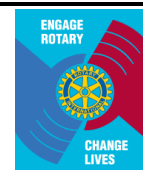


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April is Magazine Month

TODAY: Business Meeting

NEXT WEEK: Laura Cherrille - Ridge Meadows Hospital Foundation

Happy Birthday

April 18: Ken Knuttila

Happy Anniversary

Invocation

Apr. 15
Apr. 22

Walter Volpatti
Mark Vosper

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	

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Guests

Our only guest was our "soon to be member" **Karen Duffield**

Happy and Sad Bucks

- **Bob Shantz** - [something about moribund plastic ducks]
- **Lindsay Hendy** - off to work in Fort McMurray - not back till July 31
- **Deborah Hyslop** - enlisted our "positive energy" in support of her father who is undergoing a heart valve replacement
- **Laura Cherrille** - good new from the Hospital Foundation - took in \$15,000 from their raffle and \$7,000 from their first "Spin-a-Thon".
- **President Adrienne Dale** - a happy meet-up reunion with some South African Rotarians
- **Ineke Boekhorst** - 14 applications have been received for Sports Banquet funds for construction of sports facilities. Will be reviewed by the Committee shortly.
- **Matt DeBruyn** - [my wife says I need a hearing aid]

Program - Who's Who – David Riddell

Here are some things we learned about **David Riddell** (pronounced like the puzzle variety), our hard working Club secretary. [with a few smart ass **parenthetical comments** by the note-taker].

(Editor's note: and it would have fitted on 2 pages without those smart remarks!)



Where Does He Hail From [aka From Where He Does Hail]?

"I was born in Rawdon [David is not black enough for that to be Rawanda - and he definitely does not speak enough French to be from Rawdon, Quebec, Canada - so it must be] a town in a place called Yorkshire, not far from the City of Leeds, in the north east of that sovereign state located off the north-western coast of continental Europe,

called the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland [if you couldn't already tell from his accent or weird sense of humour] ..The UK has an area of only about 39% the size of BC, but it squeezes in about 63 million people [63 million minus 1, now] and is only about 645.67 miles from top to bottom.....You can forget the south, nothing important ever happens there.....The North East is handily isolated from the rest of the country by the fact they don't build motorways to let us get anywhere...."

A Bit of History of Yorkshire

"Early inhabitants of Yorkshire were Celts, who controlled most of Northern England...The Romans conquered the Celts in 71 AD, and the fortified city (now known as York) was the joint-capital

of all Roman Britain. After the Romans left, small Celtic kingdoms arose in Yorkshire.....An army of Danish Vikings (the “Great Heathen Army” as its enemies often referred to it) conquered what is now York, making it the capital city of a new Danish kingdom..... [Space and time do not permit the rest of David’s history lesson about the Battle of Hastings in 1066, the Battle of Fulford, and the Norman Conquest]...”

“In the 17th and 18th centuries, Leeds became a major centre for the production and trading of wool. Then, during the Industrial Revolution, Leeds developed into a major industrial Centre. Today, after London, Leeds is the largest legal centre in the UK”

David’s Grandparents and Parents

“My grandparents were a mix of Scottish and Welsh and English [if that were a dog, they would call it a cross breed?].

I remember my maternal grandfather very fondly. Very similar person, really. Knew when he was onto a good thing.Nana’s family owned and operated the Wine Morgan Conservative Club – he was always ready for a drink...”

“Parents? I do have some... My mother worked in banking most of her life and my father was an engineer.

David is born [Really!]

“I was born in 1971... my sister arrived in 1973 (but we still went on holidays and took her with us). We grew, as children do. Got a dog, Dakir, a Rough collie, a cat, a rabbit, guinea pigs and 32 mice..... We went on holidays – as a family - it would be called a STAYCATION these days, caravanning around the country....We took them all [or was it just the mice?] on holiday with us in a converted bathroom cabinet in our car and travel trailer. On one trip I went on a holiday with the school to Moscow..... [One memorable moment was] I nearly drowned in a lake but my coat was unfastened and formed an air pocket... [like father - like son - see “defenestrated” below]

Schooling

“[As a kid] I went to a school called Rawdon Littlemoor, which was established in 1879 [a bit before David’s arrival].... then secondary school....”



