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## 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

**Nov 7 2012**  
Asit Nalae Yang and MS  
Chris Leger NOTC Venture  
"Remembrance Day"

**Nov 14 2012**  
Ellen Stensholt  
"World Diabetes Day"

**Nov 21 2012**  
Piper Auction

**Nov 28 2012**  
Club Assembly

**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"

This eBulletin has been

### Harbourside News - October 31, 2012

by Dysart, Chris

**Meeting # 1650 - Happy Halloween!**

**Presiding:** *President-Elect Mary Coward*

**Greeter:** *Don Greenberg*

**Front desk :** *Mike Creery*

**Draw tickets:** *Robin Cushing*

**Invocation:** *Randy Decksheimer*

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



### Welcome Visitors

by Dysart, Chris

**Visiting Rotarians:** None this week

**Guests :**

**Maureen Sawa** - Guest Speaker and former Parkside member

**Damian Sowa** - Guest of **Julie Findlay**

**Ivana Faltysova** - Guest of **Kevin Watt**

**Micki Stirling** - Guest of **Mary Coward** and former Parkside member (also a former Harboursider)

**Karla Dolinsky** - Guest of **Mary Coward** and former Parkside member

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## Birthdays

by *Dysart, Chris*

No Singing this week.

## Anniversaries

by *Dysart, Chris*

**Wedding Anniversaries** - none this week

**Club Anniversaries** - **Dennis Sutton - 11 years**

- Larry Sims - 6 years

- Maria Vlachaki - 3 years

## Club Announcements

by *Dysart, Chris*

**Christmas Cakes:** *Ann Moskow and Maureen Duncan* 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.

**Guess Who's Coming To Dinner:** *Ernie Stigant* announced that it was a great success. Fifty people participated and there were no reports of people being lost, or of food poisoning. We will do it again during the spring solstice in March. *Mary* thanked *Ernie* and *Pieta* for their efforts in putting this event together.

**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!

**Lost Hearing Aid** - *Russ Cape*, dressed as the Phantom of the Opera, announced he lost a hearing aid while donning his "Cape". He had us all on our hands and knees looking for it. David Cheatly (our cowboy stroller) found the missing ear piece. Both hearing, and order, were restored.

## The Rotary Minute

by *Dysart, Chris*

Dennis Sutton spoke about Rotary Districts.

Districts are not chartered by RI, but are created by the RI Board under its bylaws as a "group of clubs". The key figure in each District is the District Governor who, like the RI President, is appointed for a 1 year term. The Governor is actually an officer (and the only officer in the District) of RI for that year and is charged with direct responsibility for everything happening in the District.

The Governor is required to visit all clubs at least one per year as well as meet separately with each club's officers and board. &nbsp; Our District 5020 has 88 clubs and 4900 Rotarians , and stretches in a narrow corridor from the the Oregon Border to the northern tip of Vancouver Island. Visiting all the clubs just once is a travel nightmare! The District has 15

Assistant Governors, each responsible for an average of 5 clubs, who act as the DG's primary contact enabling interface with what is happening. Dennis spoke of the travel challenges in his former district of 7020 – which covered the Caribbean from the Bahamas to Jamaica – a group of island nations separated by water.

## Your Public Library - Doing it Your Way

by *Dysart, Chris*

Maureen Sawa, CEO of the Greater Victoria Public Library, told of amazing change in our Public Library. The Library is not what you think!



Changes in Technology are putting Libraries, Publishing Houses and Newspapers under extreme pressure to stay relevant in today's society. But the Greater Victoria Public Library is keeping up nicely, thank you very much. They have branches in 10 communities, and enjoy some of the highest usage rates in the country.

The library connects us to information through books, e-books, cd's, dvd's, talking books, the internet and workshops. You can learn how to write a resume, fix your car, cook an ethnic meal or research your family history. You can take your child to a Story Reading, learn a new language with Mango, borrow a travel guide, attend a writing workshop, or join a book club. Librarians are always at the ready to help you find the information you need. You can borrow music, movies, and video games.. oh yes, and books too.

And happily, Libraries are no longer the place of shhhhhh! Maureen showed us photographs of new libraries from around the world. They all share a common theme of lots of open space so libraries can take their place as the centre of the Community. There is space for people to sit and interact, for teens to talk and create, group work spaces, and computers for study and reading.

Books vs e-books....does one have to win? No way says Maureen, and the library embraces both. E-readers are a particularly beneficial to the sight impaired, as fonts and lighting can be adjusted. The library has a "Technology Petting Zoo" where you can try out different technologies.

**David Cheatley** noted that the library's e-book collection leaned to young people and asked if the adult collection would catch up? Maureen told us this was not intentional, and the only thing stopping expansion of e collections was budget, as multiple licences need to be purchased.

**Kevin Watt** noted that you can search for books on-line, and have the book you want delivered to your local branch for pick up. He wondered if shelving space could be reduced as a result. Maureen agreed, and said that dispensing units were now being used at some libraries. Also, books are now being shelved where they are returned, refreshing the collections in branches.

