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Canada's First Breakfast Club

Harbourside Rotary Victoria eBulletin

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Hello Chris! This email has been generated just for you as a member of our club. hope you enjoy receiving this newsletter!

Editor: Chris Dysart
If you have any comments or questions, email the editor.

Future Speakers

Dec 12 2012

Manuel Archadinha
(Booked by Miles)
"BC Transit"

Dec 19 2012

Christmas Breakfast Meeting

Dec 26 2012

Meeting Cancelled

Jan 9 2013

Tim Cormode, Executive Director, Power to Be
"Adventure-based programs for youth and families in need of support"

Jan 16 2013

Emily Case
"Free the Children - Young ambassadors working abroad"

Jan 23 2013

Ms. Patti Hunter / KidSport
(Miles Takacs)
"KidSport in the Community of Victoria"

Jan 30 2013

Dr. Paul Winston

Feb 13 2013

Tony Joe
"Canadian Blood Services"

Feb 20 2013

Mandy Farmer, CEO Accent

Harbourside News

by Findlay, Julie

Meeting # 1657 - December 12th, 2012

Presiding: *President Paul Doherty*

Greeter: *Soo Huang Lee*

Front desk : *Susan Kurushima*

Draw tickets: *Wayne Shillington*

Invocation: *Ralph Libby*

President Paul called the meeting to order promptly at 7:00 a.m.

David Cheatley led us in singing *O Canada*.

Welcome Visitors

by Findlay, Julie

Visiting Rotarian's:

No visiting Rotarian's this week

Guests :

Manuel Archadinha- Speaker

Inns

Feb 27 2013

Dr. John Archibald, Dean
of Humanities
"TBD"

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Birthdays

by *Findlay, Julie*

This week we celebrate the birthday of:

Richard Burke on December 13

Anniversaries

by *Findlay, Julie*

Wedding Anniversaries -

Russ and Genny Cape - 44 years December 14

Mike and Zora Creery - 41 years December 17

David and Heather Murray - 24 years December 17

Club Anniversaries

No club anniversaries this week

Club Announcements

by *Findlay, Julie*

Pennies for Polio– ***Colin Smith*** reported that we have now raised over \$1600 and a special thanks to Brown's the Florist for their significant contribution.

Xmas Party ***Tina Ashmore*** announced that if you are planning to attend the Xmas Party on Dec 14th you should have told her what you're planning on bringing to the potluck. If you haven't done so yet, please call her.

Eye Glasses - ***Pieta VanDyke*** announced that we have the opportunity to take eye glasses to Africa. There will be a container for the rest of this month and next month for you to bring in your old glasses.

Community Projects ***President Paul*** announced that we are looking for some worthwhile projects in the community to get involved in.

Manuel Archadinha - BC Transit

by Findlay, Julie



Chris Causton introduced our speaker, Manuel Archadinha. Manuel is the CEO of BC Transit. Prior to joining BC Transit in 2008, Manuel was with BC Ferries and in charge of Terminal Operations. Before that he was with the Treasury Board with the Province of B.C. Outside of work, Manuel enjoys playing soccer.

Manuel started off his presentation by asking how many in the room had taken transit in the last year. He seemed impressed by the show of hands. He went on to explain that one of the biggest challenges of transit, is to get people to try it. There seems to be a philosophy that transit is only for the too old, too young, or for those that do not have enough means for a car.

A current focus for BC Transit is to encourage business people to try using transit so they can see that it is an efficient and cost effective option.

Manuel mentioned that when talking to the general public there are always the same 2 issues that arise:

1. Convenience

2. Reliability – buses need to be on time. This poses a difficulty because the buses are treated like every other vehicle on the road. In the last 3 months or so, the average speed of the buses has gone from 25 km/hr to 20 km/ hour, meaning the average trip is taking longer. Since the frequency of buses needs to stay the same, this in turn means another bus is required for the route. This ends up costing the taxpayer more money.

As a community we need to shift our way of thinking about transit. Transit cannot be another vehicle on the road. Instead, moving people should be the priority. On Douglas Street alone, transit takes up less than 15% of the road, but moves more than 60% of the people. However, this is often not the case in more remote areas of the city.

Manuel brought up the LRT proposal. Since this is a very expensive proposal he felt we could look at other solutions. Firstly, he believes that we need to encourage more people to take transit. HOV lanes (4+) or bus only lanes during peak hours would be a good start. If people are stuck in traffic and see the buses whizzing past them, they may start to consider taking the bus instead of their own vehicle. An issue with implementing something like this, is that the local government will meet a lot of public resistance.

In this region, transit is funded through rider fares, property taxes, gas taxes, and the Provincial Government. Transit is striving to get better and provide the best service to the customer, because they realize that they get a lot of their funding from the taxpayer.

When looking at the future of transit, Manuel explained that it is important to target the youth and get them hooked on taking transit. When the U-pass was first implemented, less than 10% used transit, but now over 30% are transit users. He re-iterated that if transit is not efficient and effective

the youth will start to look for another method of transportation.

An Aha! Moment

by Findlay, Julie

Dennis Sutton joined Rotary in the Bahamas. There he chaired a committee that held a job fair for 6,000 kids. That was the first time as a Rotarian he knew he was making a difference in people's lives. The second part of his Aha Moment was when he attended his first International Rotary Convention in Salt Lake City. Listening to the diversity of the stories of the Rotarians from all over the world, he realized that Rotary truly is an International organization.

The Sarge

by Findlay, Julie

Hugh Robertson started of his Sarge duties with some fun lawyer jokes.

What do you call a smiling, courteous person at a lawyers convention?Bartender

What do you call a lawyer with an IQ of 100?Your Honour

What do you call a lawyer with an IQ of 50?Mr. Minister

What is the difference between an accountant and a lawyer?accountants know they are boring

Darrel Jensen added his own lawyer joke....What do you call 250 lawyers drowning in the Inner Harbour?a good start!!!

The fines continued:

Judd Buchanan - missed a U of A alumni reunion at the Empress

Ann Moskow - missed a luncheon, but because she is so kind to host the Xmas party the rest of her table was fined.

Doug Lunam - was thanked for raising so much money for the Foundation. His table paid on his behalf.

Lloyd Houghton - borrowed **Hugh's** black tie attire for an event - apparently a big mistake as he's now been fined twice for this!

Darrel Jensen - grew up with two of **Hugh's** close friends but had kept it a secret.

Margaret Mann - was arrested and jailed by the U.S. border services (by mistake of course) and now refuses to go to the U.S. She can pay for all the money she saves on avoiding Black Friday shopping.

Lauren Moline - changed jobs and had multiple incomes at one time. **Hugh** suggested she run for council in Central Saanich.

Wayne Shillington - is the typical Victorian - born in Saskatchewan, made money in Alberta and retired to Victoria. All those born in Saskatchewan had to pay (seemed like half the room!)

Howard Wu and **Natasha Crawford** - both appear on T.V. but don't say anything. They are just there for their good looks.

Happy and Sad

by Findlay, Julie

Reid James - His hockey team (and **Wayne Ford's**) raised money this week for a local charity. **Reid** drew the winning ticket and was allowed to decide where the funds were donated. He chose to donate to the Salvation Army.

Jane Sterk - thanked **Paul** and **Deb** for raising great kids that were a big help at her party (even though they didn't know how to load a dishwasher because they have never had one).

Lauren Moline - happy for the compliments she received on her hair this morning, even though her glasses were new, not her hair style.

Ernie Stigant - sad that it has taken him 65 years to get concessions on the bus and now they are taking it away from him next year. He does enjoy living in a city that thanks the bus drivers.

Pieta VanDyke - Happy to use her seniors' discount at the Bay to buy a gift for the homeless.

John Ratel - happy to connect with an old Air Force buddy for the first time in 50 years.

Randy Decksheimer - has new glasses but they don't seem to be doing anything for his hair!

Ann Moskow - had one additional gluten-free cake to sell which was bought this morning by **Wayne Shillington**. Now she is completely out of cakes.

Dan Kelly - daughter is returning home over the holidays to play music for free at the nursing homes.

Ken Milbrath - his brother-in-law is proud to be part of the BC Transit organization.

Nancy Singh - thank you to **Jane Sterk** for hosting a fantastic party.

Membership Corner

by Dysart, Chris

Proposed for Membership - Damian Sowa

Members on Leave of Absence

Tanya Sterling – Indefinite Maternity Leave

Mark Massullo – Paternity Leave to Dec 31

Mike Kalinka - on leave to Dec 31

Dilsher Virk- Travelling until Spring 2013

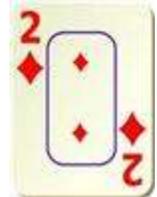
David Iles – on leave to April 2013

50/50 Draw

by Findlay, Julie

Dan Kelly held the winning ticket, but then drew the King of Clubs.

We're looking for the 2 of Diamonds.



Upcoming Duty Roster

by Dysart, Chris



If you are on the Front Desk, a Greeter, or selling Draw tickets, please be there by 6:30 am to start your shift. If you are unable to work your shift, please make arrangements with someone to swap a shift and let Chris Dysart know of the change.

	Dec-19	Dec-26	Jan-02
Front Desk	Tom Martin		Gillian Ma
Greeter	Doug Lunam	Merry	Ivana Fal
Draw Tickets	Angus MacPherson	Christmas!	Bill Brow
Invocation	Margaret Mann		Ken Milbr
Sarge	Miles Takacs	No	Jim Warr
Bulletin Editor	Susan Kurushima	Meeting	Russ Cap

Chris's Commitments