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On Thursday, April 17th, President Douglas and Art Vanidour present a cheque for \$10,000 to Tyler Heisterman of Nanaimo Track & Field to be used for field upgrades. Club member pose in front of a freshly painted Rotary Bowl sign, courtesy of Yvan Gosselin. A few Rotarians who attended the presentation can be seen in Ian Williams' photo.

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

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Meeting Notes from April 11th

By Kathy Smith

Oh Canada was proudly sung by the members followed by a meaningful grace from **Joan Ryan**.

Egon Holzwarth had many guests and visiting Rotarians to introduce: **Barry Sparks** our AG and member of Lantzville, **Lee Mason** and **Gill Campbell** from the North Club, Rotaract members included: **Erin Lee**, **Matthew Ennis**, **Vincent**



Rotaractors Matthew Ennis, Erin Lee and Vincent Kusi Kyei



Kusi Kyei plus two who arrived later, **Joan Ryan** introduced her guests **Michael Chen** and **Jia Yen** who are VIU MBA students working at Lifeline. **Sharon Welch** introduced **Liz Friday** who

is interested in learning more about Rotary and **John** introduced his son **Tyler Heisterman**.

Yvan Gosselin reported that both **Wayne Anderson** and **Doug Cowling** had been out and about this week and were looking quite good after a stint at NRGH.

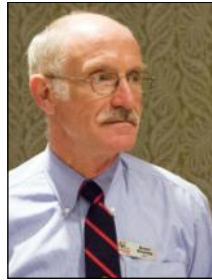
President Douglas apologized for errors made last week and noted that **Dave Connolly** had 30 years with the club. Upcoming birthdays include: **Helen Blackmore**, **Lucie Gosselin**,

Wayne Anderson and **Charles Ramos**. Congratulations to **John S. (21)**, **Donna H. (12)** and **Ed B. (24)** on their club anniversaries. **President Douglas** also reminded members of the choice at lunch to pay \$20 for the full meal deal or \$10 for coffee and dessert.

Book sale is coming up and so each club member is encouraged to go online and sign up for at least 4 shifts. While thinking about signing up for things,



members may also want to register for the District Conference that will be in Whistler this year..



There were a lot of announcements: **Barry Sparks** encouraged members to volunteer for the upcoming BC Summer Games which will be in Nanaimo July 17 – 20. There

will be 300 athletes competing in 22 sports. **Frank Shoemaker** noted that the 5 Nanaimo clubs were mentioned in the Report on the Rotary Foundation article noted our work with Samuel in Ghana and the latrines and washing stations that we helped build.

Bob Fenty had a Rotary minute and reminded members that if they miss a meeting they can do a make up which opens the door to meeting people from all over the world.

Bob went on to mention that on Thurs. April 17 at 6 pm there will be a \$10,000 cheque presented to the track club at the Rotary Bowl – all are encouraged to attend. Bob continued with his speech by showing the posters for this year's Book sale and asked all to take a few and put them up.

John Heisterman showed the large new Rotary International signs that were purchased. One will be used to spruce up Rotary Bowl while the other is available for any Rotary function.

Kathy Smith spoke about how great the Nanaimo Lady-smith Schools Foundation Tea was and she was honored to represent our club which sponsors many programs that the Foundation provides to the students in the district.



Ross White had a cheque for \$300 to present to the club from the



Victoria Harbourside Rotary club. This club contributes money to honor each speaker that comes to their club. The funds will be used for the Malaria Net projects in Africa.

Lee Mason and **Gill Campbell** promoted their club's 50/50 draw and suggested that if all tickets sell, the winner could pocket \$10,000! Gill is also offering that for every club member that buys 4 tickets for \$20 that she will buy them a 5th ticket.



Notices of Motion: **Bob Fenty** presented a few motions on behalf of the Community Services Committee: [1] to contribute \$2000 to Bayview School to purchase computer systems; [2] to contribute \$1275 to Park Avenue School to purchase IPADS with protective covers and [3] To contribute \$1275 to Georgia Avenue School to purchase IPADS with protective covers.

