



**First issue of 2019. Scribes Ian, Charlie, Kevin, Angie and Bev**

### January 11:

Guest speaker: **Jorda Maisey**, Assistant District Governor. Jorda spoke of the work being done to create a succession plan for outgoing and incoming governors, so momentum isn't lost. District governors are installed for up to three years. She also talked about clubs needing to go over and update their constitutions and bylaws, dispute resolutions and strategic planning. Jelly Marketing, which worked on RibFest, is planning a website specifically for the Langley clubs. In other news:

Pauline would be attending the presidents' meeting on Jan. 15 as Rick was unable to. The RibFest 2019 planning meeting on Feb. 25 was set to have Pauline, Wes, Kevin and Karen attend. Christmas lights were down, with thanks to the crew. Gus mentioned that the street banners needed replacing. The club had received a cheque for \$10,179, representing our share of the profits from RibFest. Aldergrove Credit Union presented a cheque for \$2,500.00 to Starfish.

### Reports:

**Youth:** We have been accepted for Adventures in Citizenship and also will have possibly two applicants for RYLA April 12-19.

**Sunshine:** Jack F.'s birthday Jan. 13. Doug H. and Judy wedding anniversary Jan. 17 — 49 years!



**Assistant District Governor Jorda Maisey receives one of our coveted Rotary mugs from president Rick after addressing our breakfast.**

hospital and doing well, and **Rick's**-granddaughter was coming over for the night.

### January 18:

**Guest:** **Dianna McIntyre**, UFV scholarship advisor and Abbotsford Rotarian.

**Speaker:** New member **Jodi**, speaking as president of the Aldergrove Business Association.

The ABA has 63 members, with six more potential ones. Membership costs \$100 a year. The three goals for this year are to increase membership, get to know one another better as local businesses, and to set out the value of membership.

How to do this? There will be socials with special themes. There will be more videos promoting Aldergrove (one was recently done that focused on the ACUCC). The ABA will support struggling businesses by offering free advice and the help of a support coach. The association recently completed a survey as to what people would like to see in the



**If computers could only work on candle power! Please send all complaints about delays in publication to the weather gods c/o B.C. Hydro.**

downtown core. Top of the list was a bakery, plus ongoing revitalization. Jodi thank Otter Co-op for providing paint for sprucing up some buildings. The ABA is looking for a new place to meet as it can no longer use the upstairs of the ACU branch on 272nd Street. Dianna spoke briefly to tell us that the UFV Scholarship Foundation had a new Executive Director — Anita Neilsen, who had been

working in Toronto for a hospital foundation.

### Reports:

**Presidential update:** The four Langley club presidents met recently (Pauline stepped in for Rick, who was in court) and a Rotary tent purchase was among the items discussed. Get-well messages were sent to club secretary **George**, who had been very ill but was hopefully on the mend.

**Calendar:** **Langley Township Firefighters** appreciation dinner, for which our club volunteers, is set for Feb. 23 at the George Preston arena.

March 22: **Sharesh** and **Dale Dodge** will be at the meeting to present on our Nepal projects. There will be a wine and cheese at Gord and Jean's that evening.

**Starfish:** Our hairdressing students who have been so supportive with packing this past (hairdressing school) year were graduating and a new group would begin in February.

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### Happy and sad:

Everyone was happy. **Bev** enjoyed her trip to Fort St. John. **Doug H.** had spent time with his granddaughter. **Bruce's** daughter has bought him singing lessons after hearing him sing. **Scott** had bought a new car with a standard transmission! **Cecelia's** dad is out of

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Our 2018 Pasta Party raised \$11,718.00 (final number).

