



**February 15 to March 1, 2019: Scribes **Bev**, **Wes** and **Larry****

## A taste of Nepal!

Get ready to travel a lot farther afield on Friday, March 22, when two representatives from our Nepalese water project will be joining us for breakfast. Known more simply as Suresh and Govinda, our two visitors from the Tamakoshi Sewa Samiti non-profit organization will also be the focus of a wine-and-cheese party later in the day at Gord and Jean Carnes' spread, to which all members have been invited. Dale Dodge from World Neighbours Canada will also attend. It's set to start at 7 p.m. Gord has a sign-up sheet.



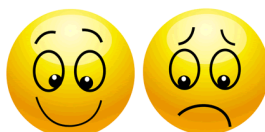
**(L-R): Govinda Ghimine, a Tamakoshi Sewa Samiti director, Suresh Shetha, TSS senior program officer, Gord, and Dale Dodge of World Neighbours Canada, enjoy an outdoor feast during a visit to the project.**

## RECENT MEETINGS:

### February 15:

**Presiding:** Pauline, in Rick's absence. No guests. Scheduled speaker (Jodi) was sick.  
**Announcements:** International Women's Day lunch, Saturday, March 9, hosted by Langley Central at the Fort Langley Golf Course. District 5050 Training Assembly, Saturday, March 23. We pay for five to attend, regardless of how many do.  
**Reports:**  
**Gus** suggested moving the **Kathmandu golf tournament** from September to July, because his daughter is getting married when the tournament would normally be scheduled. July 26 was members' preferred option. Our **progressive dinner** is being organized for Saturday, March 30.

**Starfish:** Food for the most recent packing was delivered to the general office and was hard to find, but eventually all was solved.  
**RibFest:** Kevin reported all was progressing well, with a focus on sponsorship contracts and an upcoming PR meeting.  
**Jeff Morfitt** and his partner Kellie Reynolds are being nominated for this year's Langley Township Muriel Arnason Award.  
**Membership:** Janet and Howie are to embark on an introductory pamphlet for new members.



### Happy and sad:

**Bill:** Just happy, would like to see golf tournament in July.  
**Garth:** Having furnace woes.

**Larry:** Happy, but tired of black, long days and looking forward to more sunshine.

**Kevin:** Had a great steak class!

**David:** Happy, his online business is going well.

**Pauline:** Happy, glad there's no new snow and looking forward to PETS (president-elect training).

**Angie:** Glad to be going off to Vietnam and Cambodia, a trip on Wayne's bucket list.

**Karen:** Just happy.

**Janet:** Ecstatic to be going to the dental surgeon to be freed from a cumbersome apparatus over her new bone graft.

**Gus:** Super happy with the B.C. Lions' new signings.

**Bev:** Happy, but trying to ward off a cold.

**Ian:** , but Gus (his dog) is not so happy with all the snow.



## February 22:

Presiding: V-P **Brian Thomasson**, in Rick's and Pauline's absence.

No guests, no speakers.

Brian reminded everyone about the **Langley International Women's Day lunch** March 9, at which comedian Lizzie Allen will be the guest speaker, the **District training** March 23 at KPU's Surrey campus, and the next **executive meeting** Feb. 26 at the ACU.

**Karen** has been nominated for a Langley IWD honour, so members are encouraged to attend to show support.

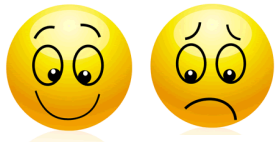
### Reports:

**Community (Karen):** Salvation Army Gateway of Hope's "coldest night of the year" walk on Feb. 23.

**Starfish (Charlie):** A no-show turnout at packing, but the girls were great. (And Janet, who wasn't on the official schedule, made an ad hoc appearance.)

**Ribfest (Kevin):** No new meetings, but all last year's sponsors are on board, with new sponsors wanting in. **Foundation/International (Gord):** Saw a Rotary sign in Ixtapa!

**Sunshine: George** is celebrating his birthday. **Troy** and **Lynette** and **Angie** and **Wayne** are celebrating anniversaries. The McDougalls are going to Asia to mark their 52nd!



*Happy and sad:*  
**George:**  
Happy in Mexico,  
not so

much here, with the weather. Met Gord and Jean in Mexico.

**Gord:** Rested in Mexico, had a sore foot, Peru on the horizon for his and Jean's next trip.

**Karen:** Attended a Langley Central meeting but only fined, with no happy or sads.

**Ian:** Sad because his wife's friend had been diagnosed with cancer and had only a short time to live.

**Bev:** Her cold had gone, but her girlfriend also has cancer, after beating it once, and was in palliative care.

**Terry:** Happy! **Bruce:** Happy! **Troy:** Happy!

**Glenn:** Hee-hee! . . . Had been warned by she-who-must-be-obeyed not to drive in the snow, but had snuck out of the house early!

**Brian:** Eye-doctor visit proved painful, with news of a detached retina. The doctor stuck a needle into his right eye.

