



November 2018 Rattler roundup: Scribes **Troy**, **Jack F.**, **Scott** and **Larry**

Nov. 2: Guests: **Greta Elliott**, **Jodi Steeves**.

Speaker: Dr. **John Brynjolfson**, Langley physician and Rotarian, on staying healthy or becoming healthier, and the many benefits of exercise and a good diet.

Reports: We will participate in RibFest 2019. Our voting members will be **Kevin** and **Pauline**, and our alternate will be **Wes**. We also approved re-seeding the event with \$2,500.

Secretary: The Salvation Army kettle roster needs volunteers: Shifts are two hours Dec. 7, 8, 14, 15, 21 and 22.

Pasta Party: Silent and live auction prizes needed, tickets (\$30) still available from George.

Sunshine: Birthdays being celebrated: **Terry**, **Glenn**, **Scott** and **Larry**.



Happy and sad

Scott — Had a happy birthday and earned a belt in Jiu Jitsu as a present.

Pauline — Enjoyed her vacation. **Angie** — Off to Victoria for a Co-op board meeting.

Terry — Will get his exercise in Vegas, walking to every casino.

Bev — Happy to be feeling better.

Carlo — Also off to Victoria for the board meeting.

Glenn — Happy to be going to Ucluelet for his birthday.

Larry — Happy to have won a trip to Cancun.

Lee — Golfing and lifting weights, so is exercising.

Janet — Her mountain-hiking companions include some amazing 80-somethings, testament to keeping fit.

Charlie — Happy to make the pasta party great again.



Ian Newby displays his collection of medals and memorabilia from the two world wars.

Nov. 9: Guest: **Jodi Steeves**.

Guest speaker: Military historian **Ian Newby**. Ian is well known in Aldergrove for his vast collection of military artifacts and vehicles. He provided a history of his family and military background. He immigrated to the Brookwood area as a young boy with his parents

Lest we forget

and then moved to Vancouver. Ian's grandmother was a nurse in WWI and kept a diary of her experiences. In her book were poems, drawings and memories from soldiers she treated. Ian read us a poem from the book.

Ian's mom married a Scot

from the Gordon Highlanders regiment in WWII.

A collection of medals and memorabilia, including his grandfather's WWI medals and his father's WWII medals, was on display.

Draws:

Sandy (White Spot server) won the pork chops.

Paul won red wine.

Brian won white wine.

Terry won golf balls.

Cecelia — Sad that tomorrow was to be her mother's celebration of life.

Kevin — Happy to have beaten 120 of the world's best teams to first place in a Jack Daniels steaks contest. Off to Alabama

for another competition.

Gus — The ACU didn't win in Toronto but he had a great time at the hockey hall of fame and then travelling for a couple of weeks.

George — Happy and walking

for more exercise.

Ian — Also off to Victoria for the Co-op meeting.

Troy — Happy the weekend was coming up, and that he'd finished being the scribe!

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Nov. 9: George: Thanked Ian for his talk. He has family connections in both world wars.

Garth: Thanks to Ian for keeping memories alive.

Larry: Off to Mexico!

Janet: Signed up for a bike trip in Holland and Belgium.

Rick: Just settled what was to be a two-week trial, so off to Whistler.

Cecelia: Her mother's service was last Saturday; her sister gave the eulogy. Hopes to go to Lethbridge to visit her father and grandfather in the near future.

Paul: Remembrance not just numbers, but real people.

Terry: Fortunate generation we live in.

Angie: Always mixed emotions as her dad was on other side, fighting on the Russian front.

Doug W.: Dad was in air force and brother in Vietnam.

Doug H: Remembrance service at Legion on Sunday.

Meeting Nov.16:

Guest speaker: **Jerry**

Williamson, BCLC Director of Facilities and Development, who spoke of the many financial benefits of the lottery corporation to the province and the cities which house casinos. In 2017-2018, \$1.4 billion was guaranteed to the province. Locally, revenue to Langley City (not the Township!) was \$7.68 million. The BCLC provided \$140 million to various charities.

Reports:

Secretary: Salvation Army kettle signups are under way.

Starfish: Prizes are lined up for the Pasta Party, including a two-night stay at Whistler, two nights on Mayne Island, scotch whisky, meat and pies. Pauline and Janet have created a new brochure that will be circulated at the party.

Sunshine: Happy birthdays to **Bruce** and **Garth**!



Our newest member

Membership director Howie Vickberg affixes a Rotary pin to new recruit Jodi Steeves at our breakfast meeting Nov. 23. Jodi also 'won' temporary custody of our Official Toaster.