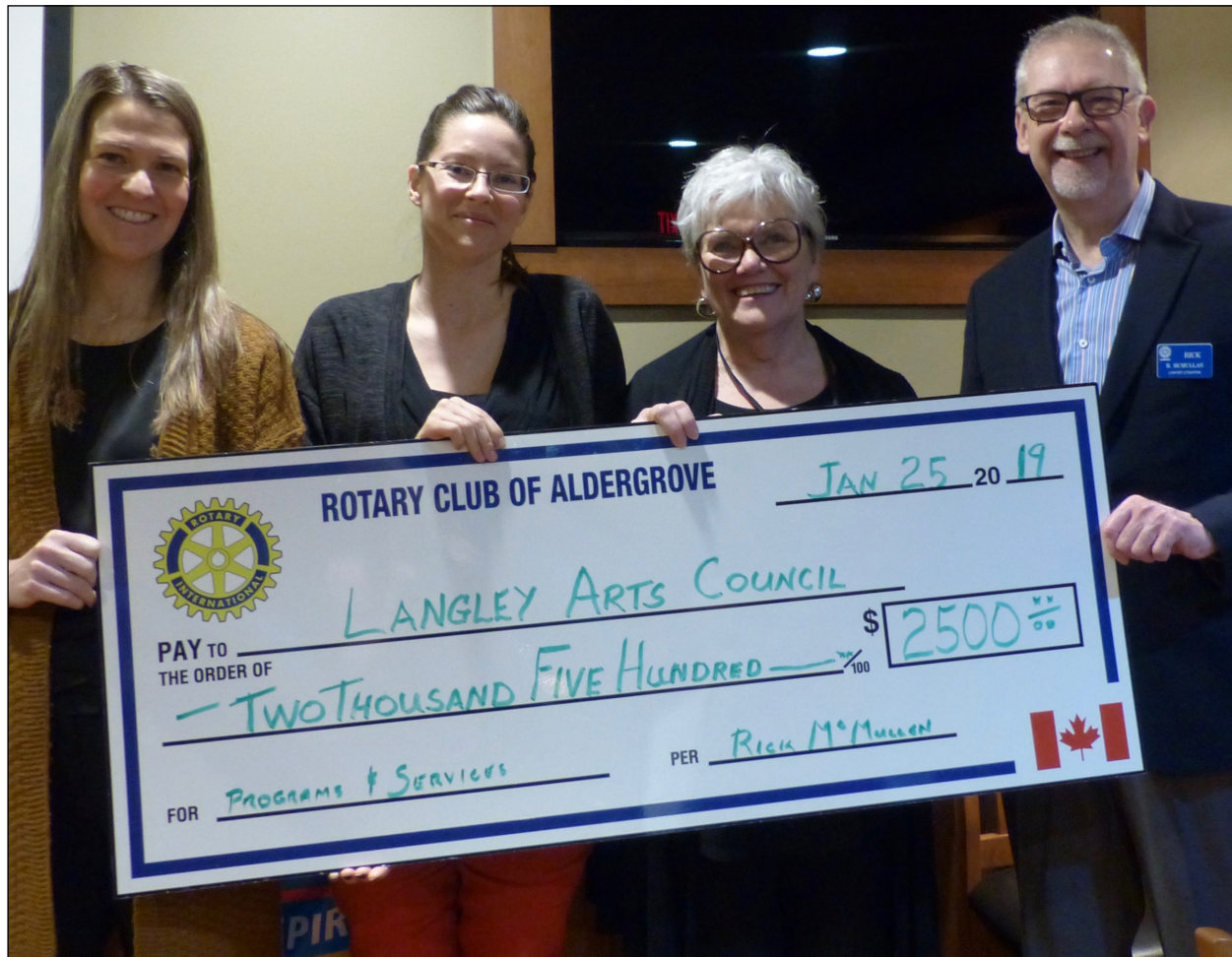
**Charlie** thanked all who contributed their time and money.

**Speaker update:** **Garth** has a slow schedule, so he welcomes ideas and approaches from anyone willing to give us an ID or professional talk.

On **March 8**, we will have a Rotarian speaking from south of the border. She would like to come up the night before, so if anyone can billet her, please let **Garth** know.

**PR:** JOY-TV was making a video on businesses giving back to the community and selected CBM Lawyers, Rick's firm. Rick was interviewed at the office and then followed to Starfish packing. The final product is eagerly awaited.

**Sunshine:** Happy birthday to both **Pauline** and **Marilyn**. Be thankful, those of you who missed our rendition of the birthday song!



**Nicole Hutton, Amy Dyck and Lana Hart from the Langley Arts Council receive our \$2,500 cheque towards the council's new home and projects at Aldergrove's former Kinsmen community centre.**



#### Happy and sad:

**Garth** enjoyed hearing **Pauline's** recent CBC exposure. **Troy** was looking forward to seeing the new Co-op liquor store finally open.

