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“COGS”



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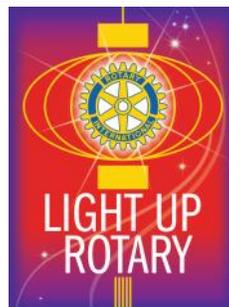


To commemorate Rotary Week in Nanaimo, Rotarians along with local politicians led by Mayor Bill McKay, raise our Rotary flag at city hall.

**Club Meeting Friday at 12:00 p.m.
at the Coast Bastion Inn**

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Meeting Notes from Feb 20th

By Mike Herold



President Bob is now back in the saddle from his New Zealand trip and chaired today's meeting.

Lila Tanner gave a great invocation and **Mikel Knutsson** introduced today's visiting Rotarians and guests.

Donna Hais introduced **Denise Larson** from the Nanaimo Day-break Club and **Lila** introduced prospective club member **Fay Laing** who is currently Manager at *Nanaimo North Town Centre Mall* and a great advocate of our semi annual Rotary book sale.



Lila introduced Fay Laing, and Egon brought his wife Ann to the meeting.



Kevin Cantelon introduced his wife **Tamara** and **Egon Holzwarth** introduced his wife **Ann**.

Mathieu Ennis from the Rotaract club had the hon-

ours of introducing himself and reminded club members of their upcoming burger and beer night. See Mathieu for tickets.

Wendy Pratt made announcement for club members who are interested to sign up for bridge.



Douglas Anderson reminded us that there is no meeting next Friday due to the five club meet and greet next Thursday. Douglas also reminded us of

the District Conference in June with attendance being free and members only

need to pay for their own meals. Look on District website for details.

Lila Tanner is also looking for four volunteers to help with setting up for next Thursday.



Joyce Smith made an announcement on behalf of the fellowship Committee to get organized for the *Dinner Club* meetings.

Mike Herold presented with **Doug Cowling** who just returned from three weeks in Maui with his first quarter Super bowl winnings.

Richard Finnegan reminded members of the upcoming car rally with only four responses so far.



President Bob reminded us of *Rotary Week* and attending City Hall's flag raising ceremony on this Monday at 10am.

Sgt-at-Arms Report



Sergeant at Arms professional **Bob Fenty** did not know he was on duty this week but did an admiral job of collecting money.

Doug Cowling was fined for being out of the country and **Ed Borisenko** was fined for getting ready to leave for Cuba.

Happy and Sad Bucks were numerous with poor **John Heisterman** finally found food for his starving family by catching a good batch of prawns. Sometimes life is tough when you are a dirt farmer.

Douglas Anderson was happy to see **Brenda Grice** back to Rotary and **Richard Finnegan** had a great idea for a fundraiser for **President Bob** who suggested he take part in the upcoming naked bungy jumping. While this is certainly one way for living up to one of the four ideals of Rotary "*Is it the Truth*", the President declined.

Lila Tanner had a happy buck to welcome **Fay Laing**, and **Egon Holzwarth** had a sad buck when wife **Ann** told him he could only have one dessert.

Henry Jiang had a prosperous buck to celebrate the Chinese New Year.



Table stakes were won by **Donna Hais** and **Bill King** tried for the Ace of Spades but was trumped by the

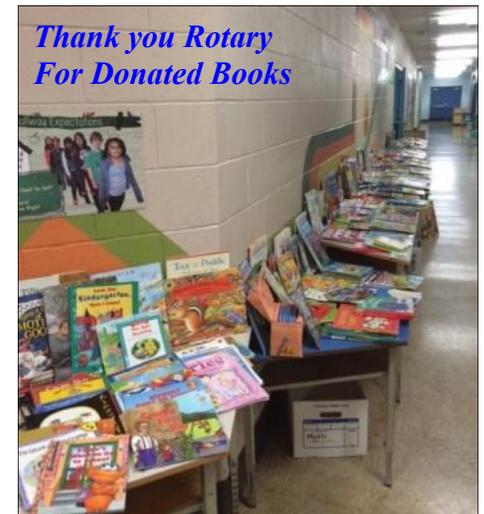
eight of diamonds.

