

Meetings: Tuesday 12 Noon, Bella Vita Restaurant

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**TODAY:** Val MacDonald – Eating for Energy

**NEXT WEEK:** Next week regular meeting cancelled – Installation Dinner Thursday June 19

**Happy Birthday**

June 14: Bob Shantz

**Happy Anniversary**

**Invocation**

<b>June 10</b>	Laura Cherrille
<b>June 24</b>	Jim Coulter

**CALENDAR OF CLUB EVENTS:**

Date	Time	Event	Venue
June 19	6pm	Installation of new Meadow Ridge Rotary Executive	Pitt Meadows Golf Course
Aug. 31	10am – 3pm	Rotary Duck Race	Maple Ridge Park
Oct. 11	6pm	OktoberFest	Pitt Meadows Heritage Hall

**PITT MEADOWS PARADE A HUGE QUACK!**



Last Saturday the Duck-mobile together with volunteers made their presence in a float at the Pitt Meadows Day Parade.

Thank you all on behalf of the Rotary Duck Race Committee for all your help.

**LAST WEEK'S MEETING**

Guests

Apart from our speaker, our only guest was our exchange student, **Michiel Verhale**.

Happy ☺ and Sad ☹

**Brian Bekar**, whose new store plans are progressing (the demolition of the building on the new site has started – *away with the old and in with the new*), states now that he is retired, his kids seem to have something for him to do all the time.

**Matt DeBruyn** stated that the Vocational Committee was presenting a cheque of \$1,000 to the Youth Academy of the Maple Ridge Fire Department. (*And just to make sure that Pitt Meadows wouldn't feel left out*) he also stated that a similar cheque will be going to the Pitt Meadows Fire Department.

Matt also advised that five applications have been approved for our bursaries, and that the Committee has found another way of locating needy applicants. It is through "CONNEX", a program which helps troubled youths (who still graduate from high school but outside of the mainstream system) go on to further studies at such places as BCIT. Three applications have been received through Connex, and if they are approved that will fill up the eight bursaries which we are awarding this year.

The SD#42 website tells us about this school program:

*The focus is on moving the student forward from where they are behaviourally, emotionally, and academically. The order of these three components is significant in that without addressing the first two there is little success addressing academic needs. The approach used involves students staying with one or two teachers for their entire day....The Connex program enrolls students whose behaviour is under controlled or over controlled: Students whose behaviour is under controlled suffer from impulsivity, bullying, intimidation, defiance, or anger management difficulties, for example. Students whose behaviour is over controlled suffer from anxiety, depression, or phobias, for example. The Connex program includes an outreach component through which teachers work with students in the community (e.g., home, library).....Student entry into the program generally occurs between the ages of 12 and 15 years. Older and younger students are considered on an individual basis. Most students are on an individualized program and so they may or may not be working at grade level.*

**Mark Forster** said that it has now been nine months since the conflagration at his home, and he has been waiting patiently for the commencement of construction of his new replacement house. Mark says that when they tell him it will be “next month”, it turns out to be a few months. When they tell them “next week”, it turns out to be sometime during the next month. Now they have told him that construction will start “tomorrow” - so he’s assume it will be sometime next week.  
(♪♪“Manana is good enough for me!”♪♪)

Some months ago **Betty Levens** told us how we can grow your own celery by cutting off the bottom inch of the celery stock we buy at the market, putting it upside down in some water for a week, and then planting it. **Sharon Kyle** tried it and it worked (“*Sprout it from the highest mountain*”- she brought the poor little thing in to show us). Betty is apparently a good teacher but not so lucky in the celery department. Hers refused to sprout!



**Eric Mollema** is happy his son has graduated from high school and is leaving for university in September (*if you see Eric walking to work, rumour has it that he had to sell his car to pay for their college*). (*Urma sad to be an empty nester?*).

#### Announcements

**Eric** reminded those of us attending the first Board meeting on June 22 to be held at his home should:

- 1) bring your own lawn chair so you will have something to sit while outside around the BBQ (*the real reason, rumour has it, is that he also had to sell his furniture*); and
- 2) bring your own celery because greens and vegetables are not South African aside dishes.

Eric also asked all those who have not yet filled out the membership survey on line to please do so.

#### Program



Our speaker was **Kristina Gervais, from Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows Tourism**, whose office and Visitors Centre is located at 12482 Harris Road, in Pitt Meadows. The Visitors Centre is financed by a contract with the City of Pitt Meadows and the District of Maple Ridge, together with some funding from Tourism BC. The first goal of the Centre is to keep visitors here in our municipalities.

The second goal is destination marketing – to draw people from outside of our communities to visit in Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows. They provide information about what is available right here in our own backyard, but also provide information about our entire Beautiful Natural province, and can help plan trips for residents and guests.

Last year 7,300 people visited the Pitt Meadows office and 70,000 people visited their website. The office is staffed by seven volunteers and two summer staff, when it is open seven days a week in July and August. In addition to those helping out at the Visitors Centre on Harris road, “ambassadors” (volunteers) go out into the community to spread the word.

At the office is a small retail section made up of items made locally in our towns (*whoops! Sorry, Pitt Meadows, I meant in our cities*). Items for sale are held on consignment, and show off what kinds of things are made by local businesses and artists.

Want to go walking or biking? The Visitors bureau is promoting the self-guided Circle Farm Tour, which is a program designed to celebrate agriculture and agri-tourism (*I must pronounce things more clearly - that came out “agri-terrorism” on my speech-to-text computer dictation program*). Maps are available at the Visitors Centre.



#### 50-50

**Mark Vosper** didn’t even pick a card of the right colour. The pot is building up.

**Submitted by Laurie Anderson**