**Larry** was happy that his cold had almost gone. **Jack N.** had his fingers crossed for the final inspection of the new liquor store and offices. **Kevin** was happy and thanked **Carlo** his meat man! **Lee** told some story about a splinter in his butt and exposing himself to early morning traffic through his office window. **Doug H.** was delighted to hear **Lee's** story and had had a lovely lunch with his wife **Judy** to celebrate their anniversary. **Brian** wanted to know about **Pauline's** story that **Garth** had heard. **Pauline** described how she had submitted a story to CBC Radio about good deeds and hers was selected to be aired! **Bev** was heading to the Illusionist show on the weekend. **Janet** couldn't do **Starfish** as she was in the dentist's chair, but she did enjoy a fabulous snowshoe on **Baker** on the weekend. **Angie** was excited about the new Co-op store and offices opening. **Gord** said **Jean** was now "officially" retired, so they too had snowshoed **Baker** (midweek). Now it was time to prepare for **Mexico**! **Terry** said the **Langley Care Society's Night at the Races** was coming up **March 8**. See him for tickets. **Jodi** has signed up to do the **West Coast Trail** this summer with her son! **Karen** has been happily grand-baby-sitting and is now grand-cat sitting! **Gus**

and **Brenda** had just finished eight days of grandchild-sitting — and loved it! **Rick** was off to **Whistler** with family from back east.

#### January 25:

**Guests:** **Lana Hart, Amy Dyck and Nicole Hutton** from the **Langley Arts Council**, **Annette Burrows** from **SASSY**, and **Langley Rotarian Mike Brown**.

The arts council representatives thanked us for our great support and outlined some of the many imaginative plans under way to bring an array of arts and cultural projects under one lively community umbrella.

#### Reports:

**Finance, Gus:** "We are good."

**Assistant Secretary, Cecelia:** Our Christmas Salvation Army kettle shifts outside the Co-op raised \$6,470.

**Starfish, Pauline:** A community volunteer had contacted her to offer support.

Happy and sad:

Everyone was happy. **Rick's** daughter had won a Vancouver business excellence award. **Angie** was looking forward to the Co-op liquor store opening on **Feb. 7**. **Lee** had spent hours prepping for a court appearance, only to find the judge didn't want to hear from him! (Happily, he won his case.) **Gus** told how **Jack F.** (in his mayor's role) had opened a new (rival) **Envision** office — and then dropped by the **ACU** to go have a beer with him!

#### February 1:

**One guest: Elizabeth Lacey** (Colin's daughter). **Elizabeth** and **Angie's** granddaughter, **Karen McDougall**, are our two **RYLA** candidates for 2019. (**Angie's** daughter, **Kim**, was one of the first students our club sent to **RYLA**.)

#### Events:

The **ABA** is hosting a meet-and-greet social at the new **Marlin Travel** office at 27229 **Fraser Highway** at 5:30 on **Wednesday Feb 20**. On **March 20**, the **ABA** will be hosting a coaching session.

The **District 5050 training assembly** is set for **Saturday March 23, 8-3**, at **Kwantlen's Surrey Campus**. A good session and we are billed for five attendees whether we go or not.

**April 27:** **Lobsterfest 2019** at **St. Dunstan's**. Mark your calendars!

**June 15:** Our next executive will be installed at the home of **Brian and Laurie Thomasson**.

**Reports:** **Gus** fessed up and told us we have more than \$36,000 in general funds, \$70,000 in our **Starfish** account and around \$2,300 in our gaming account. Our club has contributed \$300 each to **D.W. Poppy** and **ACSS** for their dry grads. We are exploring further the purchase of a tent in conjunction with the other **Langley Rotary** clubs.

**Starfish:** A new class of hairdressing students has just started. There are 12 students this time and we are very pleased to have their support packing on **Thursdays**. (see next page . . .)

**Happy and sad:**

Our stand-in sergeant at arms, **Kevin**, confessed he'd been itching to try the job! (Members thought he might lower the boom, but it turned out he was just a pussy cat!) Most people were happy.

**George** was very happy to be well enough now to go to Mexico with Jan Feb. 7-21.

**Janet:** Be careful what you wish for when you say

buying new snow tires means it won't snow!

