

# ROTARY CLUB OF NANAIMO

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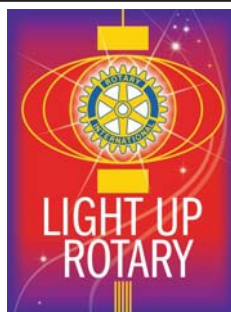


A fine looking group of Rotary bowlers gathered at Brechin Lanes on Friday, March 27th for an evening of fun, fellowship and pizza!

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

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## Meeting Notes from March 27th

By John Shillabeer

**President Bob Wilson** welcomed members, opened the meeting and we sang O Canada. **Joyce Smith** then gave a poetic and moving invocation.

### Guests

**Bob Patrick** called for the introduction of guest and visiting Rotarians. **Richard Finnegan** introduced his guest



**Rick Horsland**, a local realtor. We were also pleased to welcome **Erin Lea**

and **Mathieu Ennis** from the Nanaimo Rotaract Club.

### Health of the Club

We were all pleased to see **Art Vani-dour** back with us after his illness and with his handshake grip as strong as ever.

### President's Remarks



**President Bob** reported that he had this week attended a meeting of the five Nanaimo club presidents. It was also attended by the five presidents-elect. Key points discussed were:

- Five students attended RILA
- Plenty of members from our club have volunteered to help out at the District conference to be held in Nanaimo. Douglas Anderson will explain what is involved upon his return.
- The five clubs have agreed to jointly construct a float to use in parades. Hopefully it will be ready in time for the Heritage Day parade. Richard Finnegan is working on the concepts and cost.

**President Bob** reminded members that the club will match any \$100-\$200 contribution to Foundation made during April.

### Announcements

**Richard Finnegan** said about half the available 25 places for the upcoming car rally have been taken, and there is still

room for more entrants; also volunteer helpers and spectators. Sponsors have donated prizes including a HeliJet trip for two.



**Frank Shoemaker** is in charge of "Rotary Broadcasting" for the District Conference and appealed for those with media and graphics skills to come forward and help him.

**Ian Williams** urged people to sign up for book sale shifts. So far the response has been a bit slow (as it always is) but we know you will be there in our time of need. Ian said that to fill all the vacancies, we will need each member to do four to five shifts during the sale.



**Bob Fenty** appealed for more helpers to erect road side signs for the sale and urged members to

take and display posters of which he had an ample supply.

### Sergeant at Arms



**Sgt-at-Arms Lila Tanner** caught several members who had not bought Easter eggs for their grandchildren (yet). She then found a few members who had never tasted rabbit (Easter or otherwise). However Lila's great-

est fundraiser was when she caught many members who had not signed up for book sale shifts.

### Happy and Sad Bucks



Charles makes change out of the Sgt-at-Arms pot under the watchful eye of Mathieu Ennis who assisted Lila.

**Susie Walker** was happy because she and **Chris** had agreed on a date for their wedding.

**Joyce Smith** was happy because the poet laureate who was our speaker recently, was so pleased with Joyce's write up for *COGS* that she presented Joyce a copy of her book.

**John Salem** was happy to announce that he will again be auctioning off four Golf club passes with the funds raised going to Rotary Foundation.

Also, **Charles Ramos** was happy because he and his family had been on a successful four-day wooden boat building course at past speaker and shipwright Tony Grove's facility on Gabriola Island.

### Card Draw

**John Salem**, with extraordinary good luck had the winning tickets for both the table stakes and the card



draw. However he only managed to draw the nine of spades and so left the pot to accumulate for another week.

## Youth Exchange Experience

By Joyce Smith

**Bill King** introduced **Celina Guadagni** from Prince Rupert who is a first year VIU student studying Sports and Recreation Management. Celina was a Rotary outbound student who visited Brazil for the year spanning 2012 and 2013. She left for Brazil in 2012 and the first pictures she showed the club were of her with her host family and friends during Christmas in Brazil.



Celina choose Brazil because she meet a Brazilian student before she left on the Exchange program and she found her fun and exciting and wanted to experience more of the Brazilian people.

She stayed with two host families and during this time went on two major trips

in Brazil. She showed us several pictures of her travels including a 10 days trip up the Amazon. She also went to Rio de Janeiro where it was over 40 degrees.

For Celina, the best thing she experienced in her one year exchange was the chance to meet friends from all over the world. Some of the friends she met were from US, Belgium, Denmark, Japan and China.

Only the host father spoke some English and her host family did get her a tutor but when she first travelled to Brazil she had no knowledge of Portuguese and now she can speak it fluently.

She went to Rotary every Tuesday and the meeting was all in Portuguese and for the first two months she nodded a lot. She showed us some pictures of her Rotary meeting with her Blazer and all the pins that she had accumulated.