“Then to Cambridge University – more specifically, Pembroke College where I “read law” [as they say in jolly old United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland]...” [FYI, Cambridge University is made up of 32 “Colleges” on Campus, one of which was Pembroke College which David attended. David was there for three years and received what in Canada would be called his Law Degree in 1989 - at least that what David tells me]....My favourite subject – Roman Law, in Latin [how weird is that? Oops - sorry David]....”

“Cambridge University was established in 1347.... when Edward III granted a licence [by statute] for the foundation of a new

educational establishment in the young university at Cambridge. The statutes were notable in that they both gave preference to students born in France who had already studied elsewhere in England, and that they required students to report fellow students if they indulged in excessive drinking or visited disreputable houses.Pembroke College is the third oldest college of the university and has over seven hundred students.... Physically, it is one of the university's larger colleges, with buildings from almost every century since its founding, as well as extensive gardens. Pembroke College is one of the Cambridge colleges to have educated a British prime minister, William PittThe Gatehouse is the oldest in Cambridge, dating from the 14th century.... and the College Chapel was the first building to be built by Sir Christopher Wren...”

“After three years at Cambridge, I went to Inns of Court School of Law – Middle Temple in 1992 where I studied for one year [in England, “Inns” are places of inebriation, or teaching facilities for lawyers, take your pick]....The “Honourable Society of the Middle Temple”, commonly known simply as Middle Temple, is one of only four “Inns of Court” exclusively entitled to call their members to the English Bar as barristers, the others being the Inner Temple, Gray’s Temple and Lincoln’s Temple. [All are located in London - at least they were in 1992]....In the 13th century, the Inns of Court originated as hostels and schools for student lawyers. The Middle Temple is the western part of “The Temple”, the headquarters of the Knights Templar until they were dissolved in 1312...”

“I then took a one year “pupilage” - [in Canada, that would be called Articles] - at Hollins Chambers, and was called to the bar 14 October 1992 [at the tender age of 21].”

Practice of Law

“I stayed at Hollins Chambers, Manchester, Northern Circuit, as a Junior Barrister... [In England, barristers and solicitors are separate - maybe “you can’t have one without the other”, as the old song used to say about love and marriage, but, unlike Canada, in England you must be one or t’other. The solicitor gives his briefs (just to be clear, that is the summary of the case, witness statements, etc.) to the barrister who (without much preparation time) goes to trial to argue the case, criminal or civil. Your note-taker learned all that from watching the TV drama “Silk” on PBS!...] I practiced as a barrister from 1992 until I came to Canada in 2001.”

Practice in Canada

“I came to Canada in 2001. I worked as a flagger at Ikea and other places after being “landed” and waiting for Articles. I articulated with a litigation firm in Vancouver, was seconded to a solicitors boutique real estate development firm, and was kept on... I was called to the BC bar in June 2003..... I practiced in Vancouver until joining Anderson and Thompson (at Vernon and Thompson Law Group) in Maple Ridge in 2008.

Family

“I married my wife Karen while on vacation in Canada, actually, back in 1996 at Rowena’s Inn on the River out towards Harrison... My son Edward came along in 2002...He’s always taken after me, in his dress – not so much his sportiness [David acknowledges his own lack of sporting prowess - after all, he almost drowned in a lake as a child - see note above - but then look what happened to Edward when he tried to run away from home at age two]... We

nearly lost him [Edward] in early 2004 when he was defenestrated - fell from an upstairs window but rolled off the roof, hit vehicle and "only" suffered a skull fracture....*[fortunately, the car was ok]*.... Charlotte came along two years later *[she didn't know what she was getting into - at least she hasn't been defenestrated -yet]...."*

"Since then it's been a story of my family, growing, learning, discovering. The kids' schools: Meadow Montessori, Greybrook, Meadowridge and now at St Pats..... as anyone who has the misfortune to sit next to me can attest, my kids are busy doing Horse Riding, Football *[Soccer - remember, you're in Canada now]*, Tae Kwon Do, Dancing, Music, Hockey – ice and ball flavours, Cross Country, Cycling, Ziplining, Swimming and Water Polo, Golf, Basketball...*[no wonder you are never at work!]*. And then we added to our family in August 2011 with Rumpole [the dog] and then Mortimer *[another dog - despite their names, neither of them are legal beagles]*...You meet the strangest people when you have dogs...Of course you meet some of the best people on earth too.....For me, it's all about my family".

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Somehow our sharp-eyed, x-ray vision treasurer **Walter** did not pick the correct card today, so the pot has risen to \$102.00. Darn.

Submitted by Laurie Anderson