

**September 4th, 2024 – Community Hall - At 5:35 President Nel called meeting #1664 to order**

The meeting began with the territorial acknowledgement.

**Guests: Carson McPherson**

**Guest Speaker: Estella Arlott**

**Rotary Moment:**

**Jean shared an article from one of our rotary magazines: There’s more to literacy than books. Rotary fosters literacy, paired with education, as one of its six areas of focus. With an estimated 14 percent of the world’s population functionally illiterate, Rotarians work to open schools, promote proven teaching methods and establish mentoring programs to help people improve their reading skills.**

**Reading is the gateway to literacy.**

**Presentations:**

After enjoying another delicious dinner prepared by master chef Peter Wilford, Nel presented him with a Paul Harris donated by the club. Thank you Peter for all you do for the club.

**Birthdays and Anniversaries**:

Sonnet is celebrating her birthday on September 19th, Vicki celebrates on the 15th, Sam on the 29th, Fern on the 26th, David S. September 25th, Denna the 7th and Moe on September 5th.

**Speaker**:

Our speaker this week was Estella Arlott. Estella was asked to give her classification speech. We learned much about Estella from her young life in England, as the eldest of 3 children, to her life in the Ottawa area working in the high tech industry. After retirement she moved to Sooke and has become very active in the Community Volunteering and spending much time and energy running the local pickle ball club.

Estella has led a very active and busy life, so far.

Nel offered our thanks for a very entertaining talk.

**Whats New:**

A discussion was had regarding our future meetings. Time and Place. It was put forward that Village Foods has agreed that the club could meet there at lunch times with a meal catered and in the evenings as a bring your own dinner.

A motion was put forward that the meal price be raised to $20. This Motion but forward by Roger and seconded by Dennis was carried by a show of hands.

John is looking for volunteers to help with the Tail Gate Party to be held on September 27th

**The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm**