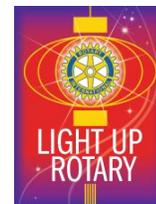


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September is New Generations Month

TODAY: DG Lyle Ryan official visit

NEXT WEEK: Linda Whitehead - Canadian Wheelchair Foundation

Happy Birthday

Happy Anniversary

Invocation

Sep. 9

Brian Johnston

Sep. 16

Sharon Kyle

CALENDAR OF CLUB EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Sep. 13	7pm	Fundraiser Pub Night	Royal Canadian Legion, 12101 224 St. M.R.
Sep. 21	3:30pm	Frisbee Golf	Dave Rempel's home: 10607 277 St. M.R.
Oct. 11	6pm	Oktoberfest	Pitt Meadows Heritage Hall, 12460 Harris Rd. P.M.

RI PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Gary C.K. Huang
President 2014-15

One of the great privileges of being president of Rotary International is having the chance to visit so many parts of the Rotary world. Usually I travel to participate in Rotary events; speak at Rotary clubs, conferences, and institutes; and encourage Rotarians in their service. But

as president, I am responsible for all branches of the Rotary family. This means that it is also my privilege to support the service of Rotary's youngest generations: our Rotaractors, Interactors, Rotary Youth Exchange students, and Rotary Youth Leadership Awards participants.

When I see the work Rotarians do, I am always impressed, always excited, and always inspired. When I see the work of our New Generations, I am all of this – and frequently I am surprised as well. Not by the quality of their work – for I have learned to expect great things from them – but by the creativity and ingenuity of their thinking. I look at what they have done and think not just "What a great job!" but "What a great idea!" Because every generation sees the world in a unique way, and every individual has a unique point of view. Faced with the same problems, we arrive at different solutions. This is why, in Rotary, our diversity – of culture, language, expertise, gender, and age – is our strength.

In Rotary, we try to take the long view in our service. We aspire to serve in ways that will make a lasting difference, that will continue to have an impact after our participation ends. Our younger generations, in my experience, share this sentiment, and apply it globally, by focusing on environmental issues in new and innovative ways. When I became a Rotarian, environmental issues were barely on our radar. To young people today, these concerns are front and center. Their perspective is a valuable contribution to the world of Rotary service, and it is one that we should all encourage and support. Just as they are learning from us, so should we be learning from them.

The young people who are serving in Rotaract and Interact, and participating in Youth Exchange and RYLA today, are the Rotarians of tomorrow. When we support them, we are supporting the future of our entire organization. We are helping to train the men and women who will be the club presidents, district governors, RI directors, and RI presidents of tomorrow.

FUNDRAISER PUB NIGHT

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.

ROTARY DUCK RACE – AUG. 31



One little rubber duck, then two little rubber ducks hit the water Sunday, followed by another 8,300 of them.

And after the few minutes it took them to make it to the collection point in the South Alouette River by Maple Ridge Park, one lucky participant, Roanne Viveiros, won a new car.



“It was a pretty good turnout for a rainy day,” said Meadow Ridge Rotary Duck Race volunteer Irena Shantz.

The Duck Race gives a quarter of the funds to KidSport, a charity that helps low-income families with the expenses of organized sports.

In addition to that, the 31 Maple Ridge groups that sold the tickets got to keep 90 per cent of the proceeds of every \$10 ticket each sold.

Local businesses donated six prizes.

Viveiros won a 2013 Fiat 500 POP Hatchback, worth \$21,380, courtesy of Fiat in Maple Ridge.

Amrit Bains won a week-long stay in Whistler as second prize, and Matt DeBruyn won a \$1,000 gift certificate from Mark's. Paula Meredith won a \$1,000 gift card from Fuller Watson Home Furnishings. Lanshin Han picked up the fifth-place prize – two rounds of golf for four people at Meadow Gardens Golf Club, including a golf cart. Phyllis Siu won a flat screen TV from Haney Sewing and Sound.

Winners were determined by the order in which their numbered duck crossed the finish line.

“It only takes about four minutes for the ducks to come down the river. It's exciting to watch,” said Irena.

But it takes a lot of work to make sure every duck gets under way, then to collect them at the end of the race.

“It's great to be part of it and it's great to raise this money.”

In total, \$82,960 was raised for local sports and community groups this year, and 31 groups took part in the fundraiser.



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ROTARY CAMPING “ADVENTURE” IN FORT LANGLEY, SEP. 5-7

Well, the outdoor loving Rotarians of Meadow Ridge pulled off a wonderful fellowship weekend at magic Fort Langley, aided by the beautiful BC weather and copious amounts of Matt DeBruyn's “Dertch Jinever”.

(Editor's note: The proper spelling is ‘Hollandse Genever’)

Rotarians and their spouses (eventually) arrived at the campsite at Fort Langley accompanied by an array of vehicles, tents, pets and miscellaneous camping equipment. The weekend began on Friday afternoon when the eager early campers arrived. These were Matt and Linda, Warren and Adrienne, Mark and Linda, Peter and Ineke [of course] and Clint and Cheryl.



The first night was supposed to be a “do-it-yourself” affair but everybody gathered together for an amazing evening of laughter, jokes, and fellowship fellowship. The fluid conversation was definitely enhanced by Matt introducing everybody to his “Dertch Jinever”, immediately recognized by Peter.



We ended the evening well after 12 and everybody looked a little sorry for themselves the next morning, particularly Mark.

Saturday was a day of relaxation with everybody inspecting the others tents and RVs. The definite winner of the “largest rig” bragging competition was undoubtedly Clint. However, various items of camping equipment were coveted by others. Canadian Tire must have seen a resurgent summer trade on Sunday afternoon when the envious Rotarians descended on the store.



Saturday evening was a blast with everybody sitting around Clint's (surprise, surprise) gas fire pit. (We also had a real fire pit!)



The barbecue was a joint affair except that Clint, Cheryl and Peyton dined first-class under their bug free, "pop up in 1 minute" canopy.



Deb and Kerisma arrived with their vintage Chinook during the afternoon and Eric and Urma made a guest appearance.



Sunday morning was a communal breakfast of bacon, eggs and pancakes contributed to by everyone.



Peter frightened everyone by balancing on the top of his rig to take pictures. It was another wonderful Rotary fellowship experience.



By 11 a.m. a group of tired but buoyant Rotarians had packed up the various rigs and tents and departed for home – no doubt stopping first at Canadian Tire to acquire the numerous items of camping paraphernalia they had so coveted over the weekend.

All in all a wonderful example of fellowship amongst like minded Rotarians and something that should be encouraged amongst other Rotary "common interest" groups.

A great thank you to the organizers from all who attended a memorable weekend.

Submitted by guest reporter Warren Dale

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