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Canada's First Breakfast Club

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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 5 2012

Tom Martin
"Classification"

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 30 2013

Dr. Paul Winston

Feb 13 2013

Tony Joe
"Canadian Blood Services"

Feb 20 2013

Mandy Farmer, CEO Accent Inns

Feb 27 2013

Dr. John Archibald, Dean of Humanities
"TBD"

Harbourside News

by Ratel, John

Meeting # 1655 - November 28, 2012

Presiding: *President Paul Doherty*

Greeter: *Reid James*

Front desk : *Laurie Hurst*

Draw tickets: *Jack Jeffery*

Invocation: *Ralph Libby*

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

David Cheatley led us in singing *O Canada* and rather hesitantly the *Spangled Banner*.

Welcome Visitors

by Ratel, John

Visiting Rotarian's:

Judy Byron 5020 District Governor, and our special guest speaker, from the Sidney Club

Guests :

Damien Sowa- Guest of **Julie Findlay**

Algebra Young Guest of **Jack Jeffrey**

September Smith Guest of **Kevin Watt**

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Birthdays

by *Ratel, John*

This week we celebrate the birthday's of:

***Dilsher Virk* on November 28 (today!!)**

***Ralph Libby* on December 4th.**

Disher is still away on his international travels, but Ralph stood in his place, and was serenaded by the club with a fond rendition of "Happy Birthday to you".

Anniversaries

by *Ratel, John*

Wedding Anniversaries -

***Maureen and Jerry Duncan* - 28 years on December 2nd. (Maureen was taken somewhat by surprise.)**

***Peter and Shannon Ballie* - number of years not stated, but on December 4th.**

Club Anniversaries

***Wayne Ford* - 7 years**

***Gerry Kelly* - 15 years**

Club Announcements

by *Ratel, John*

Christmas Cakes: ***Ann Moskow*** thanked everyone who had contributed to a most successful cake selling/baking campaign. Ann explained that if one considers the total number of cakes made this year in terms of the medium size, then that figure tops 900.

Ann reminded everyone that pick-up of cakes is this Saturday or Sunday at her home.

Help for Honduras: ***Bill Feyrer*** made a heartfelt plea for sponsorship of "market place" children in Tegucigalpa. Monies raised will help provide these impoverished youngsters with uniforms and school supplies so that they might attend school. Also the HELP Honduras Society is starting an education program for the mother's of these children so that they might in time become self-sufficient and be able to support their families without outside aid. Bill pointed out that donations or sponsorships are eligible for tax receipts, and make excellent thoughtful gifts at this time of year.

Pipers Auction: ***Doug Lunam*** was pleased to announce that some \$11, 143 dollars was on its way to the (Cdn) Rotary Foundation

thanks to the generous support of members during the recent fund raising event. Members who now will qualify for Paul Harris Fellowship Awards, will be presented with their insignia in the New Year.

The Rotary Minute

by Ratel, John

Dennis Sutton took the podium and spoke briefly about the District and the role of the District Governor, who is our special guest today. Dennis commented that the position is quite unique carrying with it membership as an Officer of Rotary International. **Judy Byron** is only the second woman to hold this position in District 5020's history. The role of District Governor is for a one year term only, as Dennis described it: *one moment you're in the lead of everything, the next, you're back behind, " pushing the cart"*.

Remarks by the District Governor

by Ratel, John

John Heraghty was invited to introduce our special guest

John explained that District Governor ***Judy Byron*** became a Rotarian following her experience as a member of a Group Study Exchange in 1998. With the group she had spent six weeks touring India and when she saw first hand the work of Rotary in that country, most especially the Polio Immunization campaign, she decided to become a Rotarian and joined the Rotary Club of Sidney.

Since that time Judy has held a number of senior club positions both at the local and District level. She became Club president in 2003, completed another Group Study Exchange, this time to Russia in 2002, served as District GSE Chair from 2002-2006 became Area 4B Assistant Governor 2006-2010 and District Council Chair 2009-2010.

Judy has now participated in no less than three National Immunization Days, one in India and two in Ethiopia.

Judy has the distinction of being only the second female to serve as the District Governor for District 5020.

