead... from polio . . . that childhood dread!  
And hungry children are being fed, through better ways to grow their bread.  
Rotarians in many lands are teaching,  
And doctors of all kinds are reaching out to heal the sick and lame  
With little thought for wealth or fame,  
And men and women are meeting the need, to teach little children how to read.

A hundred things there are to say, About what Rotarians do each day.  
In every land and every town, To lift someone when they are down  
And help each other along the way, "Service Above Self" – what more can I say?  
Well, if my friend should ask again, I'll have an answer for him then!