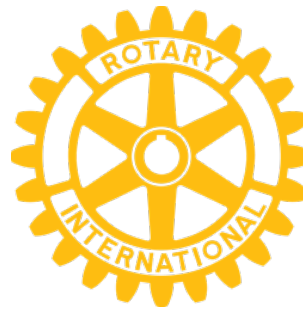


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Tuesday, May 9, 2023

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By Verne Lee on Tuesday, May 9, 2023

National Anthem	Verne Lee/ Everyone
Blessing	Rick Minichiello (from Savary Island, BC)
4 Way Test	Rob Geddes
Greeter	Gary Teed
Controller	Casey Messinger
Attendance/Guests	11 + 2 Guests (Lorne Kay - Enrique Garcia)
Secretary	Garry Fehr

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. *Blue Point*: Clean-up this Saturday beginning @ 11:30 AM
2. *Open Meeting*: Ideas for this month? None. Will be carried forward to June - which will be the induction of the new executive. Date to be determined.
3. *Breakfast Discussion*: Cost and meal discussed - no decision made - tabled.

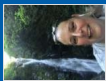
Program: Dean Tompkins on his visit to Guadalajara MX.

- During this past winter, **Dean** and **Kathy Tompkins** took time from their regular sailing out of Mazatlan vacation to visit Guadalajara on the invitation of **Enrique Garcia** who regularly attends our Creston meetings via Zoom.
- Guadalajara is the capitol of Jalisco province and is home to some 5 million people. It is also the center of business, arts & culture, technology, medicine, and of course Tequila and mariachi bands.
- The **Tompkins** visit was centered in Tlequepaque, a city within Guadalajara where **Enrique's** Rotary club is located. They were met at the bus depot by **Enrique** and his family and by their host for this visit, **Chalio**. They went to lunch at a very beautiful restaurant. The lunch was attended by other Rotary members as well as a few past exchange students. Many spoke English.
- **Dean** and **Kathy** spent their first day with **Enrique** and **Merylu**. "Spending time with them, we realized the true meaning of Rotary International" "We drove to Lake Chapala, Mexico's largest fresh water lake" "Everywhere **Enrique** and **Merylu** went they wore their Rotary hats with pride" While at Lake Chapala, a van full of Rotarian ladies from Cancun saw the hats. We were immediately friends and invited to visit their business there.
- Everywhere they traveled, they were duly impressed with the art work in many forms, and with the churches and museums, and everything is so colorful, including the cemeteries.
- In getting back to Tlequepaque they wandered through the downtown streets and enjoyed all the art. Then stopped at a restaurant with a courtyard and soon were treated to a wonderful Mexican show - singers, mariachi dancers - what a great hour. Also saw some great art (paintings) by famous artist **Sergio Bustamante**. Would love to have brought some home, but it is extremely high priced.
- We were honored to be invited to **Enrique's** home where he was invited to join FURMEX -



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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

- It is a organization that unites all Mexico's Rotary groups and industries. This is how we understand it - if a large company, let's say, donates 2000 wheelchairs - they don't want to worry about who gets them and where they are most needed. They contact FURMEX and they do the leg work and ensure that they go the where they will do the most good.
- Our host for 4 days was **ChaLio** and his partner, **Aracelli**. They lived on an acreage, where we had our own house on the property.
 - The next day we were taken to downtown Guadalajara (we would never drive there). Guadalajara is bursting with history and culture. There were so many statues of this man, **Miguel Hidalgo** - born in 1753. He was a catholic priest and became the leader of the Mexican War of Independence. Mexico's Independence Day is celebrated September 16, 1810 - the day he proclaimed an uprising. This uprising was to end Spanish rule and to free all slaves. Plaza of Liberation: all around the plaza are statues of the great men of Liberation. Their guide this day, **Arquie** made sure that **Kathy** saw one special statue - a few years ago a statue of a woman was erected in this Plaza in this male dominated country.
 - They now visited the Panteon de Belen - an amazing 19th century cometary which housed the most influential people of the area. Most are tombed in crypts. The one they were most interested in was a young doctor **Dr. Jose Castro**. He died in 1861 of an immune disorder when he was only 29. He practiced for the poor - nobody would be denied medical assistance. Some 20000 of the then 4000 people in Guadalajara attended this well loved man's funeral. It is said that if you go to the site of his crypt at 12:00 noon, he will heal you of your ailments.
 - In 1950, the Telephone Exchange Building in the center of Guadalajara was in the way of expanding a road allowance so had to be moved or demolished. An amazing engineer **Jorie Remu** moved the building 38 feet in 7 days, while all the operators were still working inside.
 - Their last day was spent with a great couple who took them to the town of Tequila. The first stop was at a cantina known for its famous drink, Cantaritos. This drink is made of salt, lime, a bit of fresca, fresh squeezed orange juice and grapefruit juice, and much much tequila. Thjs outdoor cantina would hold hundreds of people and many mariachi bands. At the end of this visit, **Kathy** and **Reyna** were singing along with the mariachi band. Following this stop, they went on to Tequila and the famous **Jose Cuervo** tour.
 - Rotary International - these 4 days gave us a total new appreciation fort the bond of Rotary. A bit of our hearts will always be in Tlewuepaque.

Birthdays & Annivsaries: None this week

Queen of Spades Draw: Appropriately, **Dean** was drawn, however, the 8 of spades did not get him the \$100 prize.

Happy Bucks and Connections:

Next Week's Program: Greg Baker

Adjournment 8:09 AM

Quotes: Thanks to **Lorne Kay**

1. You think you know stress? When I grew up, if you missed a TV show, you just missed it. Forever.
2. Finally figured out why I look so bad in pictures. It's my face.
3. Saw a store that has a sign that reads "We treat you like family" YUP not going in there.
4. A billion dollar idea! A smoke detector that shuts off when you yell - "I'm just cooking"
5. I burn about 2000 calories when I put on fitted sheets by myself.
6. You dropped something when you were younger, you picked it up. When you're older and you drop something, you stare at it for a bit contemplating if you actually need it anymore.
7. I like to make lists. I also like to leave them laying on the kitchen counter and then guess what's on them while at the store. Fun game.
8. The biggest lie I tell myself is: I don't need to write that down, I'll remember it.
9. I choked on a carrot this afternoon and all I could think of was: "I bet a donut wouldn't have done this to me.
10. Nothing spoils a good story like the arrival of an eyewitness. Mark Twain.

Events

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 30th, 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](#)

June 6th, 7:00-8:00 AM
[Creston Valley Weekly Club Meeting](#)

Birthdays

[Steve Takacs](#)
May 16th

[Jason James Truscott](#)
May 25th



Speakers