



### Rattler for April 6, 2018: Your scribe/editor/dogsbody — Janet I-J

There were no guests this week and somewhat fewer members in attendance than is often the case. However, as always, quality proved superior to quantity.

**President Wes** gave his report from the most recent **executive meeting** March 27:

**Christmas lights:** A local quote from Buy the Right Light Installations of \$4,317.60 was accepted and a motion passed to spend up to \$5,500 to cover unknowns. Many of the sockets are quite badly corroded and, because the low-power 5W LED bulbs will come from China, they will need some testing.

**Lobsterfest:** Ticket sales are going really well and Marilyn has no new issues, but George stresses (pleads, begs) that unsold ones need returning to him well before the dinner so he can find new buyers from his waiting list.

Our club's **funding policy** was reviewed by the executive and circulated to members for information.

We are still hoping to find a **RYLA candidate** for May 24-27. Send nominations to George.

**PE Rick, Pauline, Garth and Cecelia** — and **Janet**, despite Wes's persistent oversight — were attending the District 5050 conference at KPU Surrey on April 7. We have to pay for five attendees regardless, and we recruited our full quota.

**Starfish:** Janet will be taking photos (of students packing) April 12 for a volunteer special in the Aldergrove Star April 19. Pauline is co-ordinating.

**Sunshine:** Doug Hadley celebrates another happy birthday April 9. Bev has new cards.



**Next meeting:**  
Appeal for  
prom attire for  
needy  
students and a  
thank-you  
from the LMH  
Foundation for  
our donation.

**Colin Lacey** has discovered farming isn't as simple as it's cracked up to be, although his goats are doing well.

*Photo by Colin*



Happy

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and sad



**Doug H.:** A frustrating couple of weeks with roof work halted. **Bruce:** Granddaughter wants to know why we don't meet on Good Friday so she could come to breakfast, like her brother. He had a very nasty turn over Easter that sent him to hospital and he's still being checked out. **Doug W.:** Happy his youngest grandson is graduating. **Brian:** Also had some medical issues. **Bev:** Heading again to Saskatoon for the Co-op. Happy to have her son visiting. **Russ:** Happy both kids are home from overseas and hanging out for March. **Angie:** A rare chance for an evening alone with Wayne. If curtains drawn, don't knock! Also heading to Saskatoon. **Karen:** Volunteering at the farm museum and encouraging visits to a new exhibit at the Centennial Museum. **Terry:** (Sigh.) Spending more time with his stepdad, who was having Visa card PIN issues. **Paul:** Happy to be performing soon alongside Chor Leoni and heading Sunday to Seattle to hear Anne Lamott. **Colin:** Who knew that living on acreage could be this much fun? As a developer used to permit processes, all he wanted to construct was a basic lean-to (to shelter some machinery). But seemingly every authority on the planet wants in on

the regulation process. A red-tape nightmare! **Cecelia:** As a fellow ALR resident, some off-the-record advice for Colin.

**Garth:** Back from two worthwhile weeks in a South African village where little has changed since apartheid ended.

**Wes:** Sad that the finger he broke in January isn't healing quickly enough for motorcycle season. **Glenn:** The Dog has gone home (!), though not before a bit of a medical scare.

**Gord:** Had a great Easter weekend at Pt. Roberts. Family tradition includes American beer and endless showings of *The Sound of Music*. **George:** SASSY candidates narrowed to 21, going well. **Howie:** Great family vacation, happy to be back. **Gus:** Very sad and shocked at John Jones's untimely demise. A prince of a man (they camped together recently) and a great community supporter. **Ian:** His wife said he needed to trade her in for a new model after she developed heart problems. She's seeing a specialist in July. Thoughtful Ian told her he wasn't sure of her trade-in value.

**Janet:** Happy to have found (thanks, Glenn) a lovely artist to create a bowl from her downed apple trees. Sad to have spent 3.5 hours of torture as a guinea-pig at the Vancouver dental school, Part One of having a crown replaced!