

ROTARY CLUB OF NANAIMO

“COGS”



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Friday, April 1, 2016



Bob Fenty encourages members to display Book Sale posters wherever they can.

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

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Meeting Notes from March 18th, 2016

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by Janeane Coutu

The meeting began with our traditional singing of *Oh, Canada* and then **Bob Janes** delivered invocation. **Brent Barootes** introduced visiting Rotarians and guests and **Guenter Raedler** deferred introduction of his guest to **Janeane**, who introduced hubby **Chris Coutu** (and **President Lila** pronounced him as the best bathroom renovator in the world).

President Lila announced birthdays and anniversaries and we gave a rousing (and terrible) rendition of *Happy Birthday* to **Joyce Smith**.

Starting announcements, President Lila reminded us there was NO meeting next Friday.



John Heisterman reminded us of *Bowling Night* April 1st at **Brechin Lanes**, pizza starting at 5:30pm. Adults \$15, kids \$5 and for non bowlers that want to come for dinner and fellowship, \$10. Friends, family and everyone welcome so please let John Heisterman know if you are attending ASAP.

Norm Myden announced Rotarians from **Ghana** were expected for a visit June 12-24th and are being hosted by the five clubs. They will be looking for host families for 3-4 days of home stay.

Norm also made a motion to donate \$1000 to Shelter box Canada, which was seconded by **Yvan Gosselin**. The motion passed.



Bob Fenty offered two posters to members to take away to advertise the upcoming April *Rotary Used Books Sale*. Bob gave thanks to **Bruce Gordon** for design work and **Bob Janes** for the free colour printing. He also mentioned a crew would be installing the large outdoor signs in the next weeks and if you are able to help, contact Bob, **Brent Stetar**, or **Bob Wilson**.

Bob also made a plea for families to host an inbound student for **Rotary Youth Exchange** next year. Each stay is roughly 3 months, and the host family receives a \$350 /month per diem. Please think about it and make a commitment to RYE for the next year - it is a wonderful experience to host an exchange student.

President Lila announced the memorial service for **Seann Gordon** was scheduled for 2pm Saturday, at **First Memorial** on Bowen Road.

Sgt-at-Arms **Dave Hammond** began his duties by fining Lila for a comment she made along the lines "don't give up your day job", he fined Joyce for receiving the birthday song, **John Heisterman** for sassing the Sgt, Bob Janes for keeping us waiting and waiting for him to arrive and give the invocation, and Janeane for the advertising of her husband's work. And then he fined all those wearing green - noting it was **St. Patrick's Day** yesterday, not today! Dave then gave a fun quiz without fines on the topic of St. Paddy's day.

We had many Happy Bucks.... **Wendy Pratt** was happy to witness 150 new Canadians sworn in at the Citizenship ceremony this week.



John Salem told us the lockout was lifted at the **Nanaimo Golf Course** - and he was happy that he isn't on their Board anymore.

Charles Ramos was happy to see **Guenter Raedler** at the meeting, he has been missing him. He also told us it was a great time to be near the water and witness the herring run and all the wildlife taking advantage of the feast.



Guenter paid to tell a story of driving home from Comox and seeing two men loading a deer in their truck. He thought it was Heisterman but no, so let John know hunting season was open.



Yvan Gosselin had 21 happy dollars celebrating his 21 years in Rotary which has become his extended family and he is proud of the good work done, raising half a million dollars for Rotary projects.



Lila paid a thank you dollar to Charles Ramos for stepping up to loan a meeting room for the five Presidents and P.E. meeting at **Herold Engineering**.

Dave Hammond ended with happy bucks that he had attended the 25 year anniversary of the **South Cowichan Rotary** club, where his dad served as their charter President.

PROGRAM NOTES FOR MARCH 18th, 2016

By Charles Ramos

Our speaker today was Literacy Central Vancouver Island's, **Michele Hillier**.

Ms. Hillier was introduced by club member **John Shillabeer**.



Michele has been with the Literacy Central organization since 2012, having come from a background of community social work. Since working with the organization, she

has spearheaded a number of new and innovative literacy-centred endeavours, including several First Nations programs, and the first ever First Nations Literacy Assessment in Canada. Our club knows Michele well, as we have been teaming together on our own fundraising book sales since they began.

Literacy Central Vancouver Island has their head office in downtown Nanaimo, and they operate two second-hand bookstores, 'Well-Read Books', and 'Well-Read Kids'. The front half of the building houses the bookstore, and the remainder is used for a variety of activities such as study and tutoring rooms, book-sorting areas, and offices. The book sorting is done by volunteers, who donate enormous amounts of time and goodwill. Our club's fundraising book sale has also been a beneficiary of many volunteer hours from Literacy. Literacy and Rotary often swap books back and forth when it seems they may be better-suited for sale at one place or the other.

