



Rattler for May 18, 2018: Your scribe — Karen Long

Topics for our meetings

MAY 25: Executive meeting update and Angie McDougall's granddaughter, Karen, will be talking about her experience in Ottawa with Adventures in Citizenship.

JUNE 1: Zoltan Bako of Betty Gilbert Middle School will explain the school's summer program and how our sponsorship will help.



New Hope's Jamey McDonald gave us an excellent talk about the efforts of his society to welcome refugees from all around the world.

Guests: Jamey McDonald, outgoing Executive Director, and new CEO Dennis Wasiluw of the New Hope Community Services Society. Also (for the last time?) Larry McGuinness, membership applicant.

Jamey's organization opens doors for refugees, providing apartment rentals and requiring them to learn English and their children to attend school. Jamey said that each year Canada receives, on average, 30,000 refugees and of these 3,000 to 5,000 arrive in Vancouver. One in four refugees that apply are denied.

The society raises money as a charity and logs 6,000 volunteer hours a year. The status of being a refugee is designated by the United Nations if the person's life or wellbeing is affected. New Hope's goal is to "give people the hope of living well".

Events, reports:

Sept. 24 will see a new **Mayor's Gala** fundraiser for the Township of Langley's Fire Fighter's Charitable Organization, with proceeds designated for Langley Memorial Hospital's Emergency Ward. Tickets go on sale June 1 and are \$200. The event is being held at Darvonda Nursery in Milner.

Our **next executive meeting** is May 22, 5:15 p.m., at the ACU.

Karen reported that the Aldergrove Seniors' Resource Fair at the Legion May 17 was attended by 200 seniors and had some really good speakers and organizations that represent seniors. She suggested that Fraser Health's **Greensleeves** program could be the subject of a future Rotary meeting.

The **Association of Fundraising Professionals** is hosting a Summit at Cascades Casino May 24 from 7:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The **Aldergrove Fair** parade is moving to Canada Day, July 1, starting at 9:45 a.m.

The **Langley Ribfest's** website is now live: ribfestlangley.com.

George said that it was a good night at the **SASSY Awards** May 17 and furthered a good relationship with the Langley School District.



Happy . . . and sad



Paul: Having challenges getting a permit from the Township for the Walk for Reconciliation. **Bruce:** Happy that Maureen has had her cast removed. **Bev:** Enjoyed the Rotary District 5050 conference cruise and looking forward to having her grandchildren over the long weekend. **Cecilia:** Put out a call for sandbagging help for the Katzie and Kwantlen First Nations and overwhelmed by the community's response. **Angie** and Wayne: Heading out on a 10-day getaway. **Howie** and Linda: On their way to Portugal, Spain and Ireland for a few weeks. **Glenn:** Happy that his drive from Abbotsford along the Fraser Highway was free and clear this morning. **Janet:** Also enjoyed the Rotary district-conference cruise, especially her companions, but felt that a common hospitality area (for engaging with other Rotarians) was missing. **Terry:** Nephew received a fabulously fast medical

response after suffering a heart attack, proving help can be there when really needed. **Wes:** Mom on her way to Cornwall and hoping she didn't get snared in royal-wedding hoopla. **Troy:** Heading out of town for the long weekend. **Jack:** Very happy that Debbie was back home and recovering from her successful stem-cell replacement. **Rick:** Attended his brother's 60th birthday in St. Catherines, had dinner with his busy daughter and also visited New York. **Garth:** Everyone sandbagging with him along the Fraser worked like "one big, happy family". **Karen:** Passed her emergency first aid and CPR course and appreciated Rich Coleman taking time to visit with our four Rotarians stopping off in Victoria during their conference cruise. **Pauline:** Noticed great new signage on the ACUCC building on her way to Rotary and said conference roomie Janet would appreciate her taking anti-snoring lessons.