

# ROTARY CLUB OF NANAIMO

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Club Meeting Friday at 12:00 p.m.  
at the Coast Bastion Inn  
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## Meeting Notes from August 11, 2017

*By Wayne Anderson*

President Jane opened the meeting and we sang our national anthem A cappella. Geoff Clay gave us our inspirational message for the day.

Norm Myden introduced visiting Rotarians and Guests, as there was none Norm's role was quite easy.

### **MOTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

No birthdays, etc. or the health of the club was announced.

President Jane announced that there would be NO club meetings on October 13, December 22 and 29, 2017. Lila Tanner announced that there would be a Membership meeting on Monday August 14, at 3:00 PM at her house. Doug Cowling announced that there would be a Community Grants meeting right after the close of our regular meeting today. Joan Ryan announced the 5 club meeting and BBQ on August 29, 2017 to welcome the new exchange students. John Heisterman (with tongue in cheek) reminded us that the Bayview lunch would be held in December again this year, according to John it is never too early to start planning. President Jane stated that there would be NO board meeting in August and the budget for 2017-18 would be presented to the club in September.

### **SAA:**

Bruce Samson was the sergeant at arms for the meeting and he promptly fined John Heisterman for talking about the December Christmas lunch at Bayview school in August. John H immediately protested his treatment to no avail.

Joan Ryan started off Sad/Happy bucks, she was saddened to learn that one of the compassionate dogs had died but very happy to announce that her mother's 7th great, great grandchild has just been born. Joan's mother is 93.

Fay Laing had a happy \$ 20.00 for her new grandson Benjamin. Brent Barootes had a happy loonie, he is off to Toronto to celebrate a 90 th birthday. David Woodward had a happy toonie, he was glad to be back at the club again and he was happy to see Sarah Pachkowsky who accompanied our guest speaker for the meeting. Wendy Pratt had a happy loonie because she thought Ed Borisenko was wearing a very fine shirt at the meeting. Wendy also took a moment to introduce Sarah Pachkowsky who is the community engagements manager for Habitat for Humanity in Nanaimo, Sarah accompanied our guest speaker.

President Jane had had an information/sad toonie, she stated that our District governor Tom Carroll was more seriously injured in his fall from a ladder that originally reported and he would be in recovery mode for quite awhile. Jane also stated that our newest member-elect Wanda Hamilton has advised she was going to have to withdraw her application for membership due to her work load but she would be available to help with projects like the book sale and to give her a call.

Dave Hammond had a complaint buck, he thought the members (including himself) wearing the new club golf shirts were just as well dressed as Ed. Doug Cowling gave his \$ 26.50 to the Foundation because yesterday was his birthday. Bob Wilson had a buck to say that he thought Doug Cowlings shirt was the opposite of Ed's, Doug responded that he was glad he wasn't follicley challenged. Bruce Samson saved the day by telling us that he had seen a picture of Bob Wilson in his younger days and he did have a full head of hair once. Jeanne had a happy buck for Bob Wilson and all the work he is doing picking up books for the sale. Carlene Shaw had a sad/happy toonie because she is going to be away for two weeks, but she is getting to spend the time with her family on Quadra Island.

Bob Janes won the table stakes and Carey McIver won the draw, Carey drew the 3 of hearts.

## Speaker Recap – Friday August 11, 2017

By John Shillabeer

Bob Janes introduced the speaker, Rob Hallam, the Executive Director of Nanaimo Habitat for Humanity. Rob has twenty-five years' experience in the non-profit sector.

Habitat for Humanity's vision is that everyone should have a safe and decent place to live. Their approach is to offer families a hand up, and not a hand out.

They serve a relatively narrow niche of qualified families, expecting that in time, after receiving their hand up, families will become conventional home owners. The Habitat model favours multi-generational families because of the favourable impact on kids. For example, children from Habitat homes drop out from school less and graduate more from university.

In essence the Habitat model has three elements: 1) no down payment, 2) interest free mortgage and 3) an applicant must contribute at least 500 hours of sweat equity. Habitat holds the mortgage on the house and retains the right of first refusal if the family decides to sell and move on. Funds from mortgage payments are invested in building more homes.

Habitat for Humanity was founded in 1976 in Georgia USA and the first home was built by the organization in 1984. The first home in Canada was built in 1985. The Central Vancouver Island Habitat was established in 1994 and they opened the Nanaimo Restore in 2001. So far they have completed eighteen homes with two more to be completed this fall.

The current building location is in Extension and is called Meadow Hill. It consists of six single family houses, being built in three phases of two houses each. The third phase is now being built and will include for the first time a two bedroom house adapted for a handicapped owner.

Habitat received 42 applications for the two phase three houses. Of these, 21 applications met the criteria and four were shortlisted for the final selection process. Selection criteria included:



- Need: structural safety of present home, space requirements, cost of present housing, if temporary, safety of neighbourhood.
- Ability to pay: job stability, debt to income ratio, at least three years clear after bankruptcy.
- Willingness to partner: participate in community events, participate in the strata committee and contribute sweat equity.

Habitat sets mortgage payments at 30% or less of family income. In responding to a question from the floor, Rob said that the houses in Meadow Hill cost about \$300-310,00 and are currently valued at about \$370- 380,000. Costs are high because of land acquisition costs. In future, they will build town houses or condos instead of single family detached homes in order to reduce costs.

Rob said that Rotarians can help by shopping in the ReStore store, by donating money and by volunteering. Internationally in 2016, Canadian Habitat for Humanity volunteers helped 1404 families in Ethiopia, Cambodia, El Salvador, Honduras and Haiti.

The ReStore covers all of the administration costs of Habitat. Consequently 100% of any gift to Nanaimo Habitat will be used for the designated purpose. 80% of gifts to the Canadian Habitat federation is used for building homes.

Wendy Pratt thanked Rob for his talk and said she had learned a lot about Habitat's amazing contribution to the community. She particularly appreciated how they respect families while giving them a helping hand.

### WEEKLY CLUB PROGRAMS & MEMBER DUTIES

Meeting Date	August 18, 2017	August 25, 2017	September 1, 2017
Greeters	Laurie Bienert, Joan Ryan, Dave Hammond	Barbara Blinston, John Salem, John Heisterman	Ed Borisenko, Bruce Samson, Carmon Henderson
Cashier	Egon Holzwarth	Egon Holzwarth	Mike Minhas
Sgt at Arms	Wayne Anderson	Wahid Ali	Joan Ryan
Invocation	Ian Williams	Bob Wilson	David Woodward
Head Table	Pres Jane Currie, Speaker Don Bonner, ...	Pending	Pending
Intro Guests	Norm Myden	Debbie Narver	Lynne Pankratz
Intro Speaker	Pres. Jane Currie	Pres. Jane Currie	Pres. Jane Currie
Program	<b>Don Bonner, promoting Rotary using social media</b>	<b>Kelly McBride, CVI Multicultural Society</b>	<b>Laura Shanna, Medically-Assisted Death</b>
Thank Speaker	Janeane Coutu	Pending	Pending