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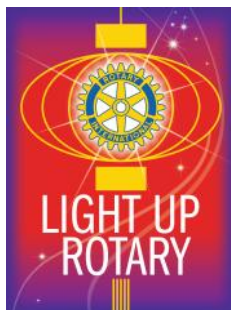


Another satisfied customer at our Spring Book Sale for 2015

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

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Meeting Notes from April 10th


By John Shillabeer

President Bob Wilson welcomed members and opened the meeting. The members then sang O Canada and **Brent Stetar** gave the invocation.

Guests

Debbie Narver called for the introduction of guests of Rotarians. **Richard Finnegan** introduced his guest **Paul Minhas**; **Moe Lessan** introduced **Jaclyn Deng** and **Brent Stetar** introduced **Joris Wiggers**. There were no visiting Rotarians, but we were pleased to welcome our two Rotaract members: **Erin Lee** and **Mathieu Ennis**.

President's Remarks



President Bob announced that it was **John Morris's** ninety-fourth birthday. Showing love and respect for John, the members then sang "Happy Birthday" in unusual unison and most tunelessly. **Moe Lessan** protested it was his birthday too. So we again sang "Happy Birthday" but this time it was more in keeping with tradition as **Doug Cowling** seemed to shake the building with his vigorous, enthusiastic but quite tuneless singing.

President Bob said that like all those who attended he had a great time at the bowling night recently, though he was embarrassed to have been beaten like the rest of the adults by three year old **Austen Lewis**. However later on and in keeping with the Four Way Test, Austen's father, **Derek**, owned up to bowling several winning strikes.

Motions

Following the notice of motion given on 20 March, **Norm Myden** proposed on behalf of the International Service Committee that we donate \$2000 to the Rotary Club of Ibaque, Colombia to help pay for surgery in rural villages. The motion was carried with little discussion on a show of hands.

Douglas Anderson proposed, in keeping with the notice of motion given on 20 March that the club by-laws should change to allow for Corporate Membership. **Wayne Anderson** seconded the motion which was carried on a show of hands without discussion.


Announcements



Bob Fenty asked for support for the international student exchange programme. Are we sure to be able to provide three host families? Members are

asked to email Bob with an expression of interest. **Kathy Smith** made the point that we need to match the hosts with the school catchment areas. Then the selected schools should be contacted so that the exchange programme will be promoted by staff in good time for students and parents to make decisions.

President Bob noted that there was a Volunteer Fair on a Woodgrove Mall. He also drew attention to the upcoming Rotary Leadership Training programme and asked those interested to see him.



Richard Finnegan said that he had found a trailer on which to build the Rotary Float. He will be going to the directors with a plan and budget shortly and then will be looking for a few capable volunteers to help with the construction a week or so after the book sale. Donations of materials and a suitable space to use for construction would also be welcome.

Richard also announced that sponsors have given some great prizes for the **Rotary Car Rally** on May 23rd and that there are still a few places left to compete and enjoy the fun. Prizes donated so far include a \$500-value voucher from HeliJet.

Brent Stetar asked that most volunteers to help set up the book sale next Thursday come a little later than indicated on the sign-up sheets to allow the early bird volunteers to get ahead setting up the tables.

Brenda Grice reminded members that the club will match with recognition points any donation to Rotary Foundation of \$100 to \$250 made this month.

John Salem donated two pairs of golf club passes which were immediately auctioned off. **Brenda Grice** and **Joyce Smith** were the winning bidders with the proceeds going to Foundation.

Sergeant at Arms Report

Lila Tanner caught **Bruce Samson** for being cheeky (surprise!) and for having his picture in the paper. She caught several laggards who admitted to not having signed up for the book sale yet and then collected lots of coins with a "Who said that?" quiz where members had to match quotations with a choice of names.

Happy and Sad Bucks

John Salem was happy that the donated golf passes had been taken up by two such worthy people and wondered if the reason that **Dave Hammond** had not used his passes had something to do with his golf game (!).



Wahid Ali was glad to be back and to see several new faces in the club.

John Shillabeer was happy to thank **Bob Fenty** and his crew of volunteers for setting up the roadside book sale

signs.

Joan Ryan was also happy to be back and noted that she had visited the Rotary Club in Campbell River and had duly advertised the book sale there.



Lila Tanner was happy to thank **Erin** and **Mathieu** for very promptly organising extra volunteers to help with the book sale.

Douglas Anderson was happy because he had a great time skiing in Whistler.

Moe Lessan was happy because he got to hear the authentic "Cowling-rendition" club version of Happy Birthday.

Card Draw

Bruce Samson won the table stakes and **Carey McIver** won the card draw but did not manage to pick the Ace of Spades.

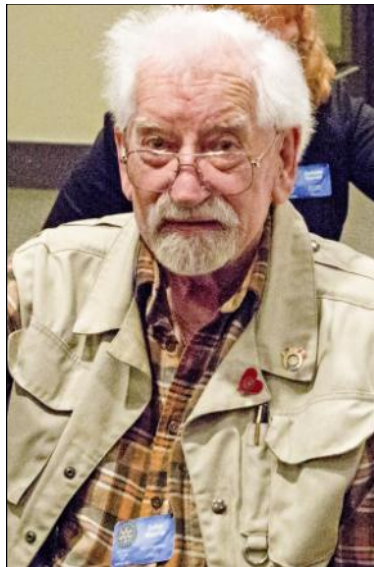


John Morris' 94th Birthday

Well, it was just one of those days at Rotary. **President Bob** was having a bad day, not all the program speakers were able to come and **Kathy Smith**, who was taking notes for Lucie, took notes for the wrong part of the meeting! So, here are some memories from the meeting by **Kathy Smith**:

The program became a last minute celebration of **John Morris** and his 94th birthday. Rotarians were invited up to speak about memories that they have of John and what makes him special.

