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Into the fog at Piper’s Lagoon, Nanaimo, B.C.

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

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Meeting Notes for Jan. 16, 2009

by Mike Herold

Vice President **Doug Cowling** had the honours of running today's meeting due to President Wayne being away.

Invocation was handled by **Lionel Benoit**.

Lucie Gosselin had the job of introducing visiting Rotarians and guests and had an easy job since there were no visiting Rotarians and our only guest was **James Snyder** who was a guest of his sponsor **Joan Ryan** and was being inducted into our club at this meeting.

Vice President **Doug** asked for a vote from the club on scheduling of the Pipers at Robbie Burns night on January 29 and it was decided that the Pipers can complete their program prior to our meal. **Basil Hobbs** hinted that there may be a wee taste of scotch for all those present at the function.

Basil Hobbs inducted and welcomed James Snyder into our club and encouraged him to become involved in club activities and committees.

Joan Ryan who sponsored James gave us a quick biography;

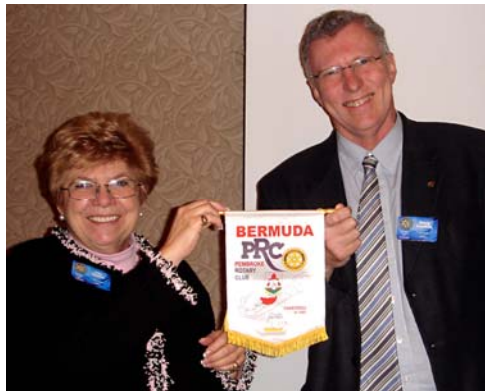
James was born in Ottawa in 1971 and moved to Vancouver Island in 1973. In 2000, he became a licensed mortgage broker and works in Nanaimo.



Basil Hobbs, James Snyder and Joan Ryan

Ken X Westfall reminded club members that the district leadership conference is scheduled for February 21 & 22 in Victoria, and the Empress Hotel has a special rate of \$119/night for Rotarians, but arrangements must be made soon.

Lila Tanner presented the club with a banner from a Rotary Club in Bermuda that she received from a tall good looking man at the airport. He was in a panic because he did not get a chance to present his clubs banner at any local clubs. Good work Lila for hanging out at the airport looking for



Lila Tanner with V.P. Doug Cowling

Rotary Banners.

Lila also challenged all club members to attend the upcoming Robbie Burns Night.

Carey McIver read a **Notice of Motion:** **That our club donate \$1200 to purchase a shelter box for world community service.**

Mike Herold will be selling Super Bowl tickets next Friday.

Sergeant At Arms **Greg Wilmon** fined various club members



Donna Hais gave us a quick update on the Car Raffle. Our application has been sent to the Gaming Commission. She thanked **Bruce Samson** for coordinating the draw with Bathub Society and to **Wahid Ali** for being a co-sponsor for the tickets.

including all those sitting at **Lila Tanner's** table excluding Lila since Lila had to endure a live performance of the Vancouver Canucks, **Dale Huck** for hopping in the wrong bed at a family gathering, **Ken Westfall** for being rude to **Greg** and several others for the Christmas tree and lights still being up.

A happy buck was donated by **Yvan Gosselin** because his girlfriend Lucie gets to take Yvan (boy toy) to Cambodia & Vietnam for three weeks.

Other bucks came from new member **James Snyder**, **Donna Hais**, **Bruce Samson**, **Jane Currie**, **Frank Shoemaker** and **Guenter Radler**.

The table stakes were won again by **Ian Williams** and the Wine was won by Boy Toy **Yvan** to share with his girlfriend Lucie.

Program notes for Jan. 16, 2009

by Bill King

The program was a an analysis of last years very successful book sale and a general discussion concerning the upcoming book sale led by **Ken X**. Gross revenues from the Rotary - Canwest Book Sale held Fri. to Mon. last Thanksgiving weekend were \$27,418 and the net was \$24,785.

Two motions were passed

1) the club donate \$400 to the Christian School kids that helped move books last May and \$ 500 for the kids that helped at the October sales, cheques payable to the Christian School PAC - Anderson/Smith.

