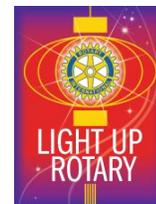


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August is Membership and Extension Month

TODAY: Mike Reddington - "Survey Results for our Club"

NEXT WEEK: Business Meeting

Happy Birthday

Happy Anniversary

Invocation

Aug. 12	Mark Forster
Aug. 19	Doris Gagel

CALENDAR OF CLUB EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Aug. 23	9am – 2pm	Community Garage Sale	224 th Street
Aug. 24		Working Fireside at the Shantz's home – labelling ducks	22696 123 Ave. MR
Aug. 31	10am – 3pm	Rotary Duck Race	Maple Ridge Park
Sep. 9	Noon	DG Lyle Ryan official visit	Bella Vita Restaurant
Sep. 13	7pm	Pub Night	Royal Canadian Legion, 12101 224 St. MR
Sep. 21	3:30pm	Frisbee Golf	Dave Rempel's home: 10607 277 St. MR

RI PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



In Rotary, we mark August as Membership and Extension Month. There is a good reason why we remind ourselves of the importance of membership early in every Rotary year: because the job of growing our membership is one that we can never begin too soon. It is also a job that we can never stop working on. In order to keep serving, Rotary always needs to be growing!

We have talked for many years about the importance of the family of Rotary. In this Rotary year, I want to make not just the family of Rotary, but our own Rotary families, a priority in our membership. After 37 years of following me in Rotary, my wife, Corinna, finally became a Rotarian last year. We attended the chartering of a new club in Taiwan together, and she said, "It's time for me to become a Rotarian too!" So she joined that club. And soon, so did a lot of other people. Now that club has 102 members, and it's the second-largest club in Taiwan.

Inviting our spouses into Rotary isn't just about getting our numbers up. It addresses the reality that Rotary still has far more men as members than it does women, and that is something we need to work on. When we bring more women into Rotary, our clubs become more appealing to prospective female members – and become more productive as well.

This year we are going to have something new in Rotary: a membership support team pin. This means that if you invite a new member into Rotary, you get a special pin to wear with your Rotary gearwheel. But we all know that the job of growing membership doesn't end when a new member joins. It ends only when a new member is enjoying being a Rotarian and never wants to leave! And making sure that our clubs are enjoyable places to be is a key part of growing membership.

People come into Rotary for all kinds of reasons, but they stay because Rotary is fun to be a part of. So I want to remind all of you to have fun in your clubs and your districts. Rotary is based on the idea that our service is more effective when we serve together with our friends. So let's enjoy our Rotary service, share it with others, and *Light Up Rotary* together!

Gary C.K. Huang
President 2014-15

MESSAGE FROM DISTRICT GOVERNOR LYLE RYAN

July was a fantastic month for P.J. and me! We had the opportunity to attend many club installations and events and got to meet many more of our Rotary sisters and brothers. We do start our official club visits in the month of August with our first one on the 12th at Bellingham Bay.

This month I thought that I would remind you all that each calendar month in our Rotary year holds a special theme and focus for us as Rotarians. As just a reminder here they are:

- Turning to the month of August you can see that "MEMBERSHIP" is our focus and if I had my way it would be the focus for all of the months of the Rotary year!
- When most individuals speak of "membership" most of us immediately go to the category of "new membership development".

I want us all to change the way we think!

What we need to consider first prior to cultivating new Rotarians is taking care of the ones already in the fold. You hear the word "retention" thrown around a bit. To me that is a reactive word. As PDG Denis has shared with us on numerous occasions a better more active term is "engagement". Once we have our membership engaged in Rotary, the retention aspect takes care of itself!

We all know that membership is all of our responsibility –not just the membership committee. It is all our duty to make sure that Rotarians are valued and engaged within our clubs.

In my own personal case I know for a fact that I would not be a Rotarian today if one of my club members had not reached out and involved me!

Take the time get to know your Rotarian sisters and brothers – especially new members and get them involved in the work of ROTARY!

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Rotary Moment

Angie Edmonds related a great Rotary moment. Her young son Aidan has for the last couple of years proudly worn (24/7) a Four Way Test bracelet. When his friends and schoolmates ask about it, he is proud to share what it means. It is a reminder to him about proper conduct, and makes Angie proud of him, and of the fact that she and her young son are able to apply the Four Way Test in their lives. When Angie was recently in Australia attending a Rotary meeting, she was able to share what our club is doing in introducing the For Way Test to young students.



President Eric Mollema presented **Betty Johansen** with a pin, honouring her as the **Rotarian of the Month**. Eric said he was not going to elaborate on the reason for her receiving it, as many of our members know what she and others are doing in the club.

However, Peter Boekhorst let the cat out of the bag (or rather, the

duck out of the water?) by advising that when Peter was in need of someone to go with him to West Vancouver to pick up the ducks for the Duck Race, Betty not only volunteered - but went in to work at 6 O'clock in the morning so that she could take the time off to go with Peter to help with the pickup and delivery.

Eric has about 11 more Rotary of the Month pins to give away, as a means of recognizing members of our club who go the extra mile.

Visiting Guests

Visiting Rotarian **Jim Michals** for the second week in a row joined us for lunch. Our guest speaker was **Dave Speers**, accompanied by **Chelsa Webb** (see below).