Celina went to school from 6:15 a.m. to 12:30 when she would have lunch which was the main meal of the day. She found the first while since the language was all in Portuguese that she came home with head aches every day. There was no sports class. The students stayed in the same classroom and the teacher came to their classroom. However the school was very important to the students and school was taken very seriously by everyone.

For Celina she summarized her experience by addressing the question – a year abroad for a Student what do they gain?

- ▶ Embrace a New way of life –she found the Brazilian people very loving and she gave an example of attending a lady's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday party where she was hugged by over 200 people
- ▶ Understanding New Cultures—Cecil said she has established friends from all over the world
- ▶ Gain Sense of the World
- ▶ Lifeline Friendships
- ▶ Loving New Family-Cecil still talks



to her host families every day after having come back to Canada for over two years.

Celina said that her travels affected her life significantly—she decided to go to University because of the Exchange program, and her world has been expanded. In the future, she plans many future trips such as Thailand, and Costa Rica.

**Bob Fenty** thanked Celina for speaking about the host program and he hoped that this would encourage our club to take on an in-



bound student, he asked **Charles Ramos** to speak about his experience being a host father to **Bos Bakker**, the current Dutch inbound exchange student. Charles said the host students are

very adaptable and easy to work with and it takes you out of your comfort zone. Because you want to show the student Vancouver Island you end up acting like a tourist and doing much more activities. All the exchange students are young and you must have connection to the internet. A challenge he has faced is time commitment, Charles solved this by getting a bus pass for the students and keeping some distance between Bos and his teenage daughter.

**Susie Walker** thanked the speaker and mentioned that her own daughter went to visit Brazil and said it was the best place in the World. She congratulated Celina and gave her best wishes from the club.

There are still many opportunities to sign up for a shift at our semi-annual Rotary Book Sale starting next Friday, April 17th to Sunday, April 26th at Nanaimo North Town Centre.

***The success of our major fund-raiser relies on your help!***

## ATTENDANCE

*By Bob Janes*

Attendance for March 27<sup>th</sup> was **70%**

### We missed these Rotarians

Ali, D. Anderson, W. Anderson, Blinston, Brand, Cantelon, Coutu, Gerrand, Y&L Gosselin, Grice, Hais, Heisterman, Henderson, Janes, Jiang, Knutsson, Laing, Lessan, Lewis, McIver, Myden, Raedler, Ross, Ryan, Samson, Welch

### Visiting Rotarians:

Erin Lee, Mathieu Ennis

**Guests:** Rick Horsland, Celina Guadagni

**Make ups:** Joan Ryan

### Birthdays:

John Morris, April 10th—*Today!*  
Helen Blackmore, April 11th  
Lucie Gosselin, April 14th  
Wayne Anderson, April 15th  
Charles Ramos, April 16th

### Spouse's Birthday:

Lucie Gosselin (Yvan) April 14th

### Wedding Anniversaries:

Art and Bev Vanidour, 60 years, April 9th

### Club Anniversaries:

Brent Stetar, 12 years, April 4th  
Dave Connolly, 31 years, April 6th

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



## WEEKLY CLUB PROGRAMS

### Friday, April 10th

GREETERS	John Heisterman Norm Myden, Janeane Coutu
CASHIERS	John Shillabeer
SGT-AT-ARMS	Lila Tanner
INVOCATION	Brent Stetar
HEAD TABLE	President Bob, Henry, Ellen, Fay, John Morris, Helen Blackmore, Charles Ramos, Lucie Gosselin, Wayne Anderson
INTRODUCE GUESTS	Guenther Raedler
INTRODUCE SPEAKER	Douglas Anderson
PROGRAM	<b>NEW MEMBER TALKS</b> <i>Henry Jiang, Ellen Ross, Fay Laing</i>
THANK SPEAKER	President Bob

### Friday, April 17th

GREETERS	<b>ROTARY</b>
CASHIERS	<b>BOOK</b>
SGT-AT-ARMS	<b>SALE</b>
INVOCATION	<b>~</b>
HEAD TABLE	<b>NO</b>
INTRODUCE GUESTS	<b>NOON</b>
INTRODUCE SPEAKER	<b>MEETING</b>
PROGRAM	
THANK SPEAKER	

### DATES TO REMEMBER

**FROM NOW TO APRIL 17th**—Rotary volunteers are called upon to *Adopt a Category* and help sort the various categories for our book sale. *Do you like Biographies or Hobbies? Come and sort that category and help your club get ready for the sale.*

**April 10**—Nanaimo Volunteer Fair, 10 am to 7 pm at Woodgrove Centre

**April 17 to 26**—Rotary Used Book Sale, Nanaimo North Town Centre during mall hours. *Many hands make light work!*

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

**June 23/25**—Nanaimo Correctional Centre Aboriginal Days between 10:30 am - 1 pm. Contact Yvan Gosselin for more info.

## Rotary Bowling Food and Fun



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