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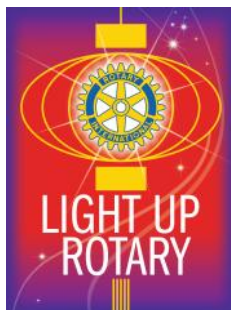


Qualicum River Falls—*Photo by Ross White*

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

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## Meeting Notes from July 25th

By Kathy Smith



**President Bob Wilson** is away and so **Brent Stetar** stepped in to run the meeting today. After singing Oh Canada, innovation was given by **Douglas Anderson**. He

reminded us to live in peace, for the club to live in peace and for the world to follow.

**Joan Ryan** asked that guest of Rotarians be introduced. Guests included an architect names **Joyce Toost** who



came with **Richard Finnegan**. Joyce moved to Nanaimo from California and is familiar with Rotary as her dad is active in a club in California. **John Morris'** friend **Sylvia Reid** was then



introduced by **Susan Gerrand**. Sylvia has worked for John for 32 years.

**Yvan Gosselin** had nothing to report on the health of the club. Happy birthday to **Dave Hammond** and Happy Anniversaries to **Joan Ryan**, 40 years, and **Sharon Welch**, 7 years.

### Announcements:

**Joan Ryan** has a sign up sheet for the Rotary picnic in August. Please let her know if you will be attending. She also let members know that there is an urgent need for traffic control people this weekend at the Bathtub festivities.

**Susan Gerrand** let members know

that they are all welcome to come to the Quizno's lunch at Travellers on July 30.

**Douglas Anderson** announced that August is membership month and so all are encouraged to bring someone to lunch.

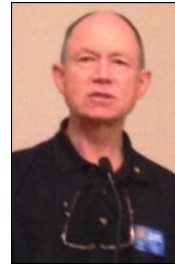
**Brent Stetar** drew everyone's attention to the pictures on the back of the *COGS*. Sun Coast Waste Management delivered the dumpster with the books from the schools in the Parksville/Qualicum district. Many thanks to all who came out on short notice to empty the dumpster and a huge thanks to Sun Coast for contacting us.

### Sgt-at-Arms Report



**John Heisterman** was our Sgt-at-Arms and **Lucie Gosselin** was going to be fined for not being on duty to be a Greeter, but did not know as she did not get a phone call from the Sgt-at-Arms. **Ed Borisenko**

was fined for dumpster diving and looking very experienced and skilled at it. John did not have a lot of dirt on people and so moved on to Happy and Sad bucks. Yvan was happy to all those who were able to help with the dumpster diving; **Dave Hammond** gave an apology for not sitting at the head table when it was his birthday and



another buck remembering **Don Kemp**



who shared his birth date; **Bob Patrick** paid \$10 for the hole in one he got last week and the luck that no one was in the club house when he finished his game; **Doug Cowling** said he only helped with dumpster

diving in hopes of finding donuts at the bottom; **John Heisterman** was proud of how well his grand daughter did at the Summer Games and how smart **Art Vanidour** looked while presenting medals to games winners.



### Club Draws

Table stakes were won by **Wayne Anderson** and **Richard Finnegan** tried his luck at the 50/50 draw but luck was not on his side today.



### Book Sale Committee Meeting

An organizational meeting of our Rotary Book Sale Committee was held Monday at the home of **Ross and Pam White**. Chaired by **John Shillabeer**, many housekeeping items were discussed and the date for the next sale set for October 17-26 at Nanaimo North Town Centre mall.

After the meeting Pam and Ross served a delicious dessert.



Another excellent meal thanks to the staff at the Coast Hotel.

# Rotary International Conference

by Janeane Coutu

**Dave Hammond** introduced our guest speaker and fellow Rotarian, **Joan Ryan**, who travelled "down under" for



the **Rotary International Convention** this past June.

In the midst of the convention was **Vivid Sydney**, an 18 day festival of light, music and ideas.

Over 1,430,000 million people attended,

including the 19,000 Rotarian delegates. Joan had some fantastic pictures of the **Opera House** "sails" that were vividly lit up with patterns and colours that changed every few seconds for a kaleidoscope of impressive sights.

