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**Hello Chris! This email has been generated just for you as a member of our club.
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Editor: Chris Dysart
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Future Speakers

Nov 21 2012

Piper Auction

Nov 28 2012

Club Assembly

Dec 5 2012

Tom Martin

"Classification"

Dec 12 2012

Manuel Archadinh

(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"

Feb 13 2013

Tony Joe

"Canadian Blood Services"

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Harbourside News - October 31, 2012

by Holland, Stephen

Meeting # 1651 - Remembrance Week

Presiding: *President-Elect Mary Coward*

Greeter: *Maureen Duncan*

Front desk : *Keith Dowdell*

Draw tickets: *Chris Dysart*

Invocation: *Jim Warr*

President-Elect Mary called the meeting to order **David Cheatley** us in singing *O Canada*.

Welcome Visitors

by Holland, Stephen

Visiting Rotarians: None this week

Guests :

Paul Hurst-Guest of *Laurie Hurst*

Eric Young-Guest of *Jack Jeffrey*

Algebra Young-Guest of *Jack Jeffrey*

Robert Brillhane-Guest of *Wayne Shillington*

Damien Siowa- Guest of *Julie Findlay*

Sub Lieutenant- Nalae Yang-Guest of *Laurie Hurst*

Reserved.

Master Seaman Chris Leger-Guest of *Laurie Hurst*

Bill Brown-Guest of *Laurie Hurst*

Birthdays

by Holland, Stephen

Bruce Norman was seranaded!

Anniversaries

by Holland, Stephen

Wedding Anniversaries - none this week

Club Anniversaries - none this week

Club Announcements

by Holland, Stephen

Christmas Cakes: *Ann Moskow* announced that we have sold about half the cakes, so there is still work to be done. Please promote cakes to family, friends and your co-workers. All volunteers are now in place for baking and distribution.

Club in a Pub - *Ernie* announced it will be held this Friday night at Christie's Carriage House starting at 5:00 pm. All are welcome, and guests too!

The Rotary Minute

by Holland, Stephen

None this week

Remembrance Day 2012

by Holland, Stephen



Acting Sub lieutenant Nalae Yang and **Master Seaman Chris Leger** presented Remembrances on behalf of our proud Canadian Armed Forces.

On this week's program we were most fortunate to have our own Veteran **Jim Warr** reading our invocation

Then, as our program **Jack Jeffrey** reminisced about Canada's involvement in World War I. He talked about the horrible loss of death inflicted on both sides, accelerated by the then new killing technologies such as the machine guns and chemical warfare.

Jack reminisced about an American Poet, **Alan Seeger** and quoted from memory his famous World War I poem "A Rendezvous with death."

"I have a rendezvous with Death

At some disputed barricade,

When Spring comes back with rustling shade

And apple-blossoms fill the air—

I have a rendezvous with Death

When Spring brings back blue days and fair.

It may be he shall take my hand

And lead me into his dark land

And close my eyes and quench my breath—

It may be I shall pass him still.

I have a rendezvous with Death

On some scarred slope of battered hill,

When Spring comes round again this year

And the first meadow-flowers appear.

God knows 'twere better to be deep

Pillowed in silk and scented down,

Where love throbs out in blissful sleep,

Pulse nigh to pulse, and breath to breath,

Where hushed awakenings are dear . . .

But I've a rendezvous with Death

At midnight in some flaming town,

When Spring trips north again this year,

And I to my pledged word am true,

I shall not fail that rendezvous"

(Alan Seeger)

Then **Laurie Hurst**, introduced **Acting Sub lieutenant Nalae Yang** and **Master Seaman Chris Leger**.

Sub lieutenant Yang and Master Seaman Leger honored members of our Canadian Armed Forces over the years from World War I, World War II , the Korean War, The Balkan conflict, Afghanistan and the many peace keeping missions. in which Canada has been involved.

The members spoke about the endeavors of such heroes as:



Captain Ashley Collette;

Captain Collette received the medal as a result of her 2010 deployment to Afghanistan. As a platoon commander from May to December 2010, Captain Collette demonstrated front line leadership that was critical to her soldiers' success during intense combat in Afghanistan.

Stationed in volatile Nakhonay, her platoon regularly faced the threat posed by improvised explosive devices, all while repelling numerous attacks on their base.