**Doug H.:** Was in Toronto, where (Nikki's) Jason has a relative who paints artificial eyes!

**Kevin:** Super happy! Steak BBQ class outside in blizzard went very well!

**Carlo:** Sad. His meat-processing equipment was giving him grief, but he managed to borrow a replacement from JD farms.

**Larry:** Happy not too much snow today.



**George and Charlie present \$1,000 to Kathleen McKay, learning commons teacher and librarian at Shortreed Elementary School, to buy supplementary materials for students with reading challenges. Also on paw to mark the occasion is Kathleen's dog, Piper.**

**Jack N:** Would be skiing in Oregon on the weekend.

**Charlie:** Confirmed a tall tale about Lee's window escapades when he met Lee's wife at the store. Went to the cabin and it was cold.

**Gus:** Went to a stag with his future son-in-law in Arizona on a golf trip. Not sure if the wedding is still on.

**Janet:** Happy, but attending a wake on Sunday and another following soon. Too many people passing on at this time of year.

**Garth:** Nice to be in the club.

**Lee:** Visited mom (93), who was concerned about a CRA letter. Had an interesting discussion about what would happen if mom didn't have enough money. Lee suggests his parents live with his brother if this happened.

### March 1:

Guest: **Elizabeth Lacey**. No speaker. President-Elect **Pauline** presided and gave a very comprehensive report on the executive board meeting Feb. 26, as well as on her recent PETS training seminar:

"So, here I am, back from PETS, which officially stands for President-Elect Training Seminar, but could also be called President-Elect Training Marathon," she said. "Held at the Doubletree Inn at SeaTac airport, about 500 P-Es from eight districts attended meetings and breakout sessions from 7:30 in the morning to about 9:00 at night. Then they headed up to the hospitality suites. No wonder we all arrived back home bleary-eyed! "I brought back the banner for next year's theme, Rotary Connects the World, which was presented to us by International President-Elect **Mark Daniel Maloney**. "While the speakers and small-group sessions present a lot of information about Rotary – the organization and what it stands for in the world — the main take-away message was that, in spite of the fact that there are 2.1 million members worldwide in 35,000 clubs, who volunteer 24.3 million hours a year, the most important part is what happens in each individual club. "So I'm really excited to (see next page . . . )



be part of the leadership team that makes this club so great," she enthused.

Highlights of the recent executive meeting were:

**Finance (Gus):** Chequing account holds \$101,800, of which \$67,500 is dedicated to Starfish, leaving about \$34,000 for general purposes. There is slightly more than \$2,000 in our gaming account.

**Vocational/youth (Charlie):**

One candidate secured for RYLA and one for Adventures in Citizenship.

**Publicity and communications**

**(Pauline and Janet):** The new roster is finished (*finally!* — Ed.). Pauline said it looked fabulous and other nice things about the countless hours devoted to it, but *The Rattler* has a limit on how much self-congratulatory space its editor can take. Thank you anyway, Pauline.

**Membership (Howie):** Howie has recruited Janet to help with a new "introduction to Rotary" pamphlet for new members. (Everyone will get a copy.)

**Grants (Bev):** We have just received \$8,500 for our 2019 gaming grant. Thanks to Bev for doing the legwork.

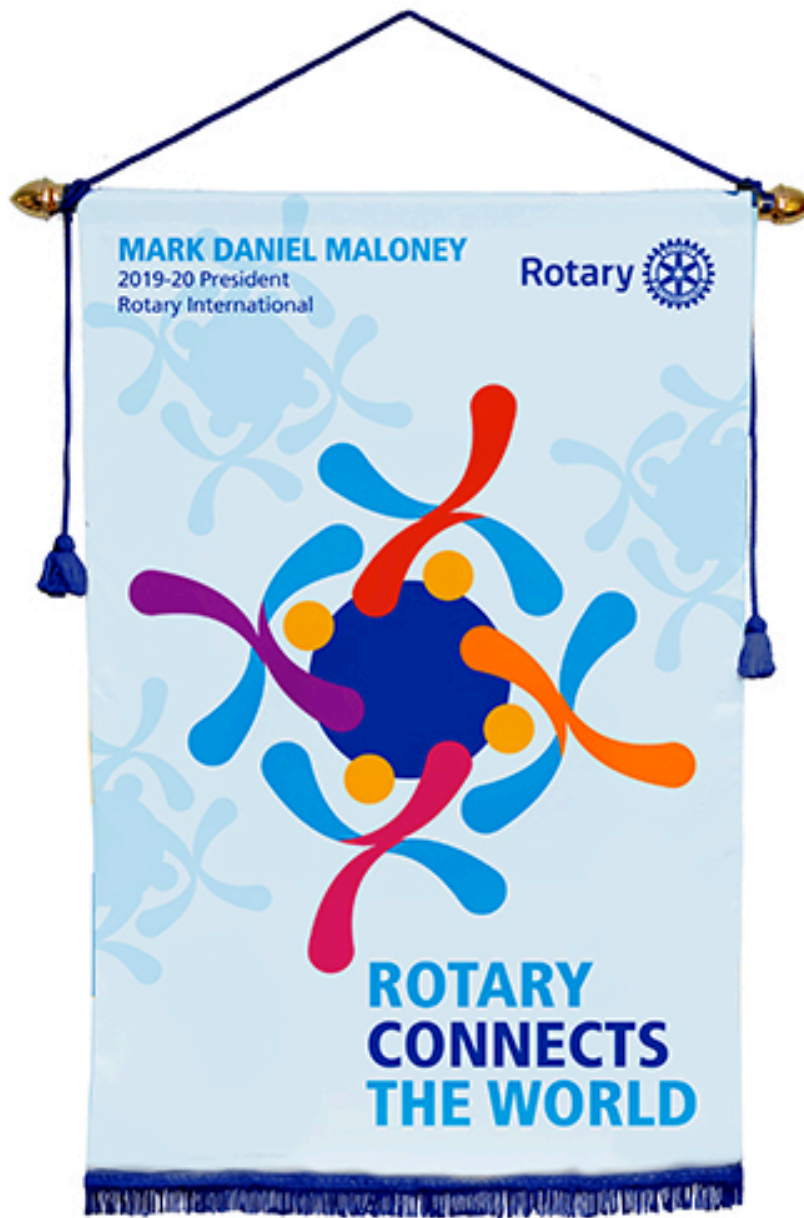
**Social Committee:** March 30 will remain the date for our progressive dinner, since it would be near-impossible to find a date that suits everyone.

