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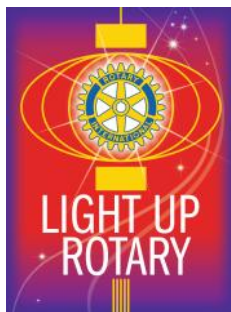


**Halloween hijinks!** President Bob “the Squid” Wilson and Treasurer Lynne “the Tiger” Pankratz teamed up to hand out some mysterious candy prizes to those who correctly answered some questions of the season. The antics resulted in a fine from the Sgt-at-Arms for sealing his thunder. When will you learn, President Bob!

**Club Meeting Friday at 12:00 p.m.  
at the Coast Bastion Inn**

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## Meeting Notes from Oct. 31st

By Derek Lewis

**President Bob Wilson** commenced the meeting by asking the club to stand for the singing of O'Canada. **Brenda Grice** provided the invocation giving thanks for our freedom, the selflessness of Rotarians, and for the safety of the trick or treaters out in our community tonight.

**Wayne Anderson** called for the introduction of visiting Rotarians and guests. **Wendy Pratt** introduced **Ian Thorpe** of Nanaimo North who is running for city council in the upcoming civic elections and **John Shillabeer** introduced regular attendee, **Erin Lee** from Rotaract. There were four guests at our meeting. **Lila Tanner** introduced **San Jiang**, a local exporter of kids wear. **Barbara Blinston** introduced **Ellen** and **Don Ross**, who recently relocated to Nanaimo from Ontario. Ellen is now working part time at VIU as a clinical instructor in the university's Dental Assistant Program. Don is a semi-retired dentist now working part time at a clinic in Duncan and as an instructor at VIU. **Wendy Pratt** introduced current city councilman, **Fred Pattje**.

With no new health issues with the club to report, **Yvan Gosselin** welcomed **Ed Borisenko** back to the club after his recent illness.

### President's Remarks:

**President Bob** informed the club that he attended the Rotary Club of Lady-smith's meeting this past Wednesday where the guest speaker was **Joan Toone** of *Polio Plus*. Their club held a silent auction to raise funds.



**President Bob** then asked Coast Bastion Inn employee **C.Y. Wong** to come to the front of the room so that the club could thank him for the service he has provided over the years. C.Y. is retiring

after 25 years with the Coast Bastion Inn and Bob presented him with a hand-made pen as a show of our appreciation.



**John Shillabeer** on behalf of the Book Committee advised the club that the recent completed book sale raised a record \$72,446.71, a significant increase over the previous record of \$58.8k. We started

the book sale with over 98,000 books in inventory and sold approximately 40,500 books. John thanked the rest of the committee for their efforts and stated that this will be a hard act to follow.



**Club Treasurer Lynne Pankratz** then came forward to answer any questions we may have had about the financial statements that were presented last week since she was away in Las Vegas. **Janeane**

**Coutu** asked about the "other revenue" line item, which Lynne advised was from other fundraising activities such as the Football Pool, etc. Lynne forwarded a motion that the club accept the financial statements as presents. **Bruce Samson** seconded. The motion was carried.



**President Bob** then donned a 'Pirates of the Caribbean' mask and had a short quiz on Halloween.

- 1<sup>st</sup> question: With tricks getting out of control, what year were treats first offered as an alternative? 1911. The closest guess was John Salem's table at 1912.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> question: The tradition of jack'o'lanterns started in Ireland. What food did the Irish use? Rutabagas (turnips); correctly guessed by Kevin Cantelon's table.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> question: What is the record for the largest pumpkin? 2,323 lbs. with the closest guess at Wendy Pratt's table.

### Dates to Remember:

The Zone 25/26 luncheon is on November 15<sup>th</sup> at the Victoria Conference Centre where incoming RI 2015/16 President Ravi Ravidran will speak. Club members wanting to attend can register online through ClubRunner.

### Sergeant-at-Arms:



The Sgt-at-Arms this week was **Yvan Gosselin**, who started off by fining **President Bob** \$3 for stealing his thunder with the Halloween quiz. Yvan then shared his exciting story about the email he received from CRA

telling him about a correction in his tax return that would see an additional \$700 refund. His wife Lucie burst his bubble by telling him it was a scam to get his personal banking information. **Lila Tanner** piped in that you can forward spam email to Shaw and they will block it for all customers.

Yvan proceeded to fine a couple of club members \$3 each for not participating in the recent book sale despite the fact both had health issues that prevented them from volunteering like they have in the past.

Yvan then rambled on about how he'd like to fine all the politicians in the room. He mentioned that as a dog lover, the cost of a dog license is still very low despite the fact there are eight dog friendly parks funded by the City of Nanaimo. He proceeded to set a precedent by fining one of our guests, councillor **Fred Pattje**, \$5 for letting the city go to the dogs.