District Governor Byron thanked John for his introduction, began her remarks by making two informal presentations

The first (somewhat tongue in cheek) to Rob Simon, the return of a DVD apparently borrowed many, many months ago. The second, a deserving recognition of the work by Doug Lunam in raising funds

for Rotary International and the campaign to eradicate Polio.

Ms. Byron then began her formal remarks by citing the words of Rotary International President Sakuji Tanaka and the theme chosen for his Rotary year, namely: "***Peace through Service.***"

President Tanaka she said, defined peace as not only a state of no war, violence or fear, but also as a state of freedom. Freedom of thought and speech, freedom of opinion and choice and the ability for self-determination. President Tanaka reminds us that we first have to achieve peace within our own selves and families, for "*peaceful families leads to greater peace for everyone.*"

District Governor Judy expanded on this theme throughout her remarks. She asked members to think about how they felt when they worked with other members on a project, especially projects that improved the lot of those less fortunate, or made our communities safer. The Rotary motto of "Service above Self" affords all of us she said, the opportunity to experience inner peace and satisfaction for a job well done. Peace through public service can lead to a more peaceful world - one Rotarian at a time.

The D.G. then shared with us some of her personal background. She met her husband while they were both in high school - he was a football player, she was a cheer leader. They married in 1965 and began their family while her husband was still a university student. Upon graduation employment opportunities in Vancouver were not bright and so they moved from that mild and friendly climate to Northern Alberta and to winters of -40 degrees. After some years, and once their youngest had graduated from High School, Judy and her husband headed back to the coast and settled in Saanich. With two children now in University Judy decided to seek another career and became an officer with the Correctional Services of Canada. She would spend the next 24 years in the Correctional Service providing and facilitating treatment programs for male offenders, some serving life sentences for violent crime.

It would be a chance meeting with a Rotarian at a dinner party that brought Group Study Exchange programs to Judy's attention and so intrigued was she that she applied to go with a group to India. The experience changed her life and brought her fully into Rotary, ultimately to her current role as District Governor for District 5020.

Judy went on to explain that the District organization exists only to be of service to the clubs, "*we are here to support what you do... not to tell you what to do.*" *We are committed to listening to your concerns and your challenges, to assist in providing training appropriate to your needs, and to provide opportunities to train the leaders of the future.*"

Here, Judy sounded a very somber note: explaining that there is currently a serious DEFICIT in up and coming leaders. Several clubs do not have a president-elect in place, some have continuing vacancies on their board of Directors, and there is a serious lack of volunteers for District positions. The District Governor asked rhetorically "*why is this, is it because we're not providing you with what you need?*"

She continued "*we have made good progress in improving our*

*communications. The District web site is now more user friendly, we've done away with the newsletter because its your activities we need to highlight, not what we do. We have a good events calendar now and you should ensure that all your activities are listed there. We've joined the 21 century and have opened a Twitter account (DG5020) we're also now on **Face Book** and hope you'll "like us" and be an active participant."*

Judy then reminded us that the Chairs of the Districts three key committees, Public Relations, Membership and New Generations are all there to be of assistant to us. We should make use of them. Next year there are several major conferences and the DG expressed the hope that Harbourside will be well represented at them.

First is a District Leaders Training Assembly with its focus on training **March 23-24th Hotel Grand Pacific, Victoria.**

Next the District Governors Conference to celebrate a successful year together **May 31-June 2 the Mary Winspear Centre in Sidney.** and finally..... but by no means least,

The **Rotary International Conference** to be held in **Lisbon, June 23-27th.** Judy asked for a show of hands of any member contemplating attending. Three or four members did so. Judy than asked that they e-mail her once confirmed as delegates. She wants to arrange a reception for all 5020 members whilst there.

In closing the District Governor repeated her call that Rotarians can and should help create a more peaceful world through service to others, especially those less fortunate. She appealed for more communication with the District and reiterated that the District exists only to be of assistance to the clubs.

Members of the club gave here a much deserved round of applause at the conclusion of her remarks.

The Sarge

by Ratel, John

The redoubtable **Pheng Heng** was "the Sarge" for this meeting.