Sgt. at Arms – **Bruce Sampson** tried to keep things brief as we were running late: those who didn't go bowling paid; thanks were given to Brent Stetar for his work on the bowling night and then he paid to say he was happy that 43 people came; **Joan Ryan** thanked **Lila Tanner** and **Gill Campbell** for helping with the Health Fair last weekend; **Tyler Heisterman** thanked the club for their support of the local track club; **Yvan Gosselin** was happy to see the snowbirds come back in time to work at the book sale; **Sharon Welch** is sad that she will be missing our meetings but happy about her promotion to a great new job in Parksville.

Table Stakes were won by **Dave Connolly** and **Lucie Gosselin** was hoping to win the card draw but came up short!

Nanaimo Regional Transit Plans for the Future

By: Lucie Gosselin

Charles Ramos introduced our two speakers, **Daniel Pearce**, Manager of Transit Operations with the Regional District of Nanaimo and **Jamie Logan**, Superintendent of Planning and Scheduling. They shared with us what they see as the future of transit in the region.

It is a 25 year plan that supports land use plans and the economic, social and environmental sustainability goals of the RDN.

Today, the transit system is comprised of 4 major routes, 8 minor routes and 3 regional routes.

The system operates 7 days a week and typically carries 10,000 people a day. They did not tell us what percentage of the population uses the transit but of the ones who do, 90% use it regularly. Two thirds of the riders are between the ages of 11 and 34 with the busiest route being the University route on weekdays.

The vast majority of riders get to/from the bus by walking which makes transit an extension of walking trips. The RDN therefore reached the conclusion that creating walkable destinations is critical to grow transit use.

Growing the transit use supports 4 of the Regional Growth Strategy Goals.

- Prepare for Climate Change
- Reduce Energy Consumption
- Coordinate Land Use and Mobility
- Provide Services Efficiently

A portion of the population is *transit dependent* and will use transit services even if it of poor quality. As public transit service quality improves it will

attract an increasing portion of *discretionary travelers* (people who can travel by automobile but are not opposed to transit use). To attract those discretionary travelers, the Transit department plans to offer quality service (convenient, fast & comfortable), low fares, support (walkable communities, park & ride facilities, commute trip reduction programs), convenient information, incentives, integrated service with special events and a positive image.

The Transit staff undertook some public consultation and received strong public support for the Transit Future Plan Network and Service Design Standards. They also received good feedback on specific actions which they could implement to meet their goal.

The Vision Statement is: *The Regional District of Nanaimo Transit System* supports the region's high quality of urban and rural life by connecting the region's rural village centres, neighbourhoods, and urban areas with high quality transit services that will encourage more people to choose transit as their preferred choice of travel. Integration with other modes of transportation affords people of all abilities a basic level of mobility throughout the



Daniel Pearce of the RDN spoke to us about transit.

region. Transit service is tailored to the needs of the region's population to be safe, convenient, cost-effective and environmentally responsible."

In the future, they hope to see an integrated system which connects with communities up and down the island.

The presentation was focused on the bus transit system only. Daniel and Jamie referred us to the City of Nanaimo Transportation committee if we want to see the plans for integrating the different modes of transportation such as use of the island rail corridor, etc.

Dave Connolly thanked our speakers and gave them each a handmade wooden pen crafted by "one of our members," which brought a chuckle from the club as Dave is the creator of the Rotary pens.

ATTENDANCE

By Bob Janes

Attendance for April 11th was **68%**

We missed these Rotarians:

Blackmore, Blinston, Brand, Buchanan, Currie, Gerrand, Grice, Henderson, Hewitt, Knutsson, Lewis, McIver, Raedler, Shillabeer, Walker

Visiting Rotarians:

Erin Lee, Matthew Ennis, Barry Sparkes, Lee Mason, Gill Campbell, Vincent Kusi-Kyei, Stephanie Robert, Shrey Bhandari

Guests:

Jia Yin, Michael Chen, Liz Friday, Tyler Heisterman

Make ups:

Joyce Smith at Oceanside Rotary

Birthdays:

Brent Stetar, April 29th

Spouses Birthday:

Evelyn Cicconi (Harry) April 28

Carla Finnegan (Richard) April 30

Wedding Anniversaries:

Mike & Sandy Herold, 44 years on May 2nd

Keith & Wendy McFarlane, 35 years on May 4th

Bob & Louise Patrick, 31 years on May 6

Club Anniversaries:

Jerry Corriveau, 2 years, May 4th

DATES TO REMEMBER

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.