2) To split the net proceeds of the 2008 book sale, as adjusted, with the donation to the Christian School with CanWest Global - Williams/Tanner.

As of November 5th \$5600 has been deposited from subsequent Rotary-only sale of pocketbooks from which float and expenses will be deducted so roughly a net income of \$5450 to date. The club will place a newspaper ad thanking Altrusia, Shape Properties, Central Island Heating, Christian School graduating class, Concord Security, Dancing Goat Restaurant, Decade Painting, Fabric land, Herold Engineering, Home Hardware, London Drugs, Meyers Norris Penny, Staff of North Town Centre, Rotary Interact Club, Scotiabank, Spouses and friends of Rotarians, and VIU.

Review of the Good were general discussions concerning collections, sorting, selling, signage P/R, cashiers, time or date of sale, comments on weaknesses and recommendations.

Membership the key to a strong Rotary - by Arnold R. Grahl
Rotary International News - 20/01/09

The future of Rotary depends on increasing and retaining members, RI President Dong Kurn Lee told incoming district governors on Monday at the International Assembly in San Diego, California, USA.

Lee noted that while the world's need for service is growing, Rotary membership is not keeping pace. In fact, while the world's population is growing, membership is remaining stable.

Lee made his remarks as he outlined RI President-elect John Kenny's membership goals for 2009-



RI President Dong Kurn Lee tells incoming district governors that the future of Rotary depends on increasing membership. Photos by Alyce Henson/

10. Earlier in the day, Kenny said he would ask the new district governors to see to it that there are more members at the end of the year than at the beginning and to mentor those new members.

Lee built on that message, saying the president-elect challenges the incoming district governors to work on a minimum net membership increase of one member per club, to maintain a retention rate of 80 percent, and to add at least one new club per district.

Lee noted that diversity is the key to membership growth.

"We must reach out to people who are different from us and from the members in our club," Lee said, "because this is the way to a stronger club, with more connections and better potential."

Lee also asked Rotarians to increase the percentage of qualified women and professionals under the age of 50, to bring in at least one alumnus or alumna of Rotary International or Rotary Foundation programs, and to work to increase the diversity of membership in all clubs.

Lee stressed, as Kenny had earlier in the day, that retention is as important as recruitment. "New members do not benefit Rotary unless they stay," he said.

"I know that with your help, we can increase Rotary's membership," Lee said. "With your help, we can

Make Dreams Real today and tomorrow. The Future of Rotary Is in Your Hands."

Governor-elect Ken Oakes from District 5510 (Arizona, USA) was looking forward to the challenge of keeping Rotarians interested in staying involved with their club. Oakes said member retention would be the focus of his year as governor, adding that the key to making people want to stay is planning activities, like parades and social events, that keep Rotary fun.

Attendance Report by D. Hais
Attendance for January 16th was 64%.

We missed these Rotarians:

Ali, D. Anderson, W. Anderson, Blanaru, Blinston, Borisenko, Buchanan, Fenty, Gardiner, Gerrand, Grice, Hammond, Holland, Hrabowych, Hubley, Malcolm, McFarlane, Nuernberger, Orr, Patrick, Simon, White.

Guests:

James Snider (guest of Joan Ryan)

Birthdays by J. Coutu

Doug McFadden Jan 24
Yvan Gosselin Jan 27

Partner Birthdays

Lucie Gosselin – see above

Wedding Anniversaries

Bill & Marie King 44yrs, Jan 28

Club Anniversaries

Wahid Ali 5yrs, Jan 23
Basil Hobbs 25yrs, Jan 25

Frank Talk Gems

One of the most amazing things about the success of Rotary is that it is achieved entirely by volunteers. It all starts because one Rotarian wants something to happen, not because some boss tells him or her to do it, or to fulfill a mission statement that is posted on a wall somewhere. Every successful project that Rotary has ever accomplished has begun at the grass roots level in the minds and hearts of individual Rotarians. Frank Talk I, p. 106