Yvan finished by thanking **Susan Gerrand** for her efforts in the antique/classic books section of our book sale and that section alone had sales over \$1,700.

### Happy/Sad Bucks:

**Janeane Coutu** had a dollar to thank the retiring **C.Y. Wong** for being an excellent host to our Club here at the Coast Bastion Inn over the years. She gave a brief history of our time here at the Coast Bastion Inn.





**Susan Gerrand** had a couple of dollars to thank everyone for their donations of rare and valuable books to our antique/collectors section included a few that were worth several hundred dollars.

**Joan Ryan** paid several dollars to announce the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Health & Wellness Fair on Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> from 11am to 4pm at the Beban Park Social Centre. She also announced that the Nanaimo & District Hospital Foundation was raising funds in "Brovember" for men's health equipment at Nanaimo Regional General Hospital.

**Bob McDougall** had \$5 to thank **Ian Williams** for his efforts with the club.

**Keith McFarlane** had \$2 to enquire about President Bob's ugly mask, at which point the Sgt-at-Arms fined him for being late. **Wendy Pratt** had \$5, which included sad bucks for the Sgt-at-Arms fining her guest, and that her brother suffered a TIA while shopping at the book sale last week and had to be rushed to Victoria for treatment. While there was a bit of an initial scare, he is fine now.

**John Salem** had a \$1 for his wife's birthday, "the good witch" and \$2 for **Bill King's** fine for not volunteering at the book sale due to illness.



**Erin Lee** from Rotaract had a thank you dollar for the club sponsoring her and Mathieu for the Rotaract Conference. Sgt-at-Arms **Yvan** piped up again and fined his wife, **Lucie Gosselin**, \$1 for

not signing in again. Lucie then filled us all in on how excited Yvan was about the spam CRA email and how he did not believe it was a scam.

Guest Rotarian **Ian Thorpe** had \$5 to thank us for having him for the nice meal, thanked **Wendy Pratt** for inviting him, and thanked our Sgt-at-Arms. for not fining him. **Ian Williams** had a thank you dollar for the key members from the book sale that were at the mall almost every day throughout the year sorting books and getting ready for the sale. Thank you **John, Bruce, Brent,**

**Rudi, Bob and Allan.**

**Bill Horman** had a happy \$1 for the pleasure it was to work at the book sale on the first Friday and for all of the donations from the community. **Lila Tanner** had \$1 to share her book sale experience whereby a former Rotary Exchange Student purchased a huge stack of books and said it was the least she could do to thank Rotary for a life changing experience.

**President Bob** had an apology \$1 for forgetting the announcements and a sad \$2 for the Sgt-at-Arms not being able to pay his telephone bill to call people beforehand to remind them of their duties for the Friday meeting. **Janeane Coutu** had \$5 to announce that **Doug McMillan** had turned 99.

**Draws:**



Table stakes were won by **Brenda Grice**. The 50-50 Draw was won by **Bob Janes** who came close to winning the pot with the king of spades, but it wasn't the ace, so the pot continues to grow.

## VIU: A Research Institute

*By Charles Ramos*

The programme today was VIU – A Research Institute, presented by Trevor Davis, Ph.D.



**Carey McIver** introduced **Dr. Trevor Davis** as the VIU Associate Vice President of Scholarship and Community Engagement. Dr. Davis is a geographer by training. He completed his uni-

versity work at the University of Victoria and the University of British Columbia, then worked for several years in the forestry industry. Following that, Dr. Davis worked with the University of Utah, Thompson Rivers University, and Mt. Royal University before coming to VIU.

Dr. Davis then expanded upon his

role in this new position. He recently came to VIU in July of this year, and is focussed mainly on fostering an interactive relationship between VIU and the community, with a major emphasis on community involvement. This relationship identifies issues within community groups that can then use VIU's resources to find solutions and explore new opportunities. The focus for Dr. Davis's work is less on academics and more on supporting community research.

**Program**

The VIU academic plan has a mandate to support the community well-being of Vancouver Island. The mandate consists of two parts: research and teaching and Dr. Davis's area concentrates on research. Four research chairs are supported through VIU, including two Regional Innovation chairs, and two Canada Research chairs.

Some major areas of research at VIU include Coastal Resource Development, Shellfish Research, and the Applied Environmental Resource Laboratory. The latter has an exciting project in the production of a mobile research laboratory capable of monitoring pollutants at remote sites in real time with sophisticated sampling equipment. Student involvement on these research projects is key to their success, and the further involvement of independent community groups greatly increases the scope of coverage possible. Students benefit greatly from the hands-on work with these projects, with many opportunities to publish papers and many students move directly into graduate work based on the experience received with VIU.

