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**MP Dr. James Lunney & President Wayne Anderson**

**Club Meeting Friday at 12:15 p.m.  
at the Coast Bastion Inn**

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## Meeting Notes February 20, 2009

By Lila Tanner

**Bob Pulleyblank** continues to lead us in "O Canada" while **Donna Hais** gave the Invocation. Visiting Rotarian **Perry Williams** from North Cub was introduced by **Bob Wilson**. **Al Smith** introduced Interact student **Jordan Neave**, **Bob Fenty** introduced **Nicole Klein** an Outbound GSE for Dominican Republic. **Barb Blinston** introduced **Curtis Hansen** originally from Prince George moved to Nanaimo as Assistant to **Dr. James Lunney MP**.

**President Wayne** and **Bob Pulleyblank** reported that **Doug McMillan** is doing well and hopes to be back at the club in 3 or 4 weeks.



Nicole Klein & Bob Fenty

**Jordan Neave**, a first year student at VIU majoring in Political Science and next year will be transferring to either SFU or Ottawa to continue his studies in International



Allan Smith & Jordan Neave

Security and Conflict. Jordan feels he's been a member of the Rotary family for the past two years. After attending RYLA he became deeply involved with Interact and done so ever since. "Rotary is a wonderful organization which invests so much in the youth of tomorrow. I must say I'm truly honored to be one of those youth. Unfortunately, my time with Interact will expire soon, but will definitely locate a Rotaract Club to become involved with. I think it's pretty obvious that you have a future Rotarian standing before you". Jordan was chosen as 1 of 20 university students from across Canada to attend WUSC Seminar in Peru. He will be engaged in international development projects involved with the water and sanitation sector of Peru. The other student and Jordan will be conducting research for local organizations and municipalities. Since 1982 WUSC has focused on improving health and living conditions in selected urban and rural communities of Peru.. WUSC projects have improved water and sanitation services in more than 180 shantytown communities and 130 rural villages with tangible benefits for more than 1 million people. Jordan said he was very much looking forward to being a part of a project to help improve the lives of others. Jordan was adopted from Peru at a young age and says a project like this is "very near to my heart. I have been given a life full of opportunity and I would like to be able to do something to help others who haven't been as blessed as I have". Jordan very graciously extended his gratitude and thanks to the club for the support over the years. "this is an opportunity of a lifetime for me, and you've helped make it possible."

Announcements: **President Wayne** called again for volunteers for "Mock Interviews" for Grade 11 students on March 12. Our regular meeting on March 20 has been moved to Thursday March 19 due to renovations in the hotel.

**Donna Hais** announced the pending application regarding the car raffle. **Phil Wilson** who resigned from the club recently was Donna's partner on the committee, scheduling and arranging appointments for the car's visibility. **Donna** is asking for help from the membership to continue with the car raffle as her position with the Chamber of Commerce limits her availability. Please contact Donna if you can help.

**Bob Buchanan** called for a short fundraising meeting following the meeting today. **Judy Malcolm**

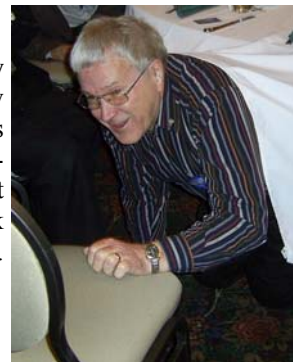


Joan Ryan, Bob McDougall & Ken Westfall at the cashier table

reminded us of the Theatre Night March 26 – she has tickets available. **Janeane Coutu** recognized two new honorary members **Bob Peters** and **Bob Girard** both of whom have had to resign due to ill health. **Dave Hammond** as Sgt @ Arms fined all of us who have never stood on the steps of the legislative buildings in Ottawa.

Happy and Sad Dollars followed. Table stakes were won by **Yvan Gosselin**. The wine was won by **Dave Hammond**.

Do we really want to know what Egon is doing? Sometimes it's best not to ask questions.



## Program notes - Feb. 20, 2009

### Classification talks

By Peter Nuernberger

Today our guest speaker the Honourable Dr. James Lunney M.P. was introduced by Barbara Blinston. Dr. Lunney was raised in Winnipeg where he completed a B.S.C. at the University of Manitoba before achieving his doctorate of chiropractic. He was a practicing chiropractor for 24 years in Kitchener, Ontario and Parksville.