**SASSY (George):** March 15 is the application deadline. The event is set for May 2. George anticipates around 60 applications, again an impressive number for the size of the district.

**Tent report (Pauline, Karen and Janet):** The executive approved recommending to the other three Langley clubs that we purchase a Rotary-decorated canopy top from Ideal Canopy and that we rent the hardware from Phoenix Tent and Event Rental, an Aldergrove company. Cost for purchases: \$3,580; cost for setup each time: \$250. Each of the other clubs has already approved contributing \$1,500. Jorda Maisey, assistant district governor, is taking the tent project forward from here.

**District Training Assembly March 23** at KPU's Surrey campus: We pay for five, regardless, and we have five attendees: **Cecilia, Larry, Janet, Ian** and Pauline.

**District Conference,** April 12-14 at Tulalip Resort: **Karen, Bev, Janet** and Pauline have registered.



**Pauline returned from PETS with our new 2019-2020 banner.**

**Lobsterfest April 27:** George will have tickets. Progress is being made on volunteer duties.

**Request to support** the Aldergrove Business Association by purchasing a business-card-sized ad in the ABA's monthly feature in the *Aldergrove Star*. Cost is \$55.00 per issue. The executive approved taking six months and **Wes** gallantly stepped up to take the other months. Janet is co-ordinating the ads.

The **Langley Arts Council** has invited us to its official opening (by our very own **Jack F.**, in his mayoral role) March 14, to thank us for our recent donation. (The council has taken over space in the Kinsmen Centre.)

**Christmas Lights:** Wes is working on a slight expansion of last year's display, to finish the upgrading project.

The **Kathmandu Klassik** golf tournament at Fraserglen has a new date for this year: **July 19**, because of Gus's daughter's September wedding. (Gus said the hoped-for date of July 26 wasn't available.)



**Happy/Sad:**

**George:**

Feeling better every day and very thankful for time in Mexico (and the tequila).

**Gus:** Happy that Lions' QB Travis Lulay is retiring and very proud of him.

**Troy:** Attended an excellent B.C. wine festival and looking forward

to seeing some great new products in the Co-op store.

**Scott:** Apologized to Charlie for being a no-show for a Starfish packing (*he wasn't the only one* — Ed.). Taking his son bowling to celebrate his eighth birthday.

**Charlie:** Told Scott not to worry, he had lots of nice young women to help him. Heading to frigid Saskatoon for a Co-op meeting.

**Janet:** Very happy to have the roster done and hopes not to have to look at it again for a while.

**Jack F.** Happy to be there but sad that a busy schedule limits his attendance to about once a month.

**Gord:** Oops! He too had failed to show for that Starfish packing.

**Elizabeth Lacey, guest:** Happy that mid-term exams were going well, only one left.

**Colin:** Happy his new building will be occupied in two weeks.

**Doug H.** (also on behalf of **Bruce**): The firefighters event went well and brought us more than \$1,200.

**Brian:** Also off to chilly Saskatoon for the Co-op meeting.

**Bev:** Happy to have completed the annual Co-op inventory.

**Wes:** Happy to point out he did make his Starfish-packing shift.

**Cecelia:** Happy to feel better after being quite ill. Her father's life story has been written and will be published May 5.

**Pauline:** Happy that Rick returns next week, but sad she had been handed a \$135 speeding ticket (first ticket in 40 years!).

**Sean:** Has been very busy with work but had just (reluctantly) returned from a fabulous all-inclusive trip to Mexico.

**Terry:** Thanked everyone who'd volunteered for the successful firefighters' appreciation night.

**Jodi:** Having dinner with her mentor and really looking forward to catching up with him.

**Ian:** Also off to Saskatoon for the Co-op meeting, but as a prairie boy isn't afraid of cold temperatures.