The bookstore is only a funding aspect to Literacy's main purpose, which is to assist and educate semi-literate and illiterate people in our community. People in our society without the ability to read are hugely disadvantaged, and often have no idea where to go for help. Literacy reaches out to many groups including the correctional centres, First Nations bands, and social centres. Free reading assistance and tutoring is offered by volunteers to all who ask. Much literacy tutoring is also done within the school systems. Our Rotary club helped to fund a downtown learning centre, which has since helped hundreds.



A fast-growing area within the program is computer refurbishment and donation. Since beginning this, over 2,000 computers have been donated, including 50 so far already this year. This is proving to be very successful in improving the learning process.

Michele concluded by thanking Rotary for all the help, and

said that all are welcome to join the volunteers at their downtown store every Wednesday afternoon at 3 for tea (and, of course, some book sorting).

After several questions from the floor, club member **Wendy Pratt** thanked our speaker for the very interesting and informative program, and said that most people only see the bookstore's front portion, without being aware of the full scope of Literacy's work throughout the city. Wendy mentioned that Michele's work ties in very well with Rotary principles. She then presented Michele with an oak pen handmade by **Allan Smith** as a token of appreciation.



Following the presentation, Charles Ramos fessed up that he had found \$5.00 in a book on sailing that he had purchased from Literacy Central

April is Maternal and Child Health Month

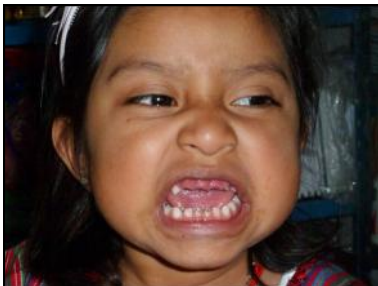


Rotary Clubs around the world support maternal and child health including equipping needy hospitals through foundation grants. Our club has supported many programs benefitting



women and children including World Wide programs like Polio Plus as well as individuals like Dr. Snively who was given funds to buy a portable x-ray machine to use in his work in villages around Atitlan Lake in Guatemala.

Our support of the Sunyani program in Ghana to provide proper latrines for their school improves sanitation for the children. We also supported a single Mom's shelter in South America and projects like sleeping children around the world



It has been the way of Rotary to focus thought upon matters in which members are in agreement, rather than upon matters in which they are in disagreement.

Paul Harris

ATTENDANCE

by Bob Janes

Attendance for **March 18th** was **58%**

We missed these Rotarians;

Ali, D. Anderson, Blinston, Cowling Gerrard, Grice, Hais, Henderson, Jiang, Knutsson, Lewis, McIver, Narver, Parsons, Ross, Ryan, Stetar, Tessier, Woodward, Woychuk, Zhang

Guests: Michelle Hillier, Chris Coutu

Make ups

Holzwarth, J. Smith, Stephens

Birthdays:

Susan Gerrard, March 29

Spouse Birthdays

Ashley Nadeau (Eric Brand)

Club Anniversaries:

Bob Janes 6 yrs on March 28.

DATES TO REMEMBER


April 1 - Rotary Bowling, 5:30 Pizza, 6:00 Bowling

April 1-3—District Leadership Training Assembly, Victoria. For more info go to Rotary5020.org

April 8-17—Rotary Book Sale, Nanaimo North Town Centre. Sign up for your shifts now!

June 24-25—District 5020 Conference in Olympia Washington. Join District Governor Rose Bowman and the Rotary District Committee at the Red Lion Hotel in Olympia to celebrate Rotary!

WEEKLY CLUB PROGRAMS & MEMBER DUTIES

MEETING DATE	April 1st, 2016	April 8th, 2016	April 15th, 2016
GREETERS	Derek Lewis, Janeane Coutu, Frank Shoemaker	NO REGULAR MEETING	Mikel Knutsson, Doug Cowling, Joyce Smith
CASHIER	Henry Jiang		Henry Jiang
SGT-AT-ARMS	Dave Hammond		John Heisterman
INVOCATION	Brent Barootes		Moe Lessan
HEAD TABLE	President Lila, Debbie Narver, Eric Brand, Derek Lewis, Helen Blackmore, Lucie Gosselin	ALL HANDS AT THE BOOK SALE	Pres Lila, Renato Anacleto, Joan Eric Brand, Derek Lewis, Helen Blackmore, Lucie Gosselin
INTRO GUESTS	Ed Borisenko		Eric Brand
INTRO SPEAKER	President Lila		Joan Ryan
PROGRAM	PETS VIDEO <i>Debbie Narver</i>		ROTARY'S EFFECT ON MY LIFE <i>Renato Anacleto</i>
THANK SPEAKER	—		Lucie Gosselin