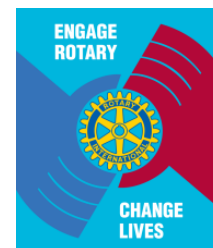




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April is Magazine Month

TODAY: David Riddell – Who’s Who

NEXT WEEK: Business Meeting

Happy Birthday

April 11: Brian Johnston

Happy Anniversary

Invocation

Apr. 08 Bob Shantz
Apr. 15 Walter Volpatti

CALENDAR OF CLUB EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
May 1-4		District Conference	The Fairmont, Whistler, BC
May 9	6pm	Fireside @ our Club President Adrienne Dale’s home	10295 248th St. Maple Ridge
Aug. 31	10am – 3pm	Rotary Duck Race	Maple Ridge Park
Oct. 11		OktoberFest	

MESSAGE FROM THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Magazine Month

I just finished reading through the April edition of *The Rotarian* but it hasn’t arrived in the mail yet. (????) *The Rotarian* has gone digital and I effortlessly download the current edition onto my computer.

The URL for it is www.therotarianmagazine.com
It looks great on line.

This month’s edition is chock- full of interesting articles. Howard Buffett (son of Warren) is interviewed and discusses how he and his foundation are spending millions “in the battle to end hunger.”

Rotary scholar, Artis Henderson, in Rotary Stories, shares part of her memoir about living and studying in Senegal after the death of her husband Miles, who was killed in military service in Iraq.

Then there is the encouraging story of the rebuilding happening in Japan after the devastating tsunami. The article is appropriately entitled “The Faces of Resilience” and focuses on the rebuilding of a community as a first step to redevelopment. The photos are touching.

The Rotary magazine was first published as *The National Rotarian* in 1911. The word “National” was dropped off the title in 1912 when Rotary became an international organization. Chesley Perry, the administrative partner of Rotary founder Paul Harris and General Secretary of the organization for 32 years, served as the first editor/publisher of *The Rotarian* and guided it in the early years.



Rotary is our window on the world and the Rotarian brings us up to speed on the various Rotary endeavors and their impact. Rotary is also our door to the world as it allows us to tangibly reach out and touch, in a helpful and meaningful way, those who are suffering.

Each time I read *The Rotarian*, I come away more informed and impressed with this organization which engages us, so as to change lives. I recall how buzzed I felt about the immensity of Rotary while driving home from Seattle after my Presidents Elect Training Seminar. I recapture some of that same excitement when I spend time with The Rotarian magazine.

District Governor,
Denis Boyd

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Guests

Our Guests for this April Fools Day were **Clint Callison**, **Karen Duffield**, and **Peter Davies** (welcome back again!).

Happy and Sad

- **Mark Vosper** has Oktoberfest tickets, as well as raffle tickets to raise money for Hospice. He also announced that Hospice is putting on its major fund raiser for the year which is the 17th Annual "Vistas Run" for the benefit of the Ridge Meadows Hospice Society, to be held on May 4, 2014. You can register at www.vistasrun.com
- **Ineke Boekhorst** got an April Fools Day note on her computer, saying that Lions and Rotary were amalgamating. ('pparently - t'aint true.)
- **Bob Shantz** showed us a chart of jobs which need to be filled for the Duck Race being held at the end of August. Volunteers are urgently needed.
- **Eric Mollema** welcomed our "snow birds", **Matt DeBruyn** and **Brian Bekar**, who were seen to be sporting a little darker skin color than the rest of us.
- **Mark Forster** noted that we have new (professional looking and impressive) membership forms, thanks to **Peter and Ineke Boekhorst**. Any member who did not receive them should make sure they get 'em (and use 'em).
- **Sharon Kyle** was recently visiting Washington State and was impressed by the community spirit which she observed, with various people and organizations raising money for the victims of the devastating landslide which occurred down there recently.

Announcements

- Our club President **Adrienne Dale** reminded us that there will be a fireside at her home on Friday, May 9. Mark it on your calendars.
- **Ineke Boekhorst** advised that as a result of advertising for community organizations needing funds for sports facilities, seven applications have been received. they will be reviewed by the committee who will make recommendation to the club about the applicants.

Guest Speaker



Our guest speaker was **Maple Ridge Mayor Ernie Daykin**.

Mayor Daykin was introduced to Rotary in the 1980s when Merv Hawthorne (who ran Golden Ears Industries, which was in the business of camperizing vans) invited Ernie (who at the time operated the Windsor Plywood store on River Road) together with Bob Stinson (of Haney Building Supplies) to a Haney Club meeting where they were both honoured by being presented with a Four-Way Test plaque.

Mayor Daykin said one of the things that he likes about his job is that he gets to brag about Maple Ridge. He finds that, as the

Mayor, he must be practical and a realist, but also talk as a visionary and idealist.

No one organization, be it the municipality or otherwise, can do everything on their own, he observed; but one thing he likes about Maple Ridge is that service clubs, the Business Improvement Association, and other groups working together get a lot accomplished.

He said that the vision of the Council is to have a sustainable community, where not only our local citizens but also people around the world will look at what we are doing for inspiration. An example where persons outside of the province have come to Maple Ridge to see how we are doing things, is to observe our recycling program, and also how our Parks and Recreation departments and School District 42 function and share with Pitt Meadows.



Maple Ridge is ranked #5 as the best place to invest in Canada, and #2 in British Columbia.

Many films are produced and shot in Maple Ridge. Recently nine different productions were shooting films here on one particular day, which gives an indication of the interest in our community. One day of shooting brings in approximately \$10,00 to \$15,000 to our local economy.

He pointed out that many people might not know that you can now buy a license in Maple Ridge which is multi-jurisdictional, allowing the licensee to do business in other municipalities.

He noted various examples of commercial activity in Maple Ridge, particularly in the downtown area, and said that although the projections of 100 to 500 new businesses coming to Maple Ridge as a result of the construction of the Golden Ears bridge has not yet been realized, he is optimistic about it.

When asked about his view of the condominium inventory, and whether there is an oversupply within our district, Mayor Daykin commented that we are perhaps a "victim of our own success". He observed that while the 'baby boomer' generation was more prone to want to live in detached housing, the newer generation are quite happy to live in condominium developments where they do not have to do all the work associated with maintaining your own detached home.

Ernie thanked the club for the opportunity of attending and speaking to us about his favourite topic. Club President Adrienne Dale advised Mayor Daykin that a book would be sent, with his name on it, to a library in Nunavut which our club supports, in appreciation for his attendance at our club.

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Angie Edmonds was excited to draw the wining ticket, but sad to cut the Ace of Spades

Submitted by Laurie Anderson