**Glenn:** Had a great time in Mexico, but missed us for three meetings.

**Gus:** Super Bowl happy.

**Colin:** Hand-feeding little kids (goats) who had lost their mother.

**Charlie:** Recovering slowly from his operation.

**Larry:** Beware buying concert tickets online when

the site switches to the U.S. and prices increase. Very expensive in U.S. dollars!

**Bev:** Happy that Liquor on 248th opening on Feb. 7.

**Wes:** Looking for motorcycle riders to escort Jorda Maisey and a Rotary cavalcade to the district conference in early April at the Tulalip Resort.

**Jodi:** Hired a new employee, so was going on holiday!

**Rick:** Having his court clothes cleaned as new laws meant he had to litigate. He and Sandi were leaving soon for four weeks in Thailand and Laos, and in Mexico (seeing grandchildren).

**Pauline:** In training — to run meetings in Rick's absence. Last, but not least, **Doug H.** presented Kevin with the mother of all BBQ Lighters. Big Dog!

## New editor at our

# ALDERGROVE STAR

**Sarah Grochowski**, the new editor of the Aldergrove Star, joined us for breakfast on **February 8**.

Sarah was born in Aldergrove but has been working in New York, both for television and for newspapers. Her film documentary on the opioid crisis in Harlem will air at the New York film festival.

She said she felt it was time to come home, and she would like the Star to focus even more on Aldergrove.

**Some dates to remember:**

**Feb. 23:** Township firefighters' appreciation night, staffed by our volunteers.

**March 9:** International Women's Day lunch, tickets (\$50) available online.

**March 16:** Service for fellow Rotarian David Truman.

**March 23:** District training assembly in Surrey. We have five spots to fill.

**Impromptu speaker:**

President **Rick** outlined changes to ICBC injury claims coming April 1. He went into significant detail and said the changes would probably mean that not-at-fault claimants would receive less than before. Rick also touched on government policy changes and the effort to control costs.

**Reports:**

**Finance:** "All good" — **Gus**.

**Community:** Family Day Feb. 18 will see a number of events around the Township.

The Aldergrove Community Association meets Feb 19.

**Karen** reminded everyone that the Co-op community spaces grant application closes March 1 and ideas are invited.

**Rotary tent project:**

**Pauline** reported that while she, Karen and **Janet** were visiting two tent suppliers in Surrey who had quoted for the project, they discovered an Aldergrove business that might be the best solution, and a local one. The four Langley clubs would buy the tent canopy with logos, but Phoenix Rentals locally would rent us all the hardware, take care of the cleaning, and do the set-up and take-down. Karen is putting together a final cost analysis.

**RibFest 2019:** Kevin reported that this year's sponsorship drive was going well and that our club was well represented at the recent committee meeting.

**Membership:** **Howie** had just returned from Mexico, but unfortunately no new prospects there!

**Sunshine:** Congrats to **Gus** and **Larry** on their anniversaries.

**Happy and sad:**

Many happy congrats were voiced over **the opening of the new Co-op liquor store**.

**Rick:** Happy to be off to Cambodia and Laos for a month, proud of his daughter being nominated for a screen award, and also happy to settle a significant court case before trial.

**Karen:** Welcome to Sarah.

**Sarah:** Happy to meet our Rotary club and to see how active we are. **Wes:** Just happy, but sorry



**Sarah Grochowski introduces herself at breakfast.**

that bad weather might ground Rick's plane! **Troy:** Happy the liquor store was open and looking forward to a steak BBQ class with Big Dog **Kevin**. **Charlie:** Glad to have been on council when the liquor store was approved! His home renos were nearing an end. **Brian:** Happy to have had a good "bag" partner at Starfish packing. **Bruce:** Was attending a mental-health workshop when a friend phoned to ask if he was free to go to a KISS concert! Also proud of losing 23 lb. on a ketogenic diet. **Angie:** Chided Charlie that her reno did not take very long and

was well under budget! **Kevin:** Looking forward to teaching a sold-out steak class. **Glenn:** Happy the snowfall was light but maybe it would make for great pictures. **Pauline:** Was looking forward to spending a snowy weekend with Charlie . . . her dog. **Larry:** Happy to be celebrating his 28th wedding anniversary. **Colin:** Sad that permits take so long while costs rise; he is tempted to build in Alberta. **Gus:** Had a happy permit story with regards to the new Mission Credit Union building. **Howie** and **Garth:** Thanks to Rick for his talk.