



**Farewell, 2018, welcome, 2019! Scribes **Howie**, **Cecelia** and **Terry****

## December 7:

There were no guests or speakers as the club elected its new executive, to be installed in June for the year July 1, 2019, to June 30, 2020.

President: **Pauline Buck**.

President-Elect: **Ian Elliott**.

Past President: **Rick McMullan**.

Vice-President: **Brian Thomasson**.

Treasurer: **Gus Hartl**.

Secretary: **George Bryce**.

Assistant Secretary/Sunshine:

**Cecelia Reekie**.

Community: **Jodi Steeves**.

Communications/Rattler:

**Janet Ingram-Johnson**.

Vocational: **Charlie Fox**.

Youth Service: **Scott Hyde**.

Membership: **Howie Vickberg**

and **Larry McGuinness**.

Grants: **Bev Dornan**.

International: **Gord Carnes**.

Rotary Foundation:

**Jack Nicholson**.

Sergeant at-Arms: **Wes Jamison**.

Members at large: **Garth Blois**

(speaker programming), **Troy**

**Faye, Marilyn Morgan**.

In other news:

**Cruise-In** had donated \$1,000 to our Starfish program. **Wes's mom** had also donated a Starfish backpack.

**Gord** observed a lot of Rotary presence during his travels in Africa. A representative from our Nepalese water project would be visiting our club in the spring. Our new **social committee** was planning something for the new year.

The **Aldergrove Business Association** was hosting a community mingler Dec. 19 at Jodi's office.

**Karen** reported that we had located three families for our Christmas hampers.

Birthdays: **Howie** and **Wes** (Dec.8), **Sean** (Dec. 9).



## Our Scribe of the Year!

Larry McGuinness really cleaned up at our breakfast meeting Dec. 7. Not only did he win the Very First Annual Scribe of the Year award for 2018, for which he was presented with a certificate and spiffy ballpoint pen, he also won TWO bottles of wine in our Christmas-hamper draw! Rattler editor Janet Ingram-Johnson, who made the totally arbitrary decision to award Larry the coveted trophies, would like to point out that entries for the 2019 award will be based upon work submitted during the year 2019. Taking notes at a 2018 meeting but waiting to submit them in 2019 is best classified as 'nice try'.

### Happy or Sad:

**Howie:** Happy to be heading to Victoria for his birthday.

**George:** Thanked Cecelia for organizing the kettles schedule.

**Kevin:** Super-happy!

**Carlo:** Really enjoyed the Joe Bonomassa concert.

**Larry:** (See above!) Also had maple wood to give away.

**Colin:** Had a sick pig and could no longer get antibiotics from Co-op!



**Rick:** Happy to be doing kettles.

**Gord:** Cut his frozen grass, 50 relatives coming for dinner!

**Pauline:** Happy, plus advice to "marry an orphan".

**Jodi:** Looking forward to making gingerbread with her son.

**Karen:** She and Bob were busy playing taxi for Gloria Doubleday (gaining karma points!).

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## Honorary members

**Kim Hilton**

**Larry Kydd**

**Dave Liddle**

**Katie Loewen**

**Vic Peters**

**Neil Ranson**

**Maureen Robinson**

**Patrick Selinger**



**Honorary member and former club president Maureen Robinson receives a Paul Harris Fellowship at our Christmas breakfast Dec. 14. Doing the honours at Krause Farms is Vice-President Brian Thomasson.**

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**Top: Charlie gets the auction going at our 2018 Pasta Party Nov. 24 at St. Dunstan's. Left: Troy and daughter Anabel were a team effort behind the bar. Below: The fabulous kitchen crew, Kevin, Carlo, Larry, Colleen Hayes, Pari Nayeripour and Mo Harmer. Above: Inside Krause's splendidly chandelier-adorned annex Dec. 14.**





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**Wes:** Also loved the Bonamassa concert. Sad to have a friend in hospital.

**Bev:** Canucks won!

**Sean:** Enjoyed Cuba.

**Brian:** Attended Langley Rotary Clubs Charitable Foundation AGM with **Janet**. Sad that treasurer David Truman was so ill.

**Bruce:** Off to Hawaii!

**Doug H.:** Thanks to Christmas lights volunteers.

#### **December 21:**

Not too many Rotarians present; many were already away for the holidays.

**Guests:** Jean and Kenny Carnes.

**Rick** thanked **Angie** for taking on and organizing the Christmas breakfast, much appreciated by all of us!

**Gord** presented his Rotarian son Kenny (home for Christmas from Prince George) with a Paul Harris Award, to great applause. Our guest speaker was **Victoria Newstead** from the Langley Memorial Hospital

Foundation, who thanked us for our \$7,500 donation towards a bili blanket as well as a bili light radiometer, which treats newborns with high bilirubin levels (jaundice). LMH's emergency-expansion campaign had already raised more than \$11 million towards its \$15-million goal. The foundation's fundraising Gala is set for June 1.

Secretary: **George** updated everyone on the Kettles campaign.

