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Canada's First Breakfast Club

Harbourside Rotary Victoria**eBulletin**

Monday, March 25, 2013



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

<p>Editor: Chris Dysart If you have any comments or questions, email the editor.</p>	<p>Welcome Visitors <i>by Sterk, Jane</i></p>
<p>Future Speakers</p>	
<p>Mar 27 2013 Eileen Eby <i>"1000x5 literary project"</i></p>	<p>Visiting Rotarians:</p>
<p>Apr 3 2013 RYLA candidates <i>"RYLA 2013"</i></p>	<p>Doug Anderson, Selkirk, MB Brian Dirks, Prince Alberta, SK</p>
<p>Apr 10 2013 Adam Kreek <i>"The Power of Adventure"</i></p>	<p>Abigail Turner, Vancouver Sunrise Denis Pare, Victoria</p>
<p>Apr 17 2013 Dr. Andrew Weaver, University of Victoria <i>"Climate Change (Title TBD)"</i></p>	<p>Guests : Nicole Nelson of the Victoria Brain Injury Society - guest of the club Eric Young - guest of Jack Jeffrey</p>
<p>Apr 24 2013 Hamish Black <i>"TeenWork -- a program to provide employment support for Youth living with Disabilities"</i></p>	<p>Julie Bruce - guest of Norman Bruce</p>
<p>May 8 2013 Jane Sterk, Leader of the BC Green Party <i>"TBD"</i></p>	<p>Harbourside News <i>by Sterk, Jane</i></p>
<p>May 15 2013 Sheena Manson <i>"CMA and CA amalgamation"</i></p>	<p>Meeting # 1669 - March 20, 2013</p>
<p>May 22 2013 Jonathan Fowle <i>"Analysis of the 2013 BC Election"</i></p>	<p>Presiding: President Paul Doherty Greeter: Jim Warr</p>
<p>May 29 2013 Ian Batey <i>"Greater Victoria Housing Society"</i></p>	<p>Front Desk: Tony Weaver Draw Tickets: Doug Webb</p>
<p>Jun 5 2013 Dilsher Virk (Booked via Miles Takacs) <i>"TBD"</i></p>	<p>Invocation: Michele Wilson</p>

Jun 12 2013

Reserved

Jun 19 2013

Dave Chard - Owner -
 CHARD Developments
 "Developing Downtown Victoria"

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Birthdays

by *Sterk, Jane*

This week we celebrate the birthday of:

Randy Stewart - March 23

Anniversaries

by *Sterk, Jane*

Wedding anniversaries

Tina & Brian Ashmore - March 20

Club anniversaries

Margaret Mann - 15 year March 25

Club Announcements

by *Sterk, Jane*

President Paul Doherty expressed gratitude to Chris Dysart and Matk Massullo. Chris is taking over the credit card processing from Mark and they worked till 9:30 PM determining how to process credit cards. Mark and his wife have a beautiful baby girl.

President Paul thanked the Rotarians who attended the Rotaract Murder Mystery evening.

Eric Young said they raised \$1,600 and that 45 guests attended. Eric invited Rotarians who were not attending the DLTA to come out to the Rotaract's Amazing Race Sunday at 11 am at Gyro Park.

Paul reminded people that DLTA is this weekend.

Ivana Faltysova thanked people for signing up for the garage sale and said there are still a couple of time slots that need filling: Friday afternoon and clean up on Saturday. There are also speciality positions that need filling including people with trucks and vans and people willing to help with security. **Lauren Moulina** said that normally Central Middle School has a Pro-D when we have the garage sale but that is not true this year. We can only use the gym so parking will be off sight. The PAC doing a food concession as a fund raiser. All volunteers will get a food voucher.

Denis Pare announced that the Union Club is having a Naval and Military mess dinner on Friday, April 19. Spouses are welcome. The dinner is \$80 per person or \$150 per couple. Rear-Admiral Bill Truelove will be the guest speaker.

Maureen Duncan announced that the Foundation is providing \$7,000 to the Brain Injury Society for use in their music program. **Nicole Nelson** thanked the foundation on behalf of the society and invited Rotarians to volunteer.

Colin Smith reported that **John Ratel** has been receiving radiation treatment because his cancer returned. He will be back in April.

Norman Bruce`s Classification Talk

by *Sterk, Jane*

Norman was born island Trinidad even though he sees himself as a Scot. His father's next posting was to be Cuba but Castro came to power. The family went back to the north of England when Norman was 6 weeks old. When Norman entered high school, the family moved to Edinburgh. His father worked for the largest brewery (Hollyrode). Sadly the brewery no longer exists but the building has become the Scottish parliament.

In 1977, Norman went to Aberdeen University to study marine biology. He discovered that Scottish accents were different between Aberdeen and Glasgow. They substitute the letter f for w and it becomes a different language. Norman hung out with students other parts of country. Norman became politically active and campaigned for nuclear disarms. By the time he finished in 1980, he no longer want to be fish farmer, took many jobs and then in 1982, went travelling to India.

Norman was blown away by how different it was. He'd be sitting on bus, ask someone a question and everyone would gather round. He'd become the focus as people wanted to find out where he was from. He was invited to homes, meeting people. He spent time with someone from the Brahmin caste, the highest caste in the Hindu religion.

When Norman returned to the UK he took a business studies diploma which was designed to make him employable. While doing that, his father became ill, had bladder cancer that was misdiagnosed and he died at age 58. This was a wake up call for Norman and it was devastating for his mother and 30 years later she has still not recovered. His dad's sudden death made him aware that time is precious. Norman was able to help his mother through the grief. She isolated herself in her room so Norman became responsible for the household including food.