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WEEKLY CLUB PROGRAMS

January 23rd

GREETERS	Doug Greer, John Morris, Allan Smith
SGT AT ARMS	Dave Hammond
INVOCATION	Joan Ryan
HEAD TABLE	Pres. Wayne, Ken McVay, Bruce Samson, Yvan Gosselin, Al Smith, Doug Greer, John Morris
INTRODUCE GUESTS	Barbara Blinston
INTRODUCE SPEAKER	Bruce Samson
PROGRAM	HOLOCAST DENIAL: <i>Ken McVay</i>
THANK SPEAKERS	Ian Williams

Thursday, Jan. 29th

GREETERS	Peter Nuernberger, Wahid Ali, Brenda Grice
SGT AT ARMS	Bob Fenty
INVOCATION	John Morris
HEAD TABLE	President Wayne, John Morris, Peter Nuernberger, Brenda Grice, Wahid Ali, Basil Hobbs
INTRODUCE GUESTS	Bob Hoffstrom
INTRODUCE SPEAKER	—
PROGRAM	ROBBIE BURNS DAY: <i>at Nanaimo Golf Club</i>
THANK SPEAKER	

February 6th

GREETERS	George Hrabowych, Maunya Holland, Susan Gerrand
SGT AT ARMS	Bob Fenty
INVOCATION	Janeane Coutu
HEAD TABLE	Pres. Wayne, Paul Liddy, Carey McIvor, Egon Holzwarth, Gordon Hubley, Janeane Coutu
INTRODUCE GUESTS	Guenter Raedler
INTRODUCE SPEAKERS	Carey McIvor
PROGRAM	Program to be named: <i>Paul Liddy</i>
THANK SPEAKER	Lionel Benoit

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRIORITIES AND GOALS

The RI Strategic Plan includes seven priorities, each supported by a set of goals. To determine these priorities, RI surveyed grassroots Rotarians and senior leaders from many parts of the world, asking them what issues would be most important to Rotary in the coming years.

1. Eradicate polio

- Support the plans and goals of the International PolioPlus Committee
- Maintain and promote Rotarian participation in PolioPlus Partners
- Continue to focus our collaborative relationships on the ultimate goal of polio eradication

2. Advance the internal & external recognition & public image of RI

- Conduct internal and external public information campaigns to deepen global awareness of Rotary International and its programs
- Engage leadership at all levels in telling the world about Rotary commitments and outcomes

3. Increase Rotary's capacity to provide service to others

- Emphasize the four Avenues of Service as a way to expand service opportunities
- Provide special emphasis on supporting the improvement of clubs that need assistance
- Refine current training to include innovative ideas
- Expand strategic cooperative relationships at all levels to enhance RI's mission and in a way that protects RI's integrity
- Improve RI's efficiency and effectiveness in all operational areas

4. Expand membership globally in both numbers and quality

- Develop and implement a comprehensive plan to strengthen responsibility at the club level for membership development and retention based on best practices
- Extend Rotary to all qualified localities
- Increase the number of young members and those in emerging occupations
- Enhance and emphasize the family of Rotary throughout the Rotary world

5. Emphasize Rotary's unique vocational service commitment

- Influence ethical decision-making by encouraging Rotarians to join and take leadership roles in business and vocational associations
- Find new ways to develop vocational skills of others, especially people without jobs, by fully utilizing Rotarian expertise and experience
- Develop more vocational forums for learning and information exchange to encourage professional development

6. Optimize the use and development of leadership talents within RI

- Expand leadership development opportunities at all levels to fully use talents and skills of Rotarians
- Cultivate leadership opportunities for young people
- Periodically assess governance procedures to ensure best practices

7. Fully implement the strategic planning process to ensure continuity and consistency throughout the organization

- Evaluate and update the RI Strategic Plan every three years to align with Rotarian needs and expectations
- Ensure that The Rotary Foundation Future Vision Plan and the Secretariat's operating plan align with the RI Strategic Plan
- Disseminate the RI Strategic Plan throughout the organization, including districts and clubs, and provide opportunities for input from the membership
- Develop and implement a strategic planning model for Rotary clubs and districts

DATES TO REMEMBER -

Jan 29—Robbie Burns Day, Nanaimo Golf Club

Feb 21-22—District Assembly, Victoria, BC

April 24-26—District Conference, Bremerton, WA



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Award

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