



***September 24th, 2020***

***Basic Education & Literacy Month***

**IN THE LANCE THIS WEEK**

**GEORGE ANDERSON**

**VISITORS AND GUESTS**

We were joined by ADG Wayne Anderson, Oceanside PE Veronica Szick& from Victoria Barry Sparkes.

**BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

Birthday wishes to Stephen Cochrane.

**HEALTH OF THE CLUB**

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| **ROTARY CLUB OF LANTZVILLE**  **MISSION STATEMENT**  Joining in fellowship to support growth and development in education and health for those less fortunate in our local and international communities. |



**PRESIDENT MARK**

President Mark had thank-you’s for the 7-10 ‘well-oiled’ breakfast team.

Veronica Szick, Rotary Oceanside, spoke about their ‘Running of the Balls ’October 17th fundraiser. All proceeds to support local children & youth programs. Tickets @ $ 20 can be purchased by calling Bev @ 250-667-2497.

ADG Wayne Anderson was happy to announce Ken Hammer as his 2021 successor. Congratulations Ken…we look forward to working with you!

Late morning from Mark to George - thanks so much for joing us this morning and for leaving us all – personally and as a club –with a lot to think about.

As a follow-up, George sent the link to a recent Shaw spotlight recording ‘Race Relations In Canada.’ It is informative and well done (Joy).<https://youtu.be/xq3cwsEEo6U>

***Quote for today****…”It is not the strongest of the species that survives, not the most intelligent. It is the one that is most adaptable to change.”*

*~Charles Darwin~~*

**SPEAKER PRESENTATION**

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***George Anderson, BA, JD***

“Too often in Canada we parade our moral superiority by comparing ourselves with the US, which is problematic. It creates a tendency to minimize or forget about the deep-rooted issues here at home. The reality is racism, prejudice and inequality are alive in Canada.”

George Anderson was born and raised in Nanaimo. He is a former city councillor, volunteer with several charitable organizations, a practicing lawyer and an accomplished musician. In 2016 he was presented with a BC Community Achievement Award. George is passionate about community involvement and is an active, vocal spokesperson promoting anti-racism education and black history.

In his presentation, George identified his observations on racism related events. He asked club members to consider their recollection of a first connection with police. Early in his life, this was not a pleasant experience. While racism is more visible in other places in the world, it does happen here. In the last federal election there was more concern about a new leader being American than about a leader who repeatedly appeared in black-face, brown-face. George spoke about the furor surrounding the placement of Viola Desmond’s image on the $ 10 bill; the freezing deaths of the starlight tours and the attempted censorship in Wikipedia by the Saskatoon Police department; the re-naming of the Deas Tunnel.

The Q&A session following George’s presentation was insightful. In George’s words “It’s okay for people to be different. You are entitled to your own opinions but not to your own facts.”