

## Spring 2017 Rotary Book Sale on track to set record

At time of writing this article, we are mid-way through our Rotary Book Sale and our numbers are very positive thanks to the help of many Rotarians, the Altrusa Club, and many other volunteers who have turned up to help—not to forget the people who come to buy our books, many of whom are repeat customers. Help is still needed for the last few days!

# ROTARY CLUB OF NANAIMO “C GS”

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4,767th Meeting

Friday, April 28, 2017



Luciana Canclini and her friend Virginia, recently attended the Rotary meeting with Kathy and Allan Smith. Ten years ago Luciana was an exchange student from Argentina. Since returning home, she has completed her law degree and is working in her field. In speaking to the club, Luciana thanked Rotary for her experience as an Exchange Student and expressed the hope that we continue that program so other young people can have their lives changed the way hers was.

*Photos by Ian Williams*

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

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## Meeting Notes from April 7th, 2017

Joyce Smith, Reporter

Our meeting was held in the second floor of the Coast Bastion which was a nice change. The place was packed since many Rotarians are now back from winter holidays and there were many guests. **President Debbie** asked us to sing the National Anthem and **Dave Connolly** gave Invocation. **President Deb** thanked everyone who participated in the April 1<sup>st</sup> joint Rotary meeting and gave a special "Thank you" to **Lila Tanner** for all her hard work organizing the meeting.



**President Debbie** announced there will be no Rotary meeting next Friday because it is Good Friday and the following Friday meeting is also cancelled because it is our first day of the Rotary Book Sale at Nanaimo North Town Centre. The next Rotary meeting will be April 28, 2017.

**Brent Stetar** introduced visiting Rotarian **Ramon Ramirez**, from Courtenay and Guests of Rotary: **Luciana Canclini** and **Virginia Barbogioil** from Argentina and **Gagan Minhas** and **Mike Minhas** and our guest speaker **Janice Perrino**.

### New Members Inducted

**Lucie Gosselin** inducted three new Rotary members—**Mike Minhas**, **Geoff Clay** and **Peggy Richardson**. Mike has been in Nanaimo for two years and owns Island Home Furniture, Peggy and Geoff were established members in Rotary in the Langley Sunrise Club. Geoff was Past President of the Langley club. Lucy said she was glad the new members were joining before the Book Sale so they will be available to volunteer for the book sale.



### Health of the Club

**Yvan Gosselin** has not heard of any problems except for **Bob Wilson** who was slightly hurt putting up Rotary signs for the book sale.

Guest **Luciana Canclini** spoke for a few minutes about how happy she was to be visiting Nanaimo again since she was a *Rotary Exchange Student* here ten years ago and is now a lawyer in Argentina.

### General Announcements

**Norm Myden** announced a *Notice of Motion* which will be made in 3 weeks on April 28, 2017. First for the Eda Project in Bolivia, South America for clean water and sanitation. The International Service committee recommends a contribution of \$1,000 U.S. The second motion would be a donation to Tambo in Kenya which is also working to provide clean water. The committee recommends a contribution of \$2,000 US.

**Dave Connolly** asked for help sorting the Canadian books, **Joyce Smith** volunteered. **Janeane Coutu** announced that Nanaimo Travellers Lodge took possession of the new Eden Gardens this week and received an unexpected cheque for \$500,000 from the Provincial Government for Eden Philosophy of Care program. This money is not for the building but to go to staff training. She also reminded Rotarians that she needs help for the Book Sale. President Deb called Janeane up to the podium to present her with her *Service Above Self* pin that was announced at the last meeting.



### Happy/Sad Bucks and Fines

**Wayne Anderson** fined Debbie for taking over authority of the Sergeant-at-Arms. **Bob Janes** and **Norm Myden** were fined for not having name tags.

**Susan Gerrand** gave a wise buck to Lucy for not letting the



new members know about fines. **Dave Woodward** gave a sad buck for losing his eye glasses at a spa,



**Bob Wilson** said even though he did have an issue with Search and Rescue he is happy to be back from his Mexico trip which included a bike trip up the Copper Canyon which is as high as 7,000 feet. **Joan Ryan** is happy that Bruce is out of surgery.

**Charles Ramos** gave **Bob Wilson** a bad time about his incident with the signs and was glad he was okay, **Brett Stetar** welcomed new members, Geoff and Pat said they were



happy to be here, **John**

**Shillabeer** gave a proud \$10 for an email he received about his step grandson, **Jerome**, who has developed from a malnourished, disease ridden, abandoned baby from Haiti to a handsome man and a competitive amateur boxer. **Douglas**

**Anderson** and **Brenda Grice** announced they have tickets for Victoria event.



### Club Draw

Our new Rotarian **Mike Minhas** won the right to draw for the Ace of Spades in our 50-50 draw, but unfortunately he was not successful so the pot continues to grow. We did not catch who won the table stakes, but it was probably Janeane!

## Membership Proposal

In accordance with our bylaws, the following has been proposed for membership, has been interviewed by the Membership Committee and has been approved by the Board:

Moira Jenkins

Classification: Banking

Proposed by: Dave Hammond

Unless written objection is received by the Secretary within seven [7] days, Moira will be welcomed as a member of the Rotary Club of Nanaimo.