- **Kathy Smith** thanked John for making her feel so welcome when she joined Rotary. John greeted her every week, calling her "my little girl" and introducing her to members. He also invited her to play golf with some of the guys on summer afternoons and nine holes often became 18 holes.
- **Lila Tanner** remembered first meeting John when she was raising money for the Port Theatre. Even though she was very busy he was able to convince her to join Rotary. And here she is our president elect – all because of John.
- **John Heisterman** remembers stories of John M. working for highways and amazingly his street was always plowed first.
- **Brent Stetar** was confused when he first joined Rotary as everyone had two names – their real name and his nickname – Jocko!
- **Allan Smith** grew up across the street from John. And he confirms the rumors that their street was always one of the first to get plowed when the snow fell. He has known John for over 50 years. Allan continues to try to convince John that he was not one of the delinquents who lived next door!
- **Janeane Coutu** not only had lots of nice stuff to say about John but spent much of the meeting smiling,



winking and holding John's hand!

- **Bob Wilson** noted that many of the speakers that got up were women!
- **Brenda Grice** reminded us all of the years that John spent organizing all the speakers. It made her year as president easy and made the meetings very interesting.
- **Frank Shoemaker** acknowledged John's service in the war and his insistence that the Hurricane fighter plane was better than the Spitfire fighter that got all the credit. He thanked him for what he did to make all of our lives better. Frank also remembered a day when the ferries were not running and he was the keynote speaker. He had to call John to let him know that he would not be able to make it to the meeting – John was not very happy.

Many others had birthday hugs, kind words and boisterous voices to acknowledge this special day for a very special Rotarian.

Book Sale on Track to a Successful Spring Sale

The weather was bright and sunny on Friday morning when our 14th Rotary Book Sale kicked off with a good start. At noon we were well past the \$10,000 mark in sales and no signs of things slowing down.

Mid-way through our Rotary Book Sale we were over 20% ahead of last year's spring sale with sales exceeding the \$50,000 mark as of Wednesday evening.

Rotarians, their spouses, Altrusa members and members of the Rotaract Club have been responding well to requests for volunteers to work the sale and no undue stress has been required by any members, although it is noticeable that a few are at the sale daily.

A special vote of thanks for Honorary Rotarian Rudi Steinmetz who appears to never leave the Nanaimo North Town Centre Mall, and Rotaractor Mathieu Ennis and Brent Stetar who have been there every day.

DATES TO REMEMBER

May 1—Rotary Club of Nanaimo's 95th Anniversary from date of charter.

May 23—Rotary Fun Car Rally, 10 am to 2 pm, Bowen Park, fee \$10 per car. Prizes to be won including \$500 HeliJet Trip.

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

June 26—Rotary Installation Night, with fellowship starting at 6:00 pm with dinner at 7:00 pm. This is a pre-paid evening for Rotarians and their partners, so come out to wish PE Lila Tanner and her executive a good year. More details as they become available.

ATTENDANCE

By Bob Janes

Attendance for April 10th was 69%

We missed these Rotarians

Blinston, Brand, Gerrand, Y & L Gosselin, Janes, King, Knutsson, Laing, Patrick, Raedler, Ramos, Walker, Welch, Williams

Visiting Rotarians:

Erin Lee, Mathieu Ennis

Guests: Paul Minhas, Jaclyn Deng, Joris Wiggers

Make ups: Joan Ryan.

All Rotarians who put in shifts at the book sale are eligible for make ups

Birthdays:

Brent Stetar, April 29th

Spouse's Birthday:

Carla Finnegan (Richard) Ap 30th

Wedding Anniversaries:

Dale & Joan Huck, 23 years, Ap 18th

Club Anniversaries:

Donna Hais, 13 years, April 19th

Ed Borisenko, 25 years, April 20th

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WEEKLY CLUB PROGRAMS

Friday, April 24th

GREETERS	Lynne Pankratz Mike Herold, Richard Finnegan
CASHIERS	John Shillabeer
SGT-AT-ARMS	Yvan Gosselin
INVOCATION	Susie Walker
HEAD TABLE	President Bob, RYLA Students, Ellen Ross, Fay Laing, Brent Stetar Lynne, Mike and Richard
INTRODUCE GUESTS	Joan Ryan
INTRODUCE SPEAKER	Douglas Anderson
PROGRAM	RYLA STUDENTS <i>Speakers to be confirmed</i>
THANK SPEAKER	Barbara Blinston

Friday, May 1st

GREETERS	Egon Holzwarth, Bob Patrick, Susan Gerrand
CASHIERS	Ed Borisenko
SGT-AT-ARMS	Dave Hammond
INVOCATION	Ross White
HEAD TABLE	President Bob, Ellen Ross, Henry Jiang, Douglas Anderson, Egon Holzwarth Bob Patrick, Susan Gerrand
INTRODUCE GUESTS	John Salem
INTRODUCE SPEAKER	Douglas Anderson
PROGRAM	CLASSIFICATION TALKS <i>Ellen Ross, Henry Jiang</i>
THANK SPEAKER	President Robert

Friday, May 8th

GREETERS	Wendy Pratt, Debbie Narver, Doug Cowling
CASHIERS	Ed Borisenko
SGT-AT-ARMS	John Heisterman
INVOCATION	Ian Williams
HEAD TABLE	Pres. Bob, Paris Gaudet, Art Vanidour, Kevin Cantelon, Jane Currie, John Marlow, Bruce Samson
INTRODUCE GUESTS	Bruce Samson
INTRODUCE SPEAKER	Art Vanidour
PROGRAM	Innovation Island Technology Ass'n <i>Paris Gaudet</i>
THANK SPEAKER	Dave Connolly

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