**Lisa Collins** asked if Library hours were more user friendly for working people then she remembers. They are! Branches are open evenings and week-ends, and you can see your branch's hours on-line.

Maureen came to the GVPL in October 2010, from the Public Library in

Hamilton Ontario, where she directed the spectacular Central Library renovation project. A former children's librarian, Maureen is the author of two critically acclaimed children's books, "Car Smarts", and "The Library Book", which has been translated into Japanese, Spanish and Korean. She is President Elect of the Assn of BC Public Library Directors, and Chair Elect of the Canadian Urban Library Council.

## **The Sarge**

*by Dysart, Chris*



Natasha Crawford (Wicked witch of the west) began our Halloween festivities by putting hats from her extensive collection, on each table, and suggesting those not in costume could "rent" them..... or pay a heavy fine.

She proceeded to go table to table, picking on those who were dressed up, and asking Halloween related questions. If the table could not answer (all), they paid.....

The editor apologizes for not catching the names of all those not answering.

**Micki Stirling** the creepy crawly spider - "What do you call a mistake made by a spook? Boo Boo"

**Her Royal Highness, Margaret Mann** - "Where do you take baby ghosts during the day? Day Scare Centres"

**Cowboy David Cheately** - "What do skeletons say before they eat? "Bone Appetite"

**Robin Hood Randy Stewart** - "What do ghosts buy for their haunted house? Home Moaners Insurance"

**King Kong Lauren Moline** - "What do ghosts do when they get into a car? Bookle their seat belts"

**Mike Koessler** wearing a flashing ghost - "What do you call a friendly Egyptian? A chummy mummy"

**Farmer Bill Feyrer** - "Why do mummies make good employees? They get wrapped up in their work"

**Russ Cape, Phantom of the Opera** (with cape, and hearing aids) "Why didn't the skeleton cross the road? He didn't have the guts"

**Cheryl Thomas in her rented hat** - "What do you call a monster who flies his kite in a rainstorm - Benjamin Frankenstein"

**Don Greenberg** as ? - What do witches put on their hair? Scare Spray"

**Mike Creery** as? - What do birds sing on Halloween? Twick or Tweet"

**Julie Findlay** as ? - What happened to the food after the Monster Party? The goblin ate it.

**Robin Cushing the Clown** - Who won the skeleton beauty contest? No body.

## Happy and Sad

by *Dysart, Chris*

**Mike Koessler** had a happy \$20 for his son Matt's success in Australia.

**Bill Feyrer** had a happy \$20 for his trip to Cameroon on behalf of CRCID to evaluate a project there. He came back with a bolt of cloth from District 9150, and offered it to anyone who sews. **Pita Van Dyke** stepped up to the plate. Look out! Who knows what she will make for us all!

**Dennis Sutton** - happy for his experience at Guess Who is Coming to Dinner and playing footsie with Ginny Cape. No, wait..... that was not a foot, it was an earthquake!

**Pieta Van Dyke** - happy to be going to Southeast Asia for a month.

**Jack Jeffrey** was happy to run into Jennifer Olson and her very, very healthy baby. He reported Jennifer and baby will be at cakes one day during the next baking session. He was also happy to take his wife to former Harboursider Dr Erin Wright, who was the first Audiologist in North America to earn her doctorate. Jack was also happy because he was moved by Kevin Watt's letter. The membership showed their agreement with a round of applause for Kevin. And....Jack was bewildered too. His wife was audited by CRA and they found the government owed her \$15. On the same day the cheque came, there was a solicitation in the mail from another government department to say she could sponsor a child to visit the war museum for only \$15.

**Cheryl Thomas** was happy to be going away for 2 weeks.

**John Ratel** was happy to be going to the "old country" to celebrate his brother's 80th birthday.

**Tina Ashmore** was happy when she dropped her dog of at "Doggy Day Care" to find the owner dressed as a fire hydrant.

**Susan Kurushima** was happy for the success of her daughter's wedding. A large number of the guests were from out of town, and made comments on how beautiful Victoria is. Susan reminded us how lucky we are to live here.

**Chris Dysart** was happy to receive an envelope in the mail from **Dilsher Virk**. It was a make up card and banner from a club where he made up in Germany. Dilsher sent his greetings, but no money, so Chris paid his happy bucks.

**Micki Stirling** was happy because she walked in without paying for her breakfast, and no one bothered her about it. She paid her breakfast money.

## 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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- October 22 - April 2013

*David Iles*

**50/50 Draw**

*by VanDyke, Pieta*

*Jeff Moses* 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**

	<b>Nov-07</b>	<b>Nov-14</b>	<b>Nov-21</b>
<b>Front Desk</b>	Keith Dowdall	Julie Findlay	Pheng He
<b>Greeter</b>	Maureen Duncan	Wayne Ford	John Her
<b>Draw Tickets</b>	Chris Dysart	Mike Fric	Steve Ho
<b>Invocation</b>	Bill Feyrer	Don Greenberg	Lloyd Ho
<b>Sarge</b>	Nancy Singh	Ralph Libby	Dennis T
<b>Bulletin</b>	Steve Holland	Mary Coward	Maureen

**Chris's Commitments**