Happy and Sad

- **Peter Boekhorst** was happy for the help of Betty Johansen in picking up the ducks.
- **Lindsay Hendy** said it was his wife's birthday.
- **Terry Becker** reminded us to look at the Peace Arch Journal and the news about the Friendship Exchange.
- **Betty Johansen** said that her office premises at EPR are undergoing a minor upgrade, so she gets to wear jeans to work for the next month.
- **Angie Edmonds** and hubby are now settled in on their acreage in Whonnock.
- **Dave Rempel** suggested (threatened?) that with the number of Rotarians now all living in his vicinity, maybe they could form their own Rotary club?
- **Ineke Boekhorst** reminded us of the garage sale on August 23 to help raise money for the Nicaragua project, and said that **Angie Edmonds and Betty Johansen** had already donated some stuff, and encouraged us all to search out our basements for possible contributions.

Fine Master was **Betty Levens**, who didn't raise even a loony tune when she said everyone who didn't like her should put a dollar in the pot. She did a little better with those who hadn't yet paid their club dues or forgot their name tag.

Announcements

Announcements included the Frisbee golf social (Dave Rempel) the district golf fun tournament on August 22 (Terry Becker) and the pub night fundraiser (Mark Forster) - see the announcement section of this Bulletin for further details on these and other upcoming events.

Guest speaker

Our guest speaker was **David Speers** who is the Neighbourhood Development Coordinator for Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows Parks and Leisure Services. David works with many different departments within the District including: Bylaws, Engineering, Planning and Recreation. Grassroots initiatives are the prime focus for Dave in his role, and as such he is happy to work with small and large groups of residents to put on block parties, build legacy projects and support volunteerism in the greater community.



Chelsa Webb, who accompanied David, is a community development and volunteer recruitment expert. Chelsa also supports the work Dave does in Neighbourhood Development, specifically with lending support to various neighbourhood groups and with promotion of block parties and matching funds. She herself has volunteered at numerous initiatives in the community such as Canada Day, Golden Harvests, Country Fest, Home Show, Haney Rotary Golf Tournament, and many others.

The purpose of Dave's talk was to inform us about the Granting (of funds) Programs for block parties and matching funds which are available within both Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows through Parks and Leisure Services. The purpose of these grants is to encourage groups and persons within the community to get together, build community relationships, get to know their neighbours, complete legacy projects, and encourage volunteerism.

As stated on the Web-Site:

We support and encourage all efforts to build a community of healthy, connected neighbourhoods. Our goal is to help neighbourhoods build capacity through leadership development and efforts focused on bringing neighbours together. Support is provided to community initiatives such as creating a long-term community garden plan and securing an ongoing neighbourhood celebration grant program. Work in this area is coordinated with other departments to facilitate neighbourhood input to community planning and the design of community projects.

Dave advised that Parks and Leisure will assist in organizing Block Parties, and give grants of \$100 to help pay for the cost of putting on such an event. Whereas in 2012 and 2013 there were 15 and 25 block parties respectively, already in 2014 there have been 23 to date, thereby surpassing the previous two years. The municipality has a budget of \$5000 to support Block Parties.

The municipality also gives Matching Funds for Legacy Development. This program started in May 2013 and has a budget of \$10,000. These grants are available up to \$500 for non-registered non-profit groups, and if they want to partner with a non-profit registered society or organization, this amount can be increased to \$1000 per project. An example of a project receiving a matching fund grant was the construction of stairs at Ruskin Hall, where the municipality gave \$500 to match \$500 raised by the community. Another program was the Richmond Court Playground, as well as the "More Peas Please" project which encourages the installation of vegetable gardens within the communities.

Ineke asked whether matching grants would be available for projects of Rotary, and although Dave had not yet come across that request, he thought such an application might be favourably received.

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Betty Johansen continued her mini winning streak (she also won the draw a couple of weeks ago) by having her ticket pulled from the hat, but she drew a Queen without a heart, namely, the Queen of Clubs.

Submitted by Laurie Anderson

COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE



Lots of "stuff" in the garage/basement, you need to get rid of?????

PLEASE bring it to the next Rotary meeting or drop it off at a time that works for you.

We are participating in the 2nd Annual Community Garage Sale on 224th Street.

Date: Saturday August 23rd, 9am - 2pm

All proceeds of this sale will go towards the 2015 Nicaragua Project. Anything leftover after the sale will be donated to the Hospice Thrift Store.

We are also looking for volunteers to assist on the day of the event. Let me know if you can do a one hour shift between 9am and 2 pm.

Call **Ineke 604-467-2420** for details, or **Peter 604-465-3392** for item drop off

Anything goes, as long as it's not broken!

FUNDRAISER PUB NIGHT



The Rotary Club of Meadow Ridge will be holding a fundraiser on Saturday September 13, 2014.

Tickets are available now. To be financially successful, we will need to sell our full allotment of 100 tickets.

Please invite your friends, neighbours and adult family members to join us and make this a success. All tickets must be purchased in advance.

Event: Pub Night - Rotary Club of Meadow Ridge
Date: Saturday September 13, 2014
Time: 7:00 pm (Dinner served at 7:30 pm)
Location: Maple Ridge Legion
Address: 12101 - 224th Street, Maple Ridge

Please contact Mark Forster at 604-463-9945 or by email at teletouch@shaw.ca to secure your tickets.

Silent Auction: We would like to hold some sort of silent auction to also assist with raising funds. If you or a person or company you know would like to donate an item, please let me know so I can arrange for pickup. Proceeds from the fundraiser are used to support our community through our various avenues of service.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mark Forster