From the Executive Meeting

The club executive accepted, with regrets, the resignation of long serving Rotarian Treasurer Gordon Hubley. Gord has retired and is living in Nanoose.

The board also reports the passing of Honorary Rotarian Harry Cicconi. Harry has been a member since 1945 and was Club President in 1958-59. *More on Harry's passing in our next edition.*

We also report the passing of two Rotary wives; Hon. Member Bob Peters' wife Kay has passed, as has former member Don Olsen's wife Phyllis.



Thank you very much for your generous donation of books for the Uplands Park Elementary School Family Literacy Day Book Swap. The book swap was an overwhelming success, with many students taking new books home to explore.

Erin Race, Parent Volunteer
Uplands Park Elementary

Nanaimo's Poet Laureate

By Joyce Smith

The first Poet Laureate of Nanaimo was introduced by **Lila Tanner**. Not knowing what a Poet Laureate does I was surprised to learn that she is required to attend all public functions and prepares poems for each event. **Naomi**



Wakan is the perfect person for this job, not only has she written hundreds of poems; does not mind reading in public; and can write a poem at the drop of a hat, but her wit and sharp mind is a

marvel to watch and the energy she brought to the room when she spoke was amazing.

Naomi just completed her first year as poet Laureate in Nanaimo. So she completed her own annual report of poems written during the year. She became Poet Laureate only after turning the job down and it was only after some encourage-



ment from her friends and fellow poets that she agreed to accept the position. The first poem she read was about her appointment as the first Poet Laureate in Nanaimo and it happened to be on the same day as one of Canada's most famous writers, Alice Munro, was awarded a Nobel prize. The title of the poem "*Me and Alice Munro*" began—"We had both decided, (that is Alice Munro and I) that it was time to put down our pens, cease the flow of words that previously had come endlessly... put it all to an end, when suddenly, almost without warning, and yet vaguely expected, we both get a phone call."

The poem continued to compare in her wonderful tongue and cheek way her appointment with Alice Munro's winning of the Nobel prize. Finishing the poem with humility, "My tiny-side triangle, through similar to Alice's, reflects my comparative talents. I have

always sat comfortably with small, knowing it is similar to large, but sufficient in itself."

The next poem was about a party given for recent immigrants to Nanaimo in the spring of 2014. If you were not proud Canadian before, listening to this poem was all anyone needed to realize how grateful we should be to have been born in Canada. Just part of the poem "...Perhaps our move was rather for to gain-to gain the right to speak more freely; to worship, or not, as we wished; to live where we choose and not be pushed into ghettos made by others' prejudices..." and continues to list all the wonderful opportunities we have in our country. Naomi ends her poem with "... And on this island, we have settled in a harbor that can protect and watch us flourish, a harbor where perhaps we can set anchor and be at rest."

If this was not enough to rejuvenate your pride in Canada, the next poem was, a poem written for Canada Day. "...Have you every thought of the immensity of Canada?..." the poem begins. It goes on

to describe in marvelous verse the vastness and beauty of Canada and concludes with "...no wonder we Canadians huddle together at the 49th parallel, only a few of us brave enough to venture farther north. Perhaps its vastness requires we Canadians to be a little hesitant, somewhat tentative, eh? Our moderation seems so reasonable though, since we live in such a vast domain."

Finally her last poem read was her

thoughts at the end of the first year, titled "*Thank you Frenzy*" and started "...Thank you Poetry Gabriola and the League of Canadian Poets for keeping the wolf from the door; .and thank you to the folks who buy my books and even the folks who don't buy my books but borrow them from the library..and thank you to my lucky stars..skip and jump to thanking the galaxies and the ends of the Universe..meanwhile providing me with just the right amount of oxygen and just the correct degree of gravity to allow me to sit on the deck musing on life, and writing poetry of modest significance. Thank you."

Thank you, **Naomi Wakan** for speaking to our Rotary group. Thank you for your wit, energy and your beautiful way with words, we should all be proud of our first Poet Laureate.