Despite suffering casualties within the group, she kept her soldiers focused and battle-ready. Her fortitude under fire and performance in combat were critical to defeating the enemy and disrupting all insurgent attempts to reoccupy this key village.

Master Seaman Leger honored the memory of **Rev John Weir Foote**



V.C

Of all of the VC stories, the story of Rev John weir Foote stands out. His was not a combat role. He was not trying to stop or advance or take a position. His was a role of compassion.

Foote was born in Madoc, Ontario, May 1904. He attended the University of Western Ontario, London; Queen's University, Kingston; and McGill University, Montréal . He entered the Presbyterian Ministry, serving congregations in Fort-Coulonge, Québec and Port Hope, Ontario. In December 1939 he enlisted in the Canadian Chaplain Services and was posted to the Royal Hamilton Light Infantry. Following the action described in the citation below, Foote was taken prisoner and was not released until May 5, 1945.

At Dieppe on 19th August 1942, Honourary Captain Foote, Canadian Chaplain Services, was Regimental Chaplain with the Royal Hamilton Light Infantry.

Upon landing on the beach under heavy fire he attached himself to the Regimental Aid Post which had been set up in a slight depression on the beach, but which was only sufficient to give cover to men lying down. During the subsequent period of approximately eight hours, while the action continued, this officer not only assisted the Regimental Medical Officer in ministering to the wounded in the Regimental Aid Post, but time and again left this shelter to inject morphine, give first-aid and carry wounded personnel from the open beach to the Regimental Aid Post. On these occasions, with utter disregard for his personal safety, Honourary Captain Foote exposed himself to an inferno of fire and saved many lives by his gallant efforts.

During the action, as the tide went out, the Regimental Aid Post was moved to the shelter of a stranded landing craft. Honourary Captain Foote continued tirelessly and courageously to carry wounded men from the exposed beach to the cover of the landing craft. He also removed wounded from inside the landing craft when ammunition had been set on fire by enemy shells.

When landing craft appeared he carried wounded from the Regimental Aid Post to the landing craft through heavy fire. On several occasions this officer had the opportunity to embark but returned to the beach as his chief concern was the care and evacuation of the wounded. He refused a final opportunity to leave the shore, choosing to suffer the fate of the men he had ministered to for over three years.

Honourary Captain Foote personally saved many lives by his efforts and his example inspired all around him. Those who observed him state that the calmness of this heroic officer as he walked about, collecting the wounded on the fire-swept beach will never be forgotten.

Sub lieutenant Yang honored the memory of **Andrew**



Mynarski

In 1940, Mynarski joined the [Royal Winnipeg Rifles](#), a militia unit, but only served a short time before enlisting in the [Royal Canadian Air Force](#) (RCAF). In September, 1941, he was posted to No. 3 Manning Depot in Edmonton. After basic training, he went to No. 2 Wireless School in Calgary but had trouble learning [Morse Code](#). He was then posted to No. 3 Bomb and Gunnery School at MacDonald, Manitoba, graduating just before Christmas as an air-gunner, earning his "AG" brevet.^[2]

Mynarski was promoted to temporary Sergeant in [Halifax](#) just prior to going overseas in January 1942. After a series of transfers through operational training units, as a Warrant Officer (second class), he joined Flying Officer Art de Breyne's crew as the mid-upper gunner in [419 "Moose" Squadron](#), based at [RAF Middleton St. George](#), Yorkshire.^[2]

The squadron first flew combat operations using [Vickers Wellington](#) bombers before converting to the [Handley Page Halifax](#) bombers. After a short introduction to this four-engine heavy bomber, 419 Squadron began to receive the < a href="http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Avro_Lancaster">Avro Lancaster bomber in 1944, including examples built in Canada by the [Victory Aircraft](#) Company in Malton, Ontario. In early June, de Bryne's crew received Canadian-built Avro Lancaster Mk X bomber, #KB726, coded "VR-A" (call sign A for Able).^[3]

