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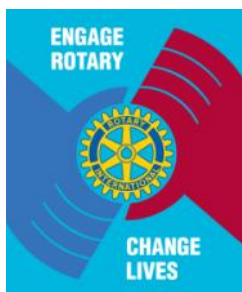


Spring scene—Crocuses pushing through the earth into the sunlight.

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

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Meeting Notes from April 4th

By Kathy Smith

President Douglas

promptly called the meeting to order and then asked **Joan Ryan** to say grace. Due to Yvan's absence, we did not have a report on the health of the club but **Bob Fenty** did report that he was in hospital for a minor maintenance service and is doing well.



Our guests included **Liz Friday** who will be assuming **Sharon Welch's** duties at Employment Services. **John Shillabeer** then introduced his guest **Dave Shillabeer** – not a relative! **Sara Lindhagen**, our exchange student also was introduced by **Kathy Smith**.

Birthdays are coming up for one of our young members, **Derek Lewis**, and our oldest member, **John Morris!!! Art** and **Bev Vanidour** will be celebrating their 59th wedding anniversary, while **Brent Stetar** and **Dave Connolly** will be celebrating club anniversaries.

DLTA – President Douglas reported that quite a number of our Rotaract members attended and very much enjoyed this conference. He read an enthusiastic thank you note from the student from Ghana. **Lila Tanner** then told us how much she enjoyed the conference and encouraged all to go. The free coffee all day long and feeding the ducks added to the great experience.



Exchange Student: Sara Lindhagen

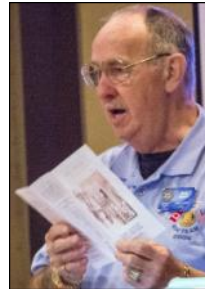
had a few brief words about how much she has enjoyed her year so far. Some of the highlights were the trips to California and Comox. She is really looking forward to experiencing Prom, having her family come visit and attending the summer trip.



Notices of Motion: After some confusion regarding protocol of motions, it was agreed that the club needs to pay the **Friends of the Library** the \$1000 that was approved in the fall. The notice of motion—made by **Al Smith**—to be voted on is that the club spend \$2500 for the upcoming book sale to cover the costs of signage, advertising and other sundry expenses.

Bob Fenty reported that our club will be sending a deserving student to the Adventures in Forestry program in Prince George. The student from John Barsby that we sent last year is now working in heavy duty mechanics in Prince George. The cost to the club is \$425 for registration plus airfare. Lantzville will also be participating in the program.

Bob Fenty also asked for help putting up the book sale signs on April 16. He asked for strong, young members to help. **Ed Borisenko** and **Bill King** were the only Rotarians who volunteered!!!



All club members are encouraged to attend the cheque presentation to the Track and Field Club on April 17 at the Rotary Bowl. This is when we will give them our \$10,000 donation.

Joyce Smith thanked **Brent Stetar** for all his work coordinating the fun bowling night. **Joan Ryan** asked for members to help this weekend in Parks-ville as we toot our horns regarding the Polio campaign.

Dave Hammond was passing around a sheet for members to sign up for fun poker nights. No Visa/MC accepted.



Sgt. @ Arms – Joan Ryan had great fun with the Bob's!! **Bob Buchanan** was reminded to be nice to the Sgt. @ Arms when seated together; **Bob Janes** and **Bob Patrick** were reminded that they were both to be at the head table; **Bob Wilson** was informed that it is rude to comment on how much food someone has on their plate. Joan said she was surprised his mother hadn't told him.

Happy/Sad Bucks continued on the Bob trail with **Charles Ramos** agreeing with **Bob Wilson's** statement as his wife is out of town and so he is eating a lot at the meeting today! Then **Bob**



Bob Janes paid Dave Hammond for delivering the prize he won at a recent golf tourney..

Janes had to pay money for **Dave Hammond** to give him the three prizes he won at a golf tournament last week – one of which included the \$115.00 50/50 prize! **Keith McFarlane** also had lots to say about **Bob Wilson** who wanted to cut his hair like the server until he was told he would look like **Frank Shoemaker**. **Susan Gerrand** didn't talk about a Bob but did mention that her first interaction with Rotary was when her son went to Prince George on a Forestry trip. **John Shillabeer** was happy that he has met a new friend and that he will soon be going to Spain.



President Douglas paid a fine to the Sgt's helper, Lila Tanner, for conducting club business while Sara was speaking.

Allan Smith won the table stakes and **Ian Williams** tried his luck at the card draw but didn't win the jackpot.



New Member Proposal:

Unless a written objection is received by the Secretary within 7 days, the following applicant will be invited to join the Rotary Club of Nanaimo:

Wendy Pratt Executive Director of Nanaimo Community Hospice
Proposed by: Dave Hammond

Nanaimo Economic Development

By John Shillabeer

Charles Ramos introduced **Sasha Angus**, the CEO of the Nanaimo Economic Development Corporation.

The mission of the Corporation is to build a prosperous community through helping business expansion and retention, attracting new investments and developing Nanaimo tourism.

Sasha identified some recent successes, including:

The new conference centre hotel whose 70,000 tourists per year are expected to generate many business opportunities in a variety of sectors.