International/Rotary Foundation: Gord reported on World Neighbours Canada and the water project in Hiledevi, Nepal, run by Tamakoshi Sewa Samiti (TSS). Here are two links for anyone interested in reading more:

<http://www.tss.org.np/program.html> and

<https://worldneighbours.ca/#nepal>

**Sunshine:** Happy Birthday, Brian (Dec. 29).



#### **Happy or Sad:**

**George:** Looking forward to Christmas and grateful to be a member of Rotary.

**Garth:** Off to Red Deer for the holidays.

**Scott:** Enjoyed time away with his wife in Charlotte, North Carolina.

**Cecelia:** Cherish every moment.

**Jack F.:** Been touring Township facilities, what amazing facilities and staff we have.

**Glen:** Enjoyed driving in to the meeting, no rain or snow!

**Rick:** Babysitting granddaughter Saturday evening, gearing up for all the energy she has!

**Jack N.:** Had a great trip away and will be a grandpa soon!

**Janet:** Thanked the Mayor for both his Christmas cards!

**Brian:** Will be busy picking up branches after the storm.

**Sean:** Looking for kittens.

**Ian:** Cherish smiles.

**Troy, Angie, Pauline, Terry, Bev, Doug H., Bruce, Marilyn:** "Merry Christmas!"

## **New LED Christmas lights go up in downtown Aldergrove**



It was cold but sunny and bright on Dec. 8, when seven volunteers turned out to help put up Aldergrove's Christmas light display. (Pictured, right, are Howie, Jack F., Bruce and George. Not in the photo: Doug. H, Brian and Janet.)

This year, at a reasonable cost somewhere north of \$5,000, we replaced all our ancient incandescent bulbs with 21st-century LED ones. They looked so good we're thinking of expanding to powered sources near the new ACUCC (and OCOE). Thanks as always go to our local Asplundh company for supplying equipment and crew, and to the township firefighters who turned out to keep us safe.





**Jan. 4, 2019:**

**Guest: Kit Møller** of Clover Towing.

Kit presented the club with a cheque for \$5,250 for our Starfish backpack program and was warmly applauded.

The Christmas-lights takedown was confirmed for Jan. 6 at 8 a.m.

Our District 5050 Assistant Governor will be at our next meeting, Jan. 11.

Volunteers were solicited to tend bar Feb. 23 at the Langley Township Firefighters' Appreciation Night at the Preston arena. The club receives the bar proceeds and a donation in return.

**Gus** reported that everything was good with club finances.

**George** reminded us that Starfish packing was to start Jan. 10.

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**Pauline** had received a thank-you card from the new Rotary Club of Chilliwack After Hours, for our donation.

**Charlie** reported that we had again been accepted for Adventures in Citizenship, and that RYLA should be coming soon.

**Gord** reported that a cheque for \$5,000 had been sent to World Neighbours Canada from the Kathmandu Klassik, to support our work in Nepal. Suresh and Gavinder arrive from Nepal on March 21 and will visit the club on March 22. Gord and Jean will be hosting a wine and cheese on the evening of the 22nd.

**Rick** advised that the RibFest cheque for \$10,000 for the club was in the mail, and that another \$4,300 or so was being held by the LRCCF for our use, subject to known constraints.

**Dates for Ribfest 2019 are Aug. 16-18.**

### *Happy or sad*

A large turnout gave our scribe a bit too much to handle, so here are some highlights:

All expressed appreciation to be back to normal after Christmas and there was a general exchange of "Happy New Year!"

There were also several expressions of thanks to Clover Towing. Kit said

that Starfish is good for the community and that he likes to support local projects.

**Janet** reported being short of sleep and short on cash for the kitty after a night of no power.

**Doug H.** was sad to have found 2.5 inches of water in a chicken barn. **Bruce's** suggestion that he switch to ducks was well received by everyone but Doug.

**Charlie** and **Jack F.** had enjoyed attending the World Junior hockey tournament in Vancouver. **Kevin** was sad at Canada's loss and even sadder at the nasty social-media response to that loss.



**Pauline and Charlie flank Kit Møller after his ongoing, very generous support of our club's Starfish backpack program for hungry local youngsters.**

**Larry** was happy that a 100-foot tree felled by the recent windstorm missed his house — if barely.

**Glenn** (sadly) will miss the next few weeks as (happily) he is off to Mexico.

**Charlie** spoke again (how does this happen? asks our scribe) of his recent trip to family in Denver, and something about politics there.

**Garth** reported that his daughter's boyfriend had surprised him by asking him if he could ask for his daughter's hand in marriage.

**Cecelia** reported that her adopted dad had been in hospital over Christmas and had had quintuple bypass surgery. Everyone wished her well.

**Lee** told us that everything is brighter with gummy bears and he felt that professional hockey had nothing on the excitement of national teams.

**Colin** is near provisional occupancy for the large rental-unit project he is working on. He complimented the Township Fire Department on its inspection team and hoped that there would be no change in rental legislation, as there were already some 3,000 applications for the 191 units being offered in a very tight market.

**Ian** congratulated Otter Co-op on being No. 71 on the recent list of the best 100 companies in B.C. . . . and the ACU for being No. 81. (Ian is on the Co-op board.)



**It only takes a little imagination (and a willingness to look utterly ridiculous) for a size 2 Rotarian to find a use for a size XXXL Ugly Christmas Sweater she 'won' at our Dec. 14 breakfast. Who knows? Next year maybe some other club member will receive something equally original.**