In the aftermath of [D-Day](#) attacks on 12 June 1944, Mynarski was aboard VR-A, taking part in the crew's 13th operation, a raid on northern France. They reached their target at midnight, Tuesday 13 June. After encountering flak over the coastline and briefly being "coned" by searchlights, the Lancaster was attacked by a [Junkers Ju 88](#) enemy night fighter over [Cambrai](#), France. Raked by cannon fire with major strikes on the port engines and centre fuselage, a hydraulic fire engulfed the bomber. Losing both port engines, de Breyne ordered the crew to bail out. As Mynarski approached the rear escape door, he saw through the inferno in the rear, that tail gunner Pilot Officer Pat Brophy was trapped in his turret. The tail turret had been jammed part way through its rotation to the escape position.^[4]

Without hesitation, Mynarski made his way through the flames to Brophy's assistance. All his efforts were in vain, initially using a fire axe to try to pry open the doors before finally resorting to beating at the turret with his hands. With Mynarski's flight suit and [parachute](#) on fire, Brophy eventually waved him away. Mynarski crawled back through the hydraulic fire, returned to the rear door where he paused and saluted. He then reputedly said "Good night, sir," his familiar nightly sign-off to his friend, and jumped.^[5]

Except for Brophy, all crew members of the Lancaster managed to escape the burning bomber. Five left through the front escape hatch on the floor of the cockpit. When < a href="http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bomb_aimer">bomb aimer Jack Friday, tried to release the escape hatch cover in the aircraft's nose, the rushing wind ripped it from his hands. The hatch cover caught him above his left eye and knocked him out. He fell into the open hatch and jammed it closed until Flight engineer Roy Vigars reached him to quickly clip on Friday's parachute and toss him out the hatch while pulling the unconscious crewman's rip cord. Only Mynarski managed to leave via the rear escape door.^[6]

Mynarski's descent was rapid due to the burnt parachute and shroud lines, resulting in a heavy impact on landing. He landed alive though severely burned, with his clothes still on fire. French farmers who spotted the flaming bomber found him and took him to a German field hospital but he died shortly afterwards of severe burns. He was buried in a local cemetery. Brophy remained trapped in the bomber and remained with the bomber when it crashed in a farm field. As the bomber disintegrated, and began breaking apart, Brophy survived the crash and the subsequent detonation of the bomb load. Still lodged in his turret, the crash broke the turret open with him pitched out, striking a tree and being temporarily knocked out.^[7]

Four of the crew members: Brophy, navigator Robert Bodie, radio operator James Kelly and pilot de Breyne were hidden by the French and, except for Brophy, returned to England shortly after the crash. Vigars remained with the unconscious Friday and both were captured by the Germans, being interned until liberated by [a](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States) American troops. Brophy joined French Resistance fighters and, after joining a resistance unit to continue the fight on the ground behind enemy lines, returned to London in September 1944, where he learned of Mynarski's death. It was not until 1945 when Brophy was reunited with the rest of the crew that the details of his final moments on the aircraft were revealed. He related the story of the valiant efforts made by Mynarski to save him.^[8]

Mynarski's grave/memorial (British Plot. Grave 20. Headstone) is at Meharicourt Communal Cemetery Extension near Cambrai, France.

Master Seaman Leger then honored the memory of a more recent hero

Sgt. Janick Gilbert was a search and rescue technician with the 424 Transport and Rescue Squadron based in



Trenton.'

Sgt. Janick Gilbert, 34, of Baie-Comeau died outside the Nunavut hamlet of Igloolik Thursday after parachuting into rough and cold arctic waters. He was trying to rescue a father and son who had been stranded in a boat.

Tom Martin; himself a proud Canadian veteran who had served with the "Queen's Own rifles" thanked our speakers on behalf of the club and gave our speakers a certificate of the gift of eyesight.

by Holland, Stephen

Nancy Singh was "the Sarge

"The American Election 2012"

All those who stayed up to watch paid and all those who where smarter and went to bed earlier did not!

John Heraghty, volunteered , **Darrel Jensen** to answer the Sarge's query;

"What is Magic number of electoral college votes" Darrel's table paid for illegal hint which was "270"

Murray Tough volunteered **Troy Alexander** Troy to answer;"What time was Obama projected to win on election night . The table paid for missing the correct answer of 8:10-815 PM Pacific time.

Norman Bruce, volunteered , **Larry Sims** who correctly guess it was the state of Ohio that took Obama over the top of the 270 electoral votes needed to win the race.