Dr. Lunney arrived in Nanaimo after a lengthy flight from London, England where he had been attending a conference on world security issues and the renewing rise of such things as anti-Semitism in the world. Part of Dr. Lunney's duties as an M.P., he is a member of many committees which deal with these threats to human dignity and rights. This type of committee work is one of the opportunities he sought when he first entered Federal politics 2000 and successfully competing in four elections since.

He ruminated as to the club's strong rendition of our national anthem and how it impressed him to hear O' Canada sung a cappella. He was brought to think of the words "we stand on guard for thee" and whether Canadians are really aware of how important these words and the action that they call for are in today's global political environment. Drawing on his conference in London, matters that concern him greatly are the threat being faced by many peoples to maintain their freedoms, rights and dignity. Dr. Lunney found a highlight in a recent citizenship court held in Nanaimo, when a nine year old schoolboy led the 90 new Canadian citizens singing our national anthem.

He was astounded when the opposition parties attempted to wrest government from the elected party by forming a coalition. A few short days of this development Parliament

was closed till after Christmas, resulting in the Liberal party firing their leader and thereby killing the coalition.

These developments did not slow down the work of the government in preparing its economic budget which it had promised for the reopening of parliament. There were 84 meetings held across Canada, and thousands of consultations. This work culminated in the budget that was presented which is designed to bring stimulus to the Canadian economy. Dr. Lunney admitted that while these are the intents, no funding has been delivered as yet, as the budget is still not formally approved by the house. Local projects that may receive some favourable funding assistance are the expansion of the Nanaimo Airport runway and the building of a cruise ship pier in the harbour. He is hopeful that the government initiatives are allowed to proceed quickly and that industry will develop the needed business plans to utilize funding to the best policy and ensure future generations reap benefits from these cash inputs. A world wide consensus is that the economic stimulus required by governments to bring stability to the economies of the world should work out to approximately 2% of a countries GDP. "Our government's stimulus package meets or exceeds that goal".

Such programs aimed at bringing new home ownership within reach of first time buyers through manipulation of the RSP rules and tax credits for spending on home renovations will also offer incentives to spend.

Dr. Lunney stated that Canada was in the best shape of any of the G8 members and that we will benefit as well from the fact that our banking system is sound, unlike many of the banks in other nations in the EU and other areas of the world. All this bodes well for Canada to come out of the recession in a strong position ready to expand its economy to meet

pent up world demand when that time comes.

Dr. Lunney then took several questions from the floor before being thanked for his presentation by Bill King.

President Wayne closed the meeting with a little light humour.



Dr. Lunney is thanked by Bill King

## Attendance Report

By Janeane Coutu

Attendance for Feb. 20th was 65%.

### We missed these Rotarians:

D. Anderson, Benoit, Blackmore, Blanaru, Borisenko, Gardiner, Grice, Herold, Hoffstrom, Holland, Kolopenuk, McIver, Orr, Ostling, Patrick, Ramos, Samson, Shoemaker, Simon, Snider, Stetar, Willmon

### Visiting Rotarians;

Perry Williams (Nanaimo North)

### Guests

Nicole Klein (GSE Team to Dominican Republic); Curtis Hansen (guest of James Lunney); Jordan Neave (President Interact Club, guest of Al Smith)

### Member Birthdays

Carmon Henderson	Feb 27
Mike Herold	Mar 2
Bob Fenty	Mar 5

### Partner Birthdays

Louise Patrick (Bob)	Mar 4
Joan McFadden (Doug)	Mar 5

### Club Anniversaries

Helen Blackmore	2yrs, Mar 2
Gary Gardiner	2yrs, Mar 2
Ken Westfall	9yrs, Mar 3

## WEEKLY CLUB PROGRAMS

### February 27th

GREETERS	Bob Pulleyblank, Carmon Henderson, Charles Ramos
SGT AT ARMS	Yvan Gosselin
INVOCATION	Keith McFarlane
HEAD TABLE	Pres. Wayne, Mary Magrega, Lila Tanner, Carmon Henderson, Mike Herold, Bob Fenty
INTRODUCE GUESTS	Carey McIver
INTRODUCE SPEAKER	Janeane Coutu
PROGRAM	<b>COLUMBIAN CENTRE SOCIETY:</b> <i>Mary Magrega</i>
THANK SPEAKERS	Bob Buchanan