WEEKLY CLUB PROGRAMS

Friday, April 25th

GREETERS	John Heisterman, Joan Ryan, Barbara Blinston
CASHIERS	Ed Borisenko
SGT-AT-ARMS	Lila Tanner
INVOCATION	Bruce Samson
HEAD TABLE	PE Bob Wilson, 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

Friday, May 2nd

GREETERS	NO MEETING
CASHIERS	
SGT-AT-ARMS	
INVOCATION	
	
ROTARY BOOK SALE	

Friday, May 9th

GREETERS	Kevin Cantelon, Bruce Samson, Mike Herold
CASHIERS	Norm Myden
SGT-AT-ARMS	Bob Fenty
INVOCATION	Frank Shoemaker
HEAD TABLE	Pres. Douglas, Leanne Kopp, Susie Walker, Kevin Cantelon, Jane Currie, Bruce Samson, Mike Herold
INTRODUCE GUESTS	Derek Lewis
INTRODUCE SPEAKER	Susie Walker
PROGRAM	THE PROSTATE CENTRE <i>Leanne Kopp</i>
THANK SPEAKER	Brent Stetar

WE'VE COME A LONG WAY WITH OUR BOOK SALE!

By Bruce Gordon

A week from today we embark on our 12th Rotary Used Book Sale since our first sale in the fall of 2007 at Nanaimo North Town Centre. That year we held a 4-day sale over the weekend of October 5th and netted just over \$27,000! We had partnered with *Nanaimo Daily News' Raise-a-Reader* program to give half the proceeds of our sale to Literacy Nanaimo, which was matched by the province with various percentages over the years.

Flushed with the success of our first sale, the second fall sale was quickly planned and the next year—again a 4-day sale over a weekend in October we managed to achieve sales of \$34,576.

It was after the success of our third sale in 2009 that the mall asked us if we would consider holding a sale in the spring as well as the fall, and we began what is now recognized as a tradition of holding two sales in our Rotary year, each one for 10 days including two weekends.

The Nanaimo North Town Centre continued to support our cause with free space, not only during the sale, but throughout the year where we store our books between sales and where we sort books all year long.

In 2010 retired businessman Rudi Steinmetz took an interest in our efforts at the mall and began helping with advice on how to do what we were doing more efficiently. We soon dubbed our non-Rotarian friend as the “CEO” of our book sale. He later became a Paul Harris Fellow and an Honorary Rotarian.

Rudi began to keep track of the number of books donated to the cause, which ones were the best sellers, and how much money we made from each of the various categories of books.

Since our beginning in 2007 we have held 11 Rotary Used Book Sales and our total net revenue has been

\$431,060. Our average inventory of books has been about 75,000 for each sale, of which we sell about 40%. Fiction books are our biggest sellers, although gardening books sell well in our spring sales and cookbooks are good sellers in the fall.

We have about 30 different categories and patrons to the sale come early and stay late each day perusing the thousands of books we offer for sale.

What have we done with the money raised at our book sales?

Literacy Nanaimo leads the list of the recipients of book sale proceeds with \$75,013, matched through the *Raise-a-Reader* program while it lasted, and now we donate 50% of our first weekend proceeds to Literacy Vancouver Island.

Various school projects throughout our local school division are our second largest benefactor with \$74,577. That number includes some funds we received from Bingo funds before that program ended. Third is the Nanaimo Hospital Foundation at \$57,253, including the largest single donation of \$50,000 to the ER department.

International projects come in at \$53,403, with money going to Ghana and other places, followed by the Child Development Centre at \$25,800, Nanaimo Hospice House with \$25,000, and Nanaimo Museum, Rotary Bowl and Minor Baseball with \$10,000 each.

Other various projects that have benefited from our sales have been: Janese Place, Haven House, Nanaimo Military Museum, Nanaimo Music Festival, Friends of the Library, and others totalling \$76,242.

Grand total of funds donated from the hard work of the many volunteers at our Rotary Used Book Sale: (*drum-roll please*)—\$417,288!

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