



Rattler report for December 1, 2017 — Scribe, Gord Carnes

Our newest member, **Scott Hyde**, was inducted into the club and received the usual warm welcome from each and every member. Guests this week were **Ethel Jamison**, **Tory Jacobson**, **Kevin MacDougall** and our speaker, **Chris Fox**.

Ethel Jamison, aka Wes's generous mom, presented a cheque to support a Starfish backpack. Terry mentioned that he also had a couple of Starfish cheques from attendees of the Pasta Party.

Chris Fox, Charlie's son (introduced by Glen, who commented that fortunately Chris had inherited his good looks from his mother) is Director of Construction, Renewables Group, for Wanzek Construction, based in North Dakota. Chris and his family, however, live in Denver, Colorado.

Chris gave details on wind-turbine construction, numbers and worldwide distribution, pointing out that favourable geographical features and prevailing winds are needed for wind power to compete economically. Storage of power for when there's no wind presents its own challenges. For B.C., the Peace River district is the best location. Wind power can be produced as economically as natural gas-fired energy and, as coal-fired plants and nuclear-energy plants are decommissioned, he said, wind power would have its place.

Other stuff: Janet followed up on an executive discussion about our meeting room and whether we might try out the adjoining and slightly larger room. Wes is looking into it.

Cecilia thanked members for filling up the Salvation Army Kettle-Drive roster. She encouraged people to have fun meeting people.

Howie gave a recap of the Pasta Party and thanked everyone for their hard work, especially Carlo and his crew. This was our third year and we raised around \$4,000. Howie reiterated there are a few things we can tweak, but overall the purpose of raising awareness, recognizing sponsors and raising some funds was accomplished.

Kevin gave an update on Ribfest. Sponsorship packages are in the works and Jeff from the Sunrise club attended a meeting in Pentiction with the "Ribbers".

Gord reported that a cheque for \$5,000 had been sent to World Neighbours Canada to support water systems in Nepal. Thanks to a Global Affairs Canada grant, these funds will be matched 6:1, so our Kathmandu Golf Tournament will make \$30,000 available for our ongoing partnership with Tamakoshi Sewa Samiti in Nepal. Gord also wanted to raise awareness of how easy it is to donate to the Rotary Foundation, through the District 5050 website. Please ask Gord for more details and he will answer any questions.

Bev said that an \$11,000 gaming-grant application was in the works for the new Aldergrove Credit Union Community Centre.

Doug reported that Aldergrove's Christmas lights were going up on Sunday morning and called for volunteers.

Brian has Aldergrove Rotary apparel on order but, with only six T-shirts requested, there may be a different price.

George updated the club about the Sassy awards and gave a brief description of the awards and process.



Scott Hyde is welcomed to the club by his sponsor, Angie McDougall.

Pauline Buck photo



Ethel Jamison presents her donation for a Starfish backpack to Charlie Fox as son (and president) Wes and Howie Vickberg look on.

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Speakers:

Jan. 12, 2018:, Sebastian van Wollen of Aldergrove's Blue Planet Recycling.

Jan. 19: Scott Hyde's ID talk.

Feb. 2: Gord Carnes will tell us

some key things about Rotary International, with a slideshow.

Dates to note:

Dec. 9, 6 p.m: Aldergrove Christmas Light-Up Parade.

Dec. 8-9, 15-16, 22-23: Salvation

Army kettles at our Otter Co-op.

Dec. 14, 21: Starfish packing, ACSS.

Dec. 15: Christmas breakfast at Krause Berry Farms. Don't forget a wrapped, unlabelled gift costing \$20 for the gift exchange.



Happy and sad



Carlo was happy that the Pasta Party went so well and thanked all who participated.

Howie was happy to see how the club came together to put on the Pasta Party.

Charlie was happy to have the family for the week despite all the chaos in the household.

Chris was happy to be present for his nephew's baptism at St Dunstan's church, and to be able to address the club and give a little back as a former Rotary Scholar.

Glen slept in and didn't have any money (or his driver's licence), but was still happy nonetheless.

Scott was happy to be a new member of our club.

Bruce was happy to recount how he had big-rig driving lessons from a slightly diminutive Ethel Jamison many years ago. (He went on to drive 2.5 million miles.) Happy also to be leaving for Maui on Tuesday.

Bev was looking forward to the arrival of a grandchild and the birthday of another.

Paul was starting the Christmas concert tour with his choir.

Angie was happy that Kevin came to hear Chris's presentation but sad about Bev Robinson's passing. She attended the service.

Terry was happy to have a couple of friends visiting from France (for six weeks!). Hopefully they brought some wine!

Wes gave thanks to all involved with the Pasta Party. He was pretty sad (and mad) because thieves had got into his (unlocked) car and stolen a gift certificate to the Greek Islands restaurant that was destined for a client.

A few others were happy, but Gord couldn't catch all the details. He also ran out of paper.