Our speaker was thanked by Susie Walker



Saturday, March 7th

Queen's Hotel Pub

In downtown Nanaimo

ENTERTAINMENT

SILENT AUCTION

50-50 DRAW

Rotarians and guests are invited to this Rotaract Fund-Raiser

ATTENDANCE

By Janeane Coutu

We missed these Rotarians;

Gerrand, L. Gosselin, Y. Gosselin, Hammond, Janes, Lessan, Lewis, McIver, Myden, Narver, Patrick, Raedler, Ramos, Ryan, Salem, Shillabeer, Stetar, Welch

Visiting Rotarians;

Matthieu Ennis, Rotaract
Denise Larson, Nanaimo Daybreak

Guests of Rotarians;

Ann Holzwarth, guest of husband Egon

Tamara Cantelon, guest of husband Kevin

Fay Laing, guest of Lila Tanner

Make-ups

Kevin Cantelon, committee meeting

Birthdays:

Spouse Birthdays:

Doug Narver [Debbie] March 11th

Wedding Anniversary:

Derek & Kim Lewis, 7 years, March 13th

Club Anniversaries:

Janeane Coutu, 23 years, March 6th
Lucie Gosselin, 23 years, March 6th
Frank Shoemaker, 17 yrs, March 6th

ROTARY DISTRICT 5020
CONFERENCE—JUNE 19-21
Conference Centre, Nanaimo



WEEKLY CLUB PROGRAMS

Friday, March 6th

GREETERS Helen Blackmore,
Moe Lessan, Lucie Gosselin

CASHIERS Norman Myden

SGT-AT-ARMS Dave Hammond

INVOCATION Bruce Samson

HEAD TABLE President Bob, Mayor Bill McKay,
Helen Blackmore, Moe Lessan,
Lucie Gosselin, Wendy Pratt

INTRODUCE GUESTS Norm Myden

INTRODUCE SPEAKER Wendy Pratt

PROGRAM **NANAIMO'S NEW MAYOR**
Bill McKay

THANK SPEAKER Dave Hammond

Friday, March 13th

GREETERS Barbara Blinston,
Derek Lewis, Yvan Gosselin

CASHIERS Norman Myden

SGT-AT-ARMS John Heisterman

INVOCATION Ed Borisenko

HEAD TABLE Pres. Bob, Chris Beaton, Bob
Janes, Barbara Blinston, Derek Lewis,
Yvan Gosselin, Doug Cowling

INTRODUCE GUESTS Debbie Narver

INTRODUCE SPEAKER Bob Janes

PROGRAM **NANAIMO ABORIGINAL CENTRE**
Chris Beaton

THANK SPEAKER Doug Cowling

Friday, March 20th

GREETERS Mike Knutsson,
Brenda Grice, Ed Borisenko

CASHIERS Norman Myden

SGT-AT-ARMS Dave Hammond

INVOCATION Frank Shoemaker

HEAD TABLE President Bob, Kirsty MacDonald,
Carmon Henderson, Mike Knutsson,
Brenda Grice, Ed Borisenko

INTRODUCE GUESTS Lynne Pankratz

INTRODUCE SPEAKER Carmon Henderson

CENTENNIAL PROJECT POSSIBILITIES
Kirsty MacDonald

THANK SPEAKER Guenter Raedler

Five Rotary Clubs meet to celebrate Rotary's 110th birthday



Five local clubs celebrated Rotary's 110th birthday Thursday (Feb 26) at the Nanaimo Golf Club. Short speeches, slide shows, food and drink, but especially Rotarians connecting with Rotarians made this a memorable evening. Top: Some of the folks present. Middle L-R: Debbie Narver and Douglas Anderson await their drinks, Colin Haime-Mayor Lantzville, Ian Thompson-Master of Cermonies. Bottom L-R: Joe Stanhope-Regional District, Bill McKay-Mayor Nanaimo, and District Governor Michael Proctor

DATES TO REMEMBER

March 7—Rotaract Beer & Burger Night at Queens / Silent Auction / 50-50 Draw

March 7—Swing into Spring, Beban Park, hosted by Daybreak Rotary.

May 23—Rotary Car Rally, 10 am to 2 pm, Bowen Park, fee \$10 each

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