## Nanaimo Hospital Foundation Update

**Janice Perrino** was our guest speaker for the meeting. Janice joined the Nanaimo & District Hospital Foundation as CEO in August 2016. She is the former CEO for the Hospital Foundation of Penticton Regional Hospital. Janice also served two terms as the Mayor of Summerland, was the Chair of the Regional Hospital District and city Councillor for two terms.



This club has raised several thousands of dollars for the Hospital Foundation. Janice asked Rotarians "Why do we have to raise money for the Foundation?"

Janice gave us a bit of history and facts about the history of our medical system. **Tommy Douglas** brought Medi-

care into Canada at a budget of \$22 million annually. Now, Island Health's budget per year is \$2.2 billion (\$5.4 million per day). In 1960, there was a major expansion of the number of hospitals (NRGH was built in 1963). In 1968, seven hundred drugs were covered by Medicare--today Medicare pays for 25,000 drugs. In the past, most of the care was focused on babies and broken bones, now it is on the aging population. Last year the hospital performed 13,516 surgeries, 65,088 ER visits (the busiest on the Island and our ER is the finest in Canada), 1,218 babies were born, 7,065 Renal patient visits and 3,123 Pediatric Ambulatory (day) visits.

Island Health employs 19,600 Health care professionals, 1,900 physicians and services. 767,000 people on the Island are being served which is 16% of BC. The foundation supports the Hospital and Dufferin Place, Oceanside, Telehealth, Trillium and Eagle Park.

The reason to raise money for the Hospital Foundation, Janice explained, is that there is not enough money available to support medical care. For example, current life expectancy for a woman is 82 years and it is projected with the baby boomers that by 2050 there will be a huge glut of health care issues since the last two years of life are very costly.

Last year the Foundation bought one of the two new CT scanners at a cost of \$900,000. Other programs that it has supported over the last five years was EC Cardiogram, Digital Mammography Machine, Emergency Department Equipment etc. Janice ended her program by thanking everyone for support of the Nanaimo Foundation for past contribution and future contributions.

Questions—How many hours is the CT scanner used. Answer the scanner is available from 6:00 am to 11:00 pm. Question—Is the Hospital Foundation still running the lottery for life? Answer—no, the Foundation is trying to spend less and give more. They are moving their offices back into the Hospital proper to save money and reduce the overhead costs.

**Susie Stephens** thanked Janice for coming to speak to us and gave her one of our famous Rotary pens.



## DOUGLAS M. GREER

1922—2017

With regret we report the passing of Rotarian Doug Greer on April 7th. Doug was a member of our club since 1978 and was President in 1995-96, a Paul Harris Fellow and an Honorary Member.



He was predeceased by his wife of 64 years, his beloved 'Aggie', and is survived by two daughters, two sons, five grandchildren and two great-granddaughters.

Doug served in the RCAF in WWII and upon his return from the war he attended UBC law and had a long and distinguished career retiring as a provincial court judge. He was not only active in Rotary, but was active in Ashlar Lodge, Shriners and a number of societies in Nanaimo.

In his youth Doug enjoyed flying, boating and spending summers with his family on Long Lake.

A private Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

## GUESTS, BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

*By Bob Janes*

### Visiting Rotarians:

Ramon Ramirez

### Guests of Rotary:

Luciana Canclini and her

partner Virginia Barbogioil, Gagan Minhas and Janice Perrino

### Birthdays:

Behzad Forghani Targhi, April 29

Brent Stetar, April 29

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# A Very Busy First Weekend



## DATES TO REMEMBER

**May 4, 5, 6, 2017**—Spirit of Rotary DTA & Conference, Suquamish, WA. More details at [www.rotary5020.org](http://www.rotary5020.org)

**May 13**—Oceanside Rotary James Bond Night, 007 Moonraker. Beban Auditorium. Dinner, auction, dancing. Tickets \$125/ea.

## WEEKLY CLUB PROGRAMS & MEMBER DUTIES

MEETING DATE	<b>April 28th, 2017</b>	<b>May 5th, 2017</b>	<b>May 12th, 2017</b>
GREETERS	Nattalie Tessier, Keith McFarlane, Jane Currie	Peggy Richardson, Carey McIver, Geoff Clay	Behzad Forghani Targhi, Norm Myden, Mike Minhas
CASHIER	Brent Barootes	Ed Borisenko	Ed Borisenko
SGT-AT-ARMS	Dave Hammond	John Heisterman	Brent Barootes
INVOCATION	Doug Cowling	Jane Currie	Lila Tanner
HEAD TABLE	Pres Debbie, Behzad Forghani, Wayne Anderson, Brent Stetar, Nattalie Tessier, Jane Currie	Pres Debbie, Caitlin Mangiacasale- Ashford, Joan Ryan, Jane Currie, Peggy Richardson, Geoff Clay	Pres Debbie, Conrad Berube, Mike Herold, Bruce Samson, John Woychuk, Norm Myden, Mike Minhas
INTRO GUESTS	Nattalie Tessier	Ross White	Ian Williams
INTRO SPEAKER	Wayne Anderson	Joan Ryan	Mike Herold
PROGRAM	<b>Multiplying Help to the Foundation</b> <i>Behzad Forghani Targhi</i>	<b>ROTARACT UPDATE</b> <i>Caitlin Mangiacasale-Ashford</i>	<b>BEEES FOR BABAR</b> <i>Conrad Berube</i>
THANK SPEAKER	Lucie Gosselin	Kathy Smith	Carey McIver