Pheng began her recognition of Rotary miscreants by demanding that the following should stand:

Randy Stewart, Eric Petit John Ratel, Rob Simon, Larry Sims, Nancy Singh, Mike Koessler, Randy Deckhseimer, Margaret Mann, Lisa Collins, Ann Moskow, Doreen Sutherland, DennisTruss, Cheryl Thomas, Christopher Causton, and Loud Houghton,

These members all have professional listings on LinkedIn yet none of them mention membership in Victoria Harbourside Rotary as part of their profiles. Shame on them (and me) !!

The LinkedIn web site was clearly to play a major role in the Sarge's attention today.....

Chris Causton was fined a second time because his LinkedIn profile still declares that he is Mayor of Oak Bay.

Similarly, **Maureen Duncan** - was fined for her listing that has her still as CEO of the United Way.

Jane Sterk was fined for having over 500 connections on LinkedIn. (*Jane admitted to having over 2000 "friends" on Face Book*). So the Sarge fined her a second time.

Don Greenberg had to pay for having just one connection on LinkedIn. The Sarge suggested that Don and Jane should become friends.

Rob Simon was fined for not having a single connection on LinkedIn. The Sarge suggested that he immediately connect with **Don Greenbreg**.

Miles Takacs was obliged to make an involuntary contribution for his "cheesey" listing on LinkedIn, claiming his interests comprised of (quote) "watching my three boys grow, laughing, learning, BBQ'ing, golfing, and walking the shoreline on a stormy day". The Sarge obviously felt this was a cross between a companion wanted advt or an extract from a Harlequin Romance novel, and thus deserving of a fine.

The linkedin saga exhausted, Pheng turned her attention to other matters...

Robin Cushing was recognized for having taken a shower this morning. (How did the Sarge know??)

Reid James was chastised for creating identity chaos at the front desk this morning. Supposedly the Greeter for the day, **Reid** mistakenly wore the Sarge's button and **Paul Doherty's** name badge. He came in for more scorn for failing to announce the District Governor **Judy Byron** as a visiting Rotarian during introductions.

Wayne Ford did not escape the Sarge's all seeing gaze this morning. He was fined for failing to shake hands with the DG, preferring instead to continue to grasp a cup of coffee in one hand and a glass of juice in the other.

Wayne Ford was recognized a second time for using a magnifying glass to read the words of the Star Spangled Banner. and **Lisa Collins** was made to pay also for using it too.

Mike Koessler and **Lloyd Houghton** were applauded for sporting "Movember moustaches in support of the fight against prostate cancer..... their table companions were told to pay up in their support.

Happy and Sad

by *Ratel, John*

Ralph Libby was delighted to receive news of his daughter who is attending the DOHA 2012 Climate Change Conference in Qatar. She says she hasn't had time yet to see any of the country but hopes to do so shortly.

Tony Weaver who has been away, expressed thanks for missing the excitement of the Bowker Avenue flooding last week.

Doreen Sutherland is sad because her member badge has done a disappearing trick.

John Ratel expressed admiration for the planning and preparation done by Ann Moskow for last Saturday mornings cake baking session. He expressed the view that in comparison the D Day landings were not so well prepared.

(Several members were kind enough to laugh).

Membership Corner

by *Dysart, Chris*

Members on Leave of Absence

Michael van Straubensee - Nov 1, 2011 - October 31, 2012

Tanya Sterling - Indefinite Maternity Leave

Mark Massullo - Paternity Leave until December 31st, 2012.

Dilsher Virk - in Europe and India until spring spring

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David Iles - October 22 - April 2013

Members Recently Left the Club

Nazima Sangha - Who is busy with her new baby and her business too. All the best Nazima!

50/50 Draw

by *Ratel, John*

Eric Petit held the winning ticket, but lady luck would help no further, Eric drew the Ace of Diamonds.



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-05	Dec-12	Dec-19
Mike Kalinka	Susan Kurushima	Tom Martin
Dan Kelly	Soo Huang Lee	Doug Lunam
TBA	Rick Lemon	Angus MacPherson
Mike Koessler	Ralph Libby	Margaret Mann
Lisa Collins	Hugh Robertson	Miles Takacs
Maureen Duncan	Julie Findlay	Susan Kurushima

Chris's Commitments