Happy and sad:

Russ's son's is in Saskatoon to play the Hilltops in the Canadian Bowl (junior football championship).

Doug W. is happy Seattle won.

Bev, Brian, Carlo, Troy and Ian all happy to see **Jack N.** win best-CEO award.

Colin is happy to have a new home for his foster pig. He also now has five piglets.

Glenn is happy to have a clean bill of health, so travel abroad is again a possibility. He's off to Cannon Beach, Ore.!

Dave had a great trip to Cancun.

Janet is happy to play bridge with her mom but sad it's at a seniors' club on a sunny day.

Meeting Nov. 23:

Guest: **Dennis Davidson** of Langley's Keepsake Photography. **Induction** of new member **Jodi Steeves**, to universal applause.

Reports: Club executive to meet Tuesday **Nov. 27** in the ACU

boardroom.

Christmas lights (the new LED ones) go up early Sunday **Dec. 2**. Volunteers again needed.

Our AGM is set for **Dec. 7**. Rick hopes as many members as possible will attend

Our Christmas breakfast is slated for **Dec. 14** at Krause's.

Pasta Party Nov. 24: Setting up starts at 2 p.m. So far, 142 tickets have been sold. We have a good list of live and silent auctions items.

Karen is seeking volunteers for the Christmas Parade **Dec. 8** and also asked for a volunteer to act as point person for the Christmas hamper program.

Sunshine: Happy birthday to **Jack N.** (Nov. 29).

Draws:

Pork chops – June (the cook);

Red wine – Rick;

White wine – Larry;

Golf balls – Paul (who generously donated them to Janet).



Happy and sad:

Garth thanked Phoenix for her service and excellent speech (*see next page*).

Rick added his praise, said it was good to see youth in action.

Paul was excited it was the start of his Christmas singing season, with many events planned.

Jodi has only three weeks to move out of her home.

Wes was sad that cousins were in hospital after a traffic accident on their way to Arizona.

Marilyn was happy to spend some time with her mom on a girls' weekend.

Jack expanded on this weekend and how it all ended up on his credit card! However, the ladies were spoiled and thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

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Bev was looking forward to the pasta party and reminded Gus they had work to do on the gaming grants for next week.

George said SASSY was up and running, with lots of student interest.

Howie congratulated Janet on the Starfish leaflet and warned Jodi not to plug in the toaster.

Colin was frustrated with the Township because his new-home-construction permit still hadn't been approved and the rainy season was already here.

Kevin told Phoenix that RYLA had also been a life-changer for his daughter.

Charlie was looking forward to a successful pasta party.

Glenn wasn't sure if he was happy or sad. The Dog was coming back for two weeks, this time bringing A Cat as well.

Pauline was looking forward to the new Chilliwack After Dark Rotary club's first party.

Troy confirmed he had the liquor licence for the pasta party.

Gus had just come back from Arizona and noted that senior drivers down there are dangerous and should be avoided.

Ian was sad because Gus (canine Gus) had eaten his Bluetooth.



Phoenix MacLaren receives her highly coveted Aldergrove Rotary coffee mug from President Rick McMullan after her illustrated and uplifting talk Nov. 23.

Where there's youth, there's hope

Our guest speaker on Nov. 23 was: **Phoenix MacLaren**, co-president of the Rotaract Club of the Fraser Valley, co-chair of RYLA 5050 and District 5050 Rotaract co-rep.

In 2014, Phoenix's interest in Rotary was sparked when her boss at the time invited her to a local club meeting. She attended the 2014 Rotary Youth Leadership Awards camp in Washington state, which she called "life-changing".

She started looking for a Rotaract Club (18- to 30-year-olds) to join.

Although the only club at the time in District 5050 north of the border was the Tri-Cities Club, and although she lived in Chilliwack, she joined Tri-Cities and quickly became very involved in Rotaract.

Now, 4.5 years later, there are eight active Rotaract clubs with 54 members.

At the start of 2018, there were 32 active Rotaract members in district 5050, with a goal of doubling their membership. As of Nov. 23, they are only 10 shy of their goal!

The Rotaract clubs were tasked with handling the corn hut at recent RibFest fundraising events and were awarded \$8,800 in charity dollars to allocate to their growing program. They have collectively designed a plan for the money and have identified six areas of service.

Our scribe writes that: "This young group forms a dynamic, forward-thinking body and we can all look forward the goodness they share within our communities." Hear-hear.