

Rotary

Club of Creston Valley



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Tuesday, April 25, 2023

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By Verne Lee on Tuesday, April 25, 2023

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National Anthem

Blessing

4 Way Test

Greeter

Controller

**Attendance/Guests
Secretary**

Garry Fuhr/ Everyone

Greg Baker

Brenda Van Der Meer

Gary Teed

Casey Messinger

12

Garry Fuhr

4 Way Test - Of the things we say, think or do:

1. Is it the Truth; 2. Is it Fair to all Concerned; 3. Will it build Goodwill and better Friendships & 4. Is it Beneficial to all concerned?

And, **Brenda** added a very important one: "Have fun"

Club Business:

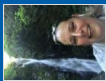
1. Welcome to our new meeting place!
2. Thank you to **Patricia Colwell** for providing breakfast.
3. **Highway Cleanup: Gary Teed** organized 12 members who showed up to clean the highway. We collected 3 truck loads of "stuff" up to and including a deer carcass. Photos to follow on our web page.
4. **Fundraiser: Dean Tompkins** brought our attention to the fact that MasterCard has a Rotary card which is available to Rotarians. This card credits Rotary International for each usage by members, plus it will open a lot of doors for members when using the card with the Rotary logo emblazoned on the front. "Currently available in Brazil, **Canada**, Ireland, Japan, the United Kingdom, and the United States, the card builds public awareness of Rotary while allowing everyday purchases to raise money for The Rotary Foundation. To date, the permanent fund of The Rotary Foundation has received US\$1 million from the program. In addition to that figure, another \$650,000 in royalties was transferred to support the polio eradication fundraising campaign (PEFC)."
5. **Citizen of the Year:** The Creston Valley Advance has been asking if they should start running the ads. YES! **Jason Truscott** will be representing our club this year.
6. **D5080 District Assembly:** Registration closes , Tuesday, April 25, **so don't wait any longer if you plan to join us for this district and club training event on April 29 at the Spokane Tech Center in the Spokane Valley, Wash.** To register: <https://Registrations.DACdb.com/Register/index.cfm?EventID=77650680&NoCaptcha>
7. **Executive Meeting:** to follow this meeting.

Program: Continuation of our Membership Project.



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[Charles T.
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Club Director



[Richard Armando
Minichiello](#)
iPast President

Club Meeting

Creston Valley
Meets at Creston and District

Community Complex Meeting held in the Ericson Room * one meeting a month is an evening meeting, time & place TBA monthly
Creston and District Community Complex 312 19 Ave N.
Creston, BC V0B 1G5
Time: Tuesday at 07:00 AM

We had a great start last week on our list of prospective members lets keep the momentum going.

- Groups were as follows

1. **Bill, Verne, Dean, Gary T, and Rob**
2. **Rick, Greg, Howard, Brenda, Jason M**
3. **Casey, Charlie, Garry F, Gin**

- Group 1) **Rob** has a great list of prospective members to approach. We also spent some time discussing "attendance". Info re attendance: **Attendance is key in building membership**
Todd Shepard, District 5080 Membership Chair

The past three years have challenged Rotary and its members to look at various processes and requirements with a different set of eyes. Our weekly meetings, once a time to gather and enjoy the fellowship of Rotary, completely stopped or migrated online. Realizing the inability to consistently meet as we once did, Rotary made the decision to relax the attendance requirements of its membership. The practice of logging weekly attendance was replaced by the satisfaction that at least some of the members were willing or able to log in to Zoom. We were swimming and kicking just to stay afloat. When we were able to join together in person, or with a hybrid meeting, we entered a rebuilding stage, grateful for the return of our dearly missed non-internet savvy members. Sadly, there remained a segment of members that for various reasons decided to leave Rotary, while others continued membership without a physical or online presence. They simply don't show up.

As we move forward, maybe it's time to rethink the reduced attendance requirements within our clubs and go back to setting attendance expectations for our members.

- Group 2) Discussed possible prospective members and how to approach them and to show reasons why they should join Rotary.
- Group 3) **Rick Minichiello** has a list of classifications for his group to work on:
 - o Drama Club
 - o Chamber of Commerce – **Amy Maddess**
 - o DFR tournament list
 - o Block party Customers
 - o Realators
 - o Religious organizations
 - o Ministerial association and recipients of assistance are potential members
 - o Swan Valley lodge
 - o Nickle place
 - o Crestview
 - o Hospital
 - o Doctors/Dentists/nurses
 - o Lions Club
 - o Shriners Club
 - o Community Foundations
- All agreed that there are a couple of points to focus on when approaching a prospective member:
 - 1) We must have the answer to the question: "What is in it for me?" and "What does it cost?"
 - 2) We must be able to show that it is fun to serve the community needs.
- **Casey Messinger** will work on a strategic plan for all.
- The answer for these and other questions can be found at: <https://www.rotary.org/en/about-rotary/membership>

Birthdays & Anniversaries:

- May 1st. - **Rick Minichiello** celebrates a birthday.

Queen of Spades Draw: 1) **Brenda Van Der Meer** unfortunately drew the king of diamonds. 2) A treat from **Michael Wigen:** **Gary Teed** won an "Old Age Pill Package"

Happy Bucks & Connections: Lots

Next Week: Business Meeteing.

Adjournment: 8:09 AM

RETARDED GRANDPARENTS - (this was actually reported by a teacher)

After Christmas, a teacher asked her young pupils how they spent their holiday away from school.

One child wrote the following:

We always used to spend the holidays with Grandma and Grandpa.

They used to live in a big brick house but Grandpa got retarded and they moved to Batemans Bay where everyone lives in nice little houses, and so they don't have to mow the grass anymore!

They ride around on their bicycles and scooters and wear name tags because they



don't know who they are anymore.

They go to a building called a wreck centre, but they must have got it fixed because it is all okay now. They do exercises there, but they don't do them very well.

There is a swimming pool too, but they all jump up and down in it with hats on.

At their gate, there is a doll house with a little old man sitting in it. He watches all day so nobody can escape. Sometimes they sneak out, and go cruising in their golf carts!

Nobody there cooks, they just eat out.

And, they eat the same thing every night --- early birds.

Some of the people can't get out past the man in the doll house. The ones who do get out, bring food back to the wrecked centre for pot luck.

My Grandma says that Grandpa worked all his life to earn his retardment and says I should work hard so I can be retarded someday too.

When I earn my retardment, I want to be the man in the doll house. Then I will let people out, so they can visit their grandchildren.

Events

- April 25th, 7:00-8:00 AM
[Creston Valley Weekly Club Meeting](#)
- May 9th, 7:00-8:00 AM
[Creston Valley Weekly Club Meeting](#)
- May 16th, 7:00-8:00 AM
[Creston Valley Weekly Club Meeting](#)

- May 2nd, 7:00-8:00 AM
[Creston Valley Weekly Club Meeting](#)
- May 13th, 10:00-3:30 PM
[BluePoint clean-up A VOLUNTEER opportunity](#)
- May 23rd, 7:00-8:00 AM
[Creston Valley Weekly Club Meeting](#)

Birthdays



[Richard Armando Minichiello](#)
May 1st



[Brenda Van Der Meer](#)
May 3rd



[Steve Takacs](#)
May 16th



[Jason James Truscott](#)
May 25th

Speakers