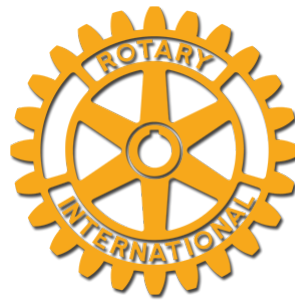


# Rotary

## Club of Creston Valley



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Wednesday, March 15, 2023

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By Verne Lee on Wednesday, March 15, 2023

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**National Anthem**

**Blessing**

**4 Way Test**

**Greeter**

**Controller**

**Attendance/Guests**  
**Secretary**

**Verne Lee/ Everyone**

**Jason Meidl**

**Dean Tompkins (with help from Gary)**

**Gary Teed**

**Charlie Moon**

**12/2- Dean Tompkins (Mexico) Enrique (3 minutes - not aware of our time change)**  
**None**

**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?

**Club Business:**

1. Dues are due: **Rick** has emailed receipts to those already paid.
2. **Venue Change:** **Bill Pfeifer** has investigated the possibility of changing meeting venue. We are currently paying \$40/meeting @ the Legion - the Rec Center has offered us our old meeting room - including coffee and other perks for \$28/meeting. Breakfast would be catered by **Patricia Colwell**. Our old storage area is still available with some of our banners etc. still there, and the seating, acoustics, and decor would all be an improvement. Issue given to executive to recommend a motion to proceed or to not proceed.

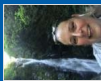
**Program: Scott Veitch** - PETS

- The first point, **Scott** made was for future attendees: if driving to Seattle, be sure to leave enough time to get there and also time it so that you don't arrive during the 5:00pm rush hour. That can be challenging. Some attendees did fly as the Seattle airport is basically across the street from the PETS venue.
- PETS: there is no spare time - everything is tight, tight, tight. You learn a lot - everyone is so friendly - smiling a lot - there is no way you can be grumpy - everyone is totally UP. All the speakers are totally UP.
- The overall theme was: "We need to adapt to changes in the world - because the world is constantly changing - it is no longer like it was when we first became Rotarians. The key descriptive words are: Diversification - Equity - and Inclusion. Then someone added one more: Acceptance." You have to buy into it! That is what I find about Rotary here, is that there are lots of amazing ideas - but it is a matter of engagement and commitment to those ideas. The clubs represented at PETS are clubs of anywhere from 8 members to 500 members.
- I mentioned the other day about 1)what the community wants and 2) what we want from



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### Club Leaders



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Chair  
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Minichiello  
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### Club Meeting

Creston Valley  
Meets at Royal Canadian Legion  
Branch 29 \* one meeting a

month is an evening meeting,  
time & place TBA monthly  
Royal Canadian Legion Branch 29  
137 11 Ave. N.  
Creston, BC V0B 1G0  
Time: Tuesday at 07:00 AM

Rotary, and of course, reaching out and solving the problem. One of the themes there was: figure out what you want to do and then DO It. A Disney quote was: the way to get things done is to "quit talking and start doing things". If we want this club to be viable, we have to think about what we want to do or do we not want to do it, then get to work on it. Many clubs there had the same story - and that is that they are starting to dwindle because of lack of doing.

- Every morning after breakfast there were optional workshops that you signed up for - they were not optional. You go there and make notes and then go to break-out groups and you learn all the things you were supposed to learn. It is exhausting! You have to contribute - that is the only way to meet people. Go to the "hospitality" rooms - that is where you meet some great people. Everybody wants to help. Everyone wants to come to your club to help with everything from strategic planning to pounding nails. So if we do that Girl Guide project, invite some of them up to help - take pictures - publish it - that is how we can get recognized in our community. We talked a lot about District "stuff", but the bottom line is this all boils down to getting new members. The "Everyone bring one" theme is still the best way to keep clubs viable.
- I truly believe that we have to get more members that what we have at the moment. There lots of great people out there. Think about "Why" are we doing this?
- District Assemblies (one is coming up in Spokane) are a great way to get involved in Rotary as well as the annual District Conference which will be held in Tri Cities this year.
- The PETS speakers are amazing. **Randy Harvey** is a lawyer, about our age, was just amazing. My favorite was an Army General - he was a part of the US invasion in Iraq - he was so, so good. The president of RI - he is Scottish - he was a hoot - he is real funny - he has great ideas and he is a real person. And the list goes on. They also talked about the different methods of fund-raising - we must look at some of these.
- We are doing most of the right stuff - we just don't have enough bodies. As an example, the Masons have recently recruited about nine new members - younger people who bring their friends in with them. Attending the District Assemblies for example help to keep you on track - there is a lot of stuff to absorb so these reminders are often necessary. We are aging in this club, so we need younger members. We must make it "fun" - then the younger generation will be interested. We need to diversify.
- Projects: we are doing great - it is about reaching out there and doing projects and promoting what you do. People don't know what you do - they believe that Rotary is just an old boys club. That is not what it is about - we need rejuvenating.
- PETS is a good experience and best of all it is mandatory for President Elects.

#### **Birthdays & Anniveraries:**

- March 20th - **Verne** celebrates another birthday.

**Queen of Spades Draw: Jason Meidl** unfortunately drew the 7 of clubs.

**Adjournment:** 7:57 AM

- **Just read that 4,153,237 people got married last year. Not to cause any trouble but shouldn't that be an even number.**

**Today a man knocked on my door and asked for a small donation toward the local swimming pool. I gave him a glass of water.**

**If I had a dollar for every girl that found me unattractive, they would eventually find me attractive.**

**I find it ironic that the colours red, white, and blue stand for freedom until they are flashing behind you.**

**Relationships are a lot like algebra. Have you ever looked at your X and wondered Y?**

**America is a country that produces citizens who will cross the ocean to fight for democracy but won't cross the street to vote.**

**My therapist says I have a preoccupation with vengeance. We'll see about that.**

**I think my neighbour is stalking me as she's been googling my name on her computer. I saw it through my telescope last night.**

**Money talks ... but all mine ever says is goodbye.**

**I'm not fat, I'm just.. easier to see.**

**If you think nobody cares whether you're alive, try missing a couple of payments.**

**My therapist said that my narcissism causes me to misread social situations. I'm pretty sure she was hitting on me.**

**The pharmacist asked me my birth date again today. I'm pretty sure she's going to get me something.**

Money can't buy happiness, but it keeps the kids in touch!

### Things to Think About

(don't let them keep you awake all night)

If a poison's "use by" date expires, is it less poisonous or more poisonous?

- Which letter is silent in the word "Scent," the S or the C?

Do twins ever realize that one of them was unplanned?

Why is the letter W, in English, called double U? Shouldn't it be called double V?

Maybe oxygen is slowly killing you, and it just takes 75 to 100 years to fully work.

The word "swims" upside-down is still "swims".

100 years ago, everyone owned a horse, and only the rich had cars. Today everyone has cars and only the rich own horses.

If you replace "W" with "T" in "What, Where and When", you get the answer to each of them.

## Events

March 21st

[Creston Valley Weekly Club Meeting](#)

April 4th

[Creston Valley Weekly Club Meeting](#)

March 28th

[Creston Valley Weekly Club Meeting](#)

April 11th

[Creston Valley Weekly Club Meeting](#)

## Birthdays



[Verne Lee](#)  
March 20th



[Robert Geddes](#)  
March 21st



[Scott Veitch](#)  
April 9th

## Speakers