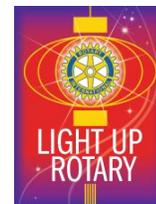


Meetings: Tuesday 12 Noon, Bella Vita Restaurant

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August is Membership and Extension Month

TODAY:

NEXT WEEK: Business Meeting

Happy Birthday

Aug. 20: Laura Cherrille

Happy Anniversary

Invocation

Aug. 19

Doris Gagel

Aug. 26

Deborah Hyslop

CALENDAR OF CLUB EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Aug. 23	9am – 2pm	Community Garage Sale	224 th Street
Aug. 24	3pm	Working Fireside at the Shantz's home – labelling ducks	22696 132 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

SHELTERBOX TENTS AWAITING IRAQI FAMILIES FLEEING SINJAR MOUNTAIN

Thursday 14 August 2014



As the United Nations (UN) declares a 'Level 3 Emergency' for Iraq, ShelterBox partners with both the UN and the Agency for Technical Cooperation and Development (ACTED) to attempt to deliver vital shelter to families previously stranded on Sinjar Mountain.

Thousands of people, mostly religious minorities, were left stranded atop Sinjar Mountain after being driven from their homes by the advance of Islamic State militants in the region. The rapid advance of militant fighters has thrown Iraq into crisis and has now led to overseas involvement in the form of aid interventions. The UN estimates that 1.2 million Iraqis have now been internally displaced by the crisis. ShelterBox has a wealth of experience in humanitarian responses in the region having been responding to the Syria crisis since early 2012.

The UN has issued a statement explaining 'Given the scale and complexity of the current humanitarian catastrophe, this measure [declaring a Level 3 Emergency] will facilitate mobilization of additional resources in goods, funds and assets to

ensure a more effective response to the humanitarian needs of populations affected by forced displacements.'

The severity of this crisis is not to be overlooked, today's UN statement goes on to clarify that a Level 3 Emergency 'represents the highest level of humanitarian crisis'.

In a week that has seen both the UK and US completing aid drops of food and water into the region, the latest announcement from the UN comes amidst growing concerns for what lies ahead for the families stranded atop Sinjar Mountain. Concern is also mounting for those families who have, in recent nights, fled the mountain under the cover of darkness and are now in search of shelter.

ShelterBox currently has prepositioned stock in Iraq and will be working with UNHCR and ACTED to move 500 UN specification tents to Duhok, near the border with Syria, to be used to establish a camp to provide shelter for internally displaced people (IDP's) such as those fleeing Sinjar Mountain.

Although daytime temperatures in the region are currently high the ShelterBox Operations team are currently making provisions to supplement the current stock of shelter in Iraq with winterisation kits. This is more of a precautionary measure should the need for shelter sadly extend into the colder winter months.

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

President Eric opened the meeting and gave the invocation. Sharon led us in the national anthem.

Guests: Irena Shantz, Leasa Lindquist, and Theresa (a friend of Deborah Hyslop).

Rotary Moment:

Dave Rempel detailed the history of his and this club's involvement with the people of Novosibirsk, Russia. A 1992 student exchange led to the chartering of a Rotary club and some shared projects and back and forth visits.

Announcements:

There is a board meeting at Becker and Co offices on the 20th and we will have a business meeting on the 26th.

August 23rd is the garage sale to support the Nicaragua project. Please donate unbroken stuff.

August 24th is the big duck-number day at the Shantz's, starting at 3pm followed by a fireside. Please sign up to help.

Karen Duffield is asking for speaker suggestions and for people to respond to her email requests for a "Who's Who."

Dave Rempel soared close to the sun with glee over the great response to the Frisbee golf mixer with the Haney club on the 23rd of September. What is the melting point of beeswax anyway?

Lies, Damn Lies and Statistics...:



Our Speaker this day was Mike Reddington from the White Rock Club, revealing the Survey Results for our Club.

A few months back 72% of us filled out the member engagement survey and today Mike brought us the results.

It turns out our results are not statistically significant as we didn't have enough respondents for our club size. That didn't stop the results from having 3 significant figures reported anyway (i.e. instead of saying 5%, we used 5.54% because that is what the computer spat out.)

We had a higher survey completion rate than the district and it appeared that most people were happy with the club. The big one is membership for us, as it is around the world. We must find a way to make Rotary so much fun and so rewarding for the members that we just can't keep people away.



Betty combined winning the round robin, with losing in the final in the 50/50 draw. Thanks to all the "also rans" who pay up each and every week, year and year out and never win the pot let alone the chance to pull a card from the deck (tongue firmly in cheek). ☺

Submitted by Patrick O'Brien

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