Ann Moscow volunteered **Jane Sterk** to answer "Why did it take Romney so long to concede" Jane conjectured it was because of the "evil Karl Rove", one of the top GOP money men and former Bush mastermind strategist who advised Romney to hold out for "Hail Mary Pass".

Doug Lunam volunteered **Peter Baillie**. Their table paid for missing what time Obama showed to make his victory speech.

Laurie Hurst volunteered **Don Greenberg** . the table paid for missing the term the "Midwest firewall' (Iowa and the states along the shores of the Great Lakes from Minnesota to Ohio).

Richard Burke volunteered **Andrew Turner**. The table paid for missing "North Carolina" as the only "Swing State" that Romney won.

Happy and Sad

by Holland, Stephen

Dennis Sutton remembered family members. First, he remembered his father who when living in Ireland had his jaw broken by a mule but shortly after enlisted in World War I.

In WWII he enlisted in the Royal Air Force and worked on the barrage balloons. Dennis's house was bombed in the blitz on London.

He then remembered his maternal uncle who fought in the Battle of

Jutland in 1914. He subsequently enlisted in the medical branch and was part of the team that developed penicillin.

He remembered his cousin who was in the Royal Air Force and was a rear gunner in the bombers over Germany in World War II but unfortunately did not survive.

Dennis himself was enlisted in the Bedfordshire/Hartfordshire regiment.

Lauren Moline was "happy" to announce she will be accepting a new job as marketing manager for the Andrew Sharet group

Mary Coward thanked Ann Moscow for the "amazing" cake she baked for her mother's 97th birthday as well as her great work with her team on the Christmas cakes.

Russ Cape was "Happy" to announce the arrival of his new grandson 9 son of daughter Sarah and son-in-law Dave, 7 pounds , 2 ounces

Wayne Shillington donated 2 happy bucks for his recent cruise of the Mediterranean and the "Dardanelles

Randy Stewart put in 2 happy bucks to tell us the tale of the Belgian 20 franc note brought back from WWI by a Canadian soldier with the writing "this note will buy you 5 beers and a headache" Something never change.

Robin Cushing was "happy" to wake up the night after the American election to hear that Obama had won.

Jane Sterk was happy to hear the state of Washington had agreed to legalize recreational marijuana but sad to hear the state of California defeated the vote labeling of Genetically modified foods (GMO'S).

Jack Jeffrey was happy to announce that Cleo Chan was soon to graduate from the Health Informatics course at university of Victoria after being awarded a scholarship. Cleo will be looking for employment in the field soon.

Howard Waldner was happy to announce his daughter and son-in-law are off to Haiti to do humanitarian work. He was also happy to remember his grandfather and father who served in WWI and WWII.

Dan Kelly was "happy" to have been vacationing in Colorado near the site of the filming of "True Grit". He will be off to California soon for more vacation time.

Mary reminded members of the next week's talk on diabetes

Membership Corner

by Dysart, Chris

Proposed New Members

Ivana Faltysova: Ivana has been out to the club for many weeks and has also been a volunteer for cake baking. She was a member of the Rotaract Club of Grand Cayman. Ivana holds the Slovak equivalent for master's of law and her career is in Financial Services.

Bill Brown: Bill has been out to several meetings and is a transfer from the Rotary Club of Canmore, AB. He is the Director of Development Services for the Township of Esquimalt and a new member of Laurie Hurst's management team in Esquimalt.

Ivana and Bill will be inducted..... November 14th. Yeah!!!

Members on Leave of Absence

Michael van Straubenzee - 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 the spring

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David Iles - October 22 - April 2013

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50/50 Draw

by Holland, Stephen

Margaret Mann drew a card - but alas, it was not 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.

Duty Roster

	Nov-14	Nov-21	Nov-28
Front Desk	Julie Findlay	Pheng Heng	Laurie Hu
Greeter	Wayne Ford	John Heraghty	Reid Jam
Draw Tickets	Mike Fric	Steve Holland	Jack Jeffr
Invocation	Don Greenberg	Lloyd Houghton	Darrell Je
Sarge	Ralph Libby	Dennis Truss	Pheng He
Bulletin	Mary Coward	Maureen Duncan	John Rate

Chris's Commitments