Community groups currently working with VIU include the Parksville and Qualicum Center for Healthy Aging, the Center for Healthy Communities, and the Institute for Coastal Research. Another area falling under Dr. Davis's oversight is VIU's support of First Nation learning; currently, VIU is the largest university supporter of First Nation learning in the country, with over 10%



## WEEKLY CLUB PROGRAMS

### Friday, November 7th

GREETERS	Carey McIver, Bob Fenty, Brent Stetar
CASHIERS	Bill King
SGT-AT-ARMS	Dave Hammond
INVOCATION	Donna Hais
HEAD TABLE	Pres Bob, Mikel Knutsson, Bruce Samson, John Morris, Bob McDougall, Brenda Grice, Frank Shoemaker
INTRODUCE GUESTS	Barb Blinston
INTRODUCE SPEAKER	Preident Bob
PROGRAM	<b>REMEMBRANCE DAY</b> <i>Mikel Knutsson / Bruce Samson</i>
THANK SPEAKER	—

### Friday, November 14th

GREETERS	Richard Finnegan, Lila Tanner, Norm Myden
CASHIERS	Bill King
SGT-AT-ARMS	John Heisterman
INVOCATION	Ed Borisenko
HEAD TABLE	Pres Bob, Douglas Anderson, Ed Borisenko, Richard Finnegan, Lila Tanner, Norm Myden
INTRODUCE GUESTS	Dave Hammond
INTRODUCE SPEAKER	—
PROGRAM	<b>MEMBERSHIP / ASSEMBLY</b> <i>President Bob / Douglas Anderson</i>
THANK SPEAKER	—

### Friday, November 21st

GREETERS	Susan Gerrand, Sharon Welch, Wendy Pratt
CASHIERS	Bill King
SGT-AT-ARMS	Joan Ryan
INVOCATION	Mike Knutsson
HEAD TABLE	Pres Bob, Guest Speaker, Susan Gerrand, Sharon Welch, Wendy Pratt, Kevin Cantelon
INTRODUCE GUESTS	Kevin Cantelon
INTRODUCE SPEAKER	—
PROGRAM	<b>T B A</b>
THANK SPEAKER	—

of the students of First Nations background.

VIU is in a strong position to further community involvement as the individual faculty are closely tied to their communities, and many have been participating in outreach efforts for years. Dr. Davis welcomes input from the various outreach efforts, and the identification of new areas that may benefit both outreach groups and VIU.

A number of questions were asked by the audience:

City councillor **Fred Pattje** mentioned that during his 6 years on the council, he has several times heard about the possibility of a VIU satellite center in the downtown core, and is wondering if this could be on the horizon? Dr. Davis said that he is aware of a number of similar successes in this area, and also a number of failures, and said that this type of an arrangement can work if it is given a lot of support and a specific agenda.

**John Shillabeer** mentioned that a Makerspace recently opened, and was wondering if this may be an area for collaboration? Dr. Davis said that he is

personally a great supporter of Makerspaces, and is very interested to learn more about this one, specifically as it may benefit specific VIU departments.

**Brenda Grice** noted that *VIU Rotaract President Erin Lee* is in attendance at today's meeting, and asked whether the Rotaract group would be an outreach group that would work with the Research group? Dr. Davis said this is absolutely a group he is interested in working with.



**Dave Hammond** thanked the speaker, and noted that our club has a lot of involvement with VIU, with many members currently serving on VIU board, and that we can see the importance of this new position. The coveted Rotary pen was presented to our speaker.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

**Sunday, Dec 7**—Family Christmas Breakfast, Bowen Complex, from 9:00 am to 11 am

**Thursday, Dec 18**—Rotary Christmas Dinner, Coast Bastion Inn: fellowship 6:00 pm, dinner 7:00. Cost TBA

## ATTENDANCE

*By Bob Janes*

Attendance for October 31<sup>st</sup> was **70%**

### We missed these Rotarians

Brand, Cowling, Finnegan, Gerrand, Hais, Lessan, Myden, Narver, Raedler, J. Smith, Stetar, Welch

### Visiting Rotarians:

Erin Lee, Ian Thorpe

**Guests:** Don Ross, Ellen Ross, San Jiang, Fred Patje

**Make ups:** Pratt, Janes, Shillabeer, Gerrand, Salem, Walker, Hammond

### Birthdays:

Brenda Grice on November 8th  
Frank Shoemaker on Nov. 12th

### Spouse Birthdays:

Brenda Grice [Douglas Anderson] on November 8th  
Peggy McDougall [Bob] on Nov. 10  
Barbara Williams [Ian] on Nov. 12th

### Wedding Anniversaries:

Bob and Marie Fenty, 53 years on November 11th

### Club Anniversaries:

Mikel Knutsson, 4 years, Nov. 12th  
Bruce Samson, 15 years, Nov. 12th



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