



Rattler for April 27, 2018: Your scribe — Rick McMullan

Guests: Larry McGuinness, a prospective member, and Rodney Maxwell from the Langley Central Club.

Our speaker was charter member **Brian Thomasson**, who did an updated version of the ID talk he gave the club in 1990.

Brian has been married to **Laurie** for 51 years. Laurie is a retired teacher and now artist. Brian and Laurie had three children, two girls and a boy. Their oldest child, Margo, tragically passed away from cancer 27 years ago at the age of 19. Their other daughter and son have produced five grandchildren.

Brian grew up in Cloverdale and graduated from high school in 1967. Brian's father was a farmer who raised chickens and cows. Brian obtained a bachelor of education degree from UBC and his master of education degree from the University of Western Washington. Before becoming a teacher, Brian worked for the Surrey Co-op in its hardware department as well as spending six years with the Bank of Montreal at various branches.

Brian's first job as a head teacher was at Patricia Elementary and he was also a head teacher at North Otter and Wix Brown Elementary schools. Brian then became a principal and served at various elementary schools in the Langley School District until his retirement.

Brian's life as a Rotarian started in 1980 as a charter member of the Langley Central Rotary Club and he was also the club's seventh president. He became a charter member of the Aldergrove Rotary Club in 1990 and served two terms as president. He participated in a Rotary friendship exchange with Turkey and attended the Rotary International Convention in Lisbon, Portugal. He also played a major role in creating Aldergrove's Rotary Field House.

Brian's hobbies have included golfing, skiing and curling, but he had to give up skiing and curling because of balance problems. Brian and Laurie love to travel and in particular they enjoy cruises. He has also served on the boards of the Aldergrove Credit Union and the Otter Co-op. Brian also taught some of our Rotary Club members.



President Wes presents Karen Long with a cheque for \$1,500 for this year's Aldergrove Fair.



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Cecelia: Happy that her son is doing better.

Gord: Doing the Walk for Alzheimer's in Victoria in memory of his mom.

Gus: Family doing the Walk for Alzheimer's in memory of his brother.

Colin: Having some problems with a project, but getting it sorted out.

Bev: Happy to have done the Vancouver Sun Run.

Janet : Going hiking with Bard in the Valley's Diane Gendron.

Rodney:- Happy to visit our club and that his oldest grandson had been married the previous weekend.

Angie: Good board meetings at the Co-op and her granddaughter was off to attend Rotary's Adventures in Citizenship in Ottawa.

Sean: Happy to have bought a new motorcycle, a Harley soft tail.

Jack N.: Otter Co-op is doing very well and will be returning \$6 million in dividends to its members.

Ian: Travelled to Russell, Manitoba, to visit his mother's grave.