The fast foot ferry to Vancouver has cleared many hurdles and, in fact, the two boats are ready and waiting in Singapore. Sasha expects that once the service is operating, the frequent 68 minutes crossing to downtown will make Nanaimo an even more attractive business destination as well as boosting the housing market.

It is also good news that we now have direct connections by air to Calgary (Westjet) and Seattle (Kenmore). The new Fedex terminal at the airport will also support business with enhanced logistics.

The Lafitte Ventures five million dollar investment in growing medical marijuana is expected to generate about 400 jobs, many of them high tech.

When Sasha joined the corporation in 2012, there was little or no economic or statistical information of interest to business about Nanaimo. Going back several years, they have been able to disaggregate Statistics Canada and other data to compare Nanaimo to the province as a whole. For example, they found that Nanaimo investment in knowledge industries is outpacing the province. Most local companies are expecting improved performance in 2014 and we should beat the forecast 2.2% provincial gdp growth rate.

The Corporation's tourism leadership committee produced a strategic plan and produced excellent high impact advertising.

Sasha said that the Corporation is working on a number of exciting new

projects, but in many cases he is bound by confidentiality. Initiatives that he was able to mention include: co-working space for start-up companies, an ocean discovery centre, a simulation centre of excellence (for training on heavy mobile and process equipment) and Town Squared (a social network for small, local businesses).

While answering questions from the floor, Sasha said that the Corporation has not taken a position regarding the proposed incinerator at Duke Point. However, he thinks it is important for people to respect the assessment process, regardless of their views. If the assessment and decision making process is not respected, it will damage our reputation as a good investment destination. The recent truckers' strike at the port of Vancouver had little impact in Nanaimo, but underlined the possibility of developing Nanaimo as a short shipping port to relieve congestion in Vancouver.

In thanking the speaker and presenting him with a souvenir pen, **Dave Hammond** said he personally experienced and appreciated Sasha's work when he was facili-



Sasha Angus, CEO of Nanaimo Economic Development Corp, speaks to Rotary.

tating the convention centre hotel deal, saying, "We are fortunate to have Sasha promoting Nanaimo and generating so many exciting things."



Rotarians and their families enjoyed an evening of pizza and bowling last Friday night..

ATTENDANCE

By Bob Janes

Attendance for April 4th was **60%**

We missed these Rotarians

Ali, Blackmore, Brand, Cantelon, Currie, Finnegan, L & Y Gosselin, Grice, Hais, Heisterman, Henderson, Hewitt, Knutsson, McIver, Narver, Raedler, Samson, Walker

Guests:

Sara Lindhagen. Exchange Student from Sweden

Dave Shillabeer with John Shillabeer
Liz Friday, Sasha Angus

Make ups:

Susan Gerrand, Book Sale x 2
Dave Hammond, Nanaimo North, March 25th

Birthdays:

Helen Blackmore on April 11th
Lucie Gosselin on April 14th
Wayne Anderson on April 15th
Charles Ramos on April 16th

Spouses Birthday:

Lucie Gosselin (Yvan) April 14th
Janet Cowling (Dour) April 19th
Cindy Hammond (Dave) April 22nd
John Currie (Jane) April 23rd

Wedding Anniversaries:

Dale & Joan Huck, 22 yrs., April 18

Club Anniversaries:

John Salem, 5 years, April 17th
Donna Hais, 12 years, April 19th
Ed Borisenko, 24 years, April 20

NOTE: It was erroneously reported last week that Brent Stetar had 5 years of Rotary membership. It should have read 11 years.

WEEKLY CLUB PROGRAMS

Friday, April 11th

GREETERS	Guenther Raedler, Donna Hais, Helen Blackmore
CASHIERS	Ed Borisenko
SGT-AT-ARMS	Bruce Samson
INVOCATION	Joan Ryan
HEAD TABLE	Pres. Douglas, Daniel Pearce, Charles Ramos, Helen Blackmore, Lucie Gosselin, Wayne Anderson
INTRODUCE GUESTS	Egon Holzwarth
INTRODUCE SPEAKER	Charles Ramos
PROGRAM	R.D.N. TRANSIT PLANS <i>Daniel Pearce</i>
THANK SPEAKER	Guenther Raedler

Friday, April 18th



**GOOD
FRIDAY**

**NO
ROTARY
MEETING**

Friday, April 25th

GREETERS	John Heisterman, Joan Ryan, Barbara Blinston
CASHIERS	Ed Borisenko
SGT-AT-ARMS	Lila Tanner
INVOCATION	Bruce Samson
HEAD TABLE	Pres. Douglas, Dr. Wiegand Dyck, Brenda Grice, Brent Stetar, Joan Ryan, John Heisterman, Barbara Blinston
INTRODUCE GUESTS	Bob Janes
INTRODUCE SPEAKER	Brenda Grice
PROGRAM	RESCUE SLAVES <i>Dr. Wiegand Dyck</i>
THANK SPEAKER	Bob Buchanan

Rotary Family Bowling 2014



DATES TO REMEMBER

April 18—GOOD FRIDAY: No noon meeting of Nanaimo Rotary Club

May 2 to 12—Rotary Used Book Sale, Nanaimo North Town Centre, held during mall hours. *Many hands make light work! Sign up for a shift online on Club Runner.*

NO NOON MEETING.

May 1 to 4—Rotary District Conference at Whistler.



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