### March 6th

GREETERS	Peter Nuernberger, Wahid Ali, James Snider
SGT AT ARMS	Dave Hammond
INVOCATION	Lucie Gosselin
HEAD TABLE	Pres. Wayne, Jordan Ellis, Dave Connolly, Bob Pulleyblank, Wahid Ali, Peter Nuernberger, Charles Ramos
INTRODUCE GUESTS	Doug Greer
INTRODUCE SPEAKER	Dave Connolly
PROGRAM	<b>ELECTORAL REFORM &amp; BC STV:</b> <i>Rev. John Ellis</i>
THANK SPEAKER	Doug Cowling

### March 13th

GREETERS	Guenther Raedler, Basil Hobbs, Roy Ostling
SGT AT ARMS	Bob Fenty
INVOCATION	Joan Ryan
HEAD TABLE	Pres. Wayne, Steve MacDonald, Ian Williams, Marty Weideman, Roy Ostling, Guenther Raedler, Basil Hobbs
INTRODUCE GUESTS	Gordon Hubley
INTRODUCE SPEAKERS	Ian Williams
PROGRAM	<b>MARINE PARKS B.C.:</b> <i>Steve MacDonald</i>
THANK SPEAKER	Jane Currie

## Rotary clubs always pumped for World Water

EVANSTON, Ill., USA (March 20, 2008) — While the United Nations designates March 22 as World Water Day, Rotary members around the globe are focused on the issue 24/7, volunteering their time and resources to provide safe water and sanitation to communities wherever there is need.

Rotary International's coordinator for water and sanitation projects, F. Ronald Denham, estimates Rotary clubs are involved in at least 6,000 projects in scores of countries, all aimed at addressing the lack of access to safe water and sanitation that claims more than two million lives each year, a majority of them children. Denham, a Rotary member from Toronto, Ont., says Rotary is committed to help achieve the UN Millennium Development Goal that calls for a 50 percent reduction by 2015 in the number of people with insufficient access to safe water and sanitation.

"This is an enormous challenge for humanity, and Rotary clubs are logical leaders in the challenge because they are embedded in their local communities, allowing the clubs to help define realistic solutions to local problems," says Denham, who heads both the Rotary International Water Resource Group and the semi-autonomous Water and Sanitation Rotarian Action Group (WASRAG). "Rotary clubs also can draw on the global resources of a world-wide organization (many projects receive funding from The Rotary Foundation) and form alliances with other groups and non-governmental organizations to implement the most appropriate solutions."

A sampling of Rotary-supported projects currently underway:

- WASRAG is the lead NGO participant in the Tap Project, an initiative of UNICEF that raises money for water projects by asking for a \$1 donation per glass of (otherwise free) water in restaurants across the United States from March 16-22. ([www.wasrag.org](http://www.wasrag.org); [www.tapproject.org](http://www.tapproject.org))
- Rotary clubs in the Rochester, NY., area are major supporters of Water for Sudan, Inc., founded by Penfield, N.Y., Rotarian Salva Dut, one of the so-called "Lost Boys of Sudan." Since 2003, the program has installed 17 deep wells in Dut's homeland. San Diego area Rotary clubs recently signed on to raise funds for a second drilling rig. ([www.waterforsudan.org](http://www.waterforsudan.org))
- Rotary clubs in the United Kingdom are partnering with their counterparts in South Africa to install innovative "play pumps" in South Africa, Zambia and Kwa Zulu Natal. The technology harnesses the boundless energy of children at play by connecting playground merry-go-rounds to water pumps. A typical kid-powered pump can produce 370 gallons per hour. ([www.playpumps.org](http://www.playpumps.org))
- The Rotary Club of Nakuru, Kenya, has launched a program to harvest rainwater at the household level, with the goal of bringing safe water to over one million people.

Working with a local NGO in Rajasthan, the Rotary India Water Trust is developing a sustainable water supply for about one million people in 650 villages at a cost of about \$8,500 per village.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

**March 19**—Regular Rotary meeting at noon on Thursday. No meeting Friday.

**March 26**—Rotary Theatre Night, Bailey Studio, "Kiss the Moon, Kiss the Sun"

**April 24-26**—District Conference, Bremerton, WA



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