Norman started looking for jobs and went to the library to look for postings. He applied with tour company as a guide and with a rat killing company. He ended up as tour leader. He was told he would be going to Turkey, spent 6 weeks studying only to be shifted to Egypt. This meant new books. He was leading a tour with Aussies and Kiwis who traveled the world as cheaply as possible, drinking and partying.

Norman developed a tremendous interest in Egypt geography and history, the first subject he dropped. he had many adventures abroad. He met and trained Chris who eventually made his way to Vancouver and invited Norman to join him. Norman went to BC House and was told that the travel business was not a business Canada would provide work visas for. The staff member suggested he come over on a visitor's visa suggesting he might not even like it.

By the time he arrive in June of 1989, Chris was living in a friend's basement. They set up two beds, one desk, one typewriter and got their business going. One night he met Julie at a local restaurant. Chris and Julie were being set up and took an instant dislike to each other and Norman spent the evening between them. They went back to the little basement. One of the reasons Julie was attracted to Norm was because he lent her his slippers.

Late one Friday, two guys in suits appeared in the back garden and asked to come in and speak to Norman Bruce. They were from Immigration. They said he was working illegally but Norm said he was not working because he was not getting paid. They said he was a foreigner doing a Canadian's job. They threatened to send him to the airport in handcuffs and gave him two weeks to leave. Immigration told him that Canada was interested in uniting families and suggested he get married. He took Julie out for a nice lunch and asked her to marry him. She asked if he would have asked her if anyway and he said yes, just not as soon.

They went travelling to Ontario, Scotland, Malaysia and Indonesia. Norman had two British passports and got back into Canada with other passport. They got married Nov 18, 1989, worked out of an apartment in west end and he got landed immigrant status. The business was building up and in 1993, they had their son.

They discovered they couldn't have more children and decided to adopt. It took until 1996 when they went to Peru to adopt their daughter Claire. She was 15 months but couldn't hold up her head and she had spots that turned out to be Scabies. They decided to go ahead with the adoption. Claire was diagnosed with cerebral palsy but she is now 18 and about to graduate from high school. She has the ability of about an 8 year old but she is a generous, positive, giving kid who, while a challenge in their lives is a light as well.

The business abroad growing like crazy but eventually Norm and Chris parted ways and Norman started Royal Heights Tours with Julie. They moved to Victoria in the summer of 2005. Five years ago they purchased a heritage house on the Gorge. They are proving that the only thing that works in an old house is the owners.

Norm join the Saanich Rotary in 2007 and still hangs out with them participating in their fundraising and community activities. Lately he and Julie have been taking foreign students. Son Alan is due to graduate Camosun and he and girlfriend are going traveling. This is a time of change for the family.

The Sarge

by Sterk, Jane

Sarge Jim Warr thanked us for the enthusiastic reception. As Greeter and Sarge on the same day, he learned a lot of stuff

Anyone not wearing a rotary pin or Paul Harris, was fined

It is a custom when a member has a birthday to give a cheque to the Foundation. Jim had us all stand, anyone who had given their birthday cheque sat down and the rest were fined.

Jim wanted to fine people who seldom get fined but of the 9 people only 4 here

Julie Findlay had left; **Patrick Boulger** was writing his cheque; **Doreen Sutherland**

Fined the engineers - most civil engineers - **George, Dave, Lloyd, Eric, Colin, Patrick**

Fined latecomers **Lisa Collins, Keith Phillips, Randy Stewart, Rob Simons**

Fined those who had been south **Chris Dysart, Natasha Crawford, Rick Lemon, Maureen Duncan, Dilsher Virk**

Fined **Dennis Sutton** being rude

Not a fine but recognized Laurie Hurst's husband **Paul Hurst** who rescued a child
Fined **Jeff Moses** for wearing blue jeans

Happy and Sad

by Sterk, Jane

Just Happy this week!

Dilsher Virk happy to be back

Someone gave a happy twenty because his son joined Rotary

John Heraghty thanked Maureen for her birthday cheque but commented that it was post dated

Jack Jeffries commented that the Sarge didn't recognize Colin Smith as chair of the Vancouver Island Institute. Jack directed people to the current issue of Senior Living article has an article about Eric Young's mother, the chef at the Wellesley and winner of best of show for her dahlias

Rob Simon reported that the thieves got 6 and 4 years; one is 20 and is going to be deported

Cheryl Thomas got some of Eric's moms dahlias. She didn't get the bulletin done before the meeting because of access problems but it will be out soon.

Ernie Stigant got a St Patrick's day shamrock plant a year ago at the Guess Whose Coming to Dinner and it is still alive. There will be another Guess in June

Chris Dysart spent 10 days in Bali with Natasha and husband Brad. Chris congratulated Grand Pacific and Reid for helping them organize an extraordinary DLTA

50/50 Draw

by Sterk, Jane

Richard Burke had the ticket given to him but doesn't know who did so. Looking for the 2 of diamonds, drew the 7 of hearts.



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.

	Mar-27	Apr-03	Apr-10
Front Desk	Howard Wu	Troy Alexander	Richard Burke
Greeter	Natasha Crawford	Mary Coward	Mike Creery
Draw Tickets	Bill Brown	Judd Buchanan	Lisa Collins
Invocation	Andrew Bekes	Chris Causton	Peter Baillie
Sarge	Dennis Truss	Chris Causton	Wayne Ford
Bulletin Editor	Russ Cape	Susan Kurushima	Julie Findlay

Chris's Commitments