The primary purpose of the RI annual convention is to inspire and inform all Rotarians at an international level, particularly incoming club presidents, governors-elect, and other incoming club and RI officers, so they will be motivated to further develop Rotary at club and district levels.

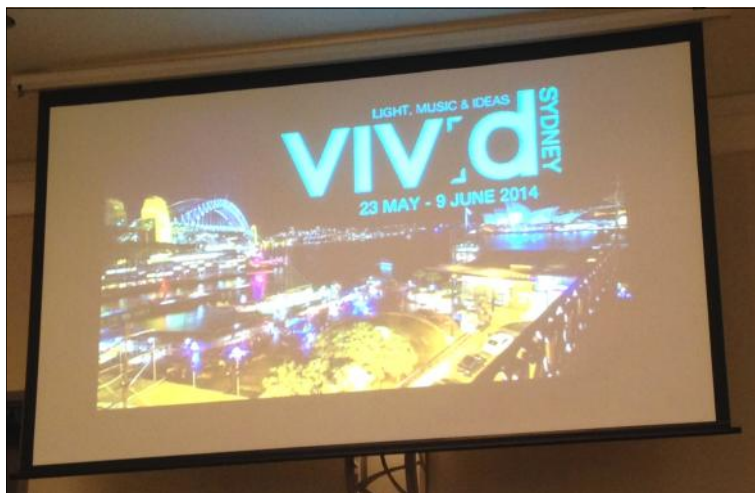
Rotary International 2014 Convention was held in Sydney June 1-4, at **Sydney Olympic Park**. The Olympic cauldron outside the **Stadium Australia** was lit for the occasion and was an impressive sight. At registration, all attendees received a commemorative book with projects undertaken by all the Australian clubs. One of the projects was an organization that sewed the 20,000 bags handed out at the convention.

All plenary sessions were held in **All-Phones Arena**, which is one of Sydney's most prestigious venues. With stadium seating, it proved to be an excellent venue with a great view from

every seat in the house. The speakers included **Prime Minister Tony Abbott**, **Premier of New South Wales Mike Baird**, **Brett Lee** the Aussie cricket star and founder of **Mewsic**.

Opening night entertainment was musical group **Human Nature**, four good looking young singers who performed their 1-hour Las Vegas show and had the crowd hopping.

Plenary session 2 saw topics such as the Rotary / UN Resolution on Diabetes, Changing the World One Relationship at a Time, the cricket star's foundation Mewsic; a powerful tool to HEAL, EDUCATE, EMPOWER and ADVOCATE for underprivileged children in India (Joan's favourite speaker). Other breakout sessions included topics on shortening the gap between Rotary and Rotaract, putting FUN back in Rotary and increasing membership. The traditional **House of Friendship** was renamed **The Billabong** - an aboriginal name for a waterhole around which meetings would often be held. 14,000 square meters was dedicated to the display of Rotary work from all over the world, showcasing club projects, Rotary fellowships (informal groups with like-minded interests), wellness pods, Rotary action groups and shopping at the marketplace for souvenirs, local jewelry



and of course, great Australian wines.

During the convention, transportation was free anywhere in the city if you wore your RI badge. Buses, trains, ferries - **Joan** and her granddaughter **Autumn** enjoyed using the Rivercat to ride from her cousin's in the suburb **Parramatta** to the Sydney harbor.

After it was all over, as a Rotarian, Joan felt so proud to see what we were accomplishing worldwide through Rotarian efforts. Joan encouraged all Rotarians to attend at least one RI Convention for a truly memorable experience. Upcoming locations; San Paulo, Brazil in 2015, South Korea 2016, Atlanta, Georgia 2017 and Toronto 2018.

**Past President Douglas Anderson** thanked Joan for her articulate and detailed presentation - her enthusiasm was great and noted from personal experience, there was nothing as invigorating and empowering for as a Rotarian as going to an RI Convention.

Joan also presented a banner from the Grandville Rotary club.

**District 5020 Conference**  
**June 19 - 21 2015**



The Vancouver Island Conference Centre  
**NANAIMO, BC**

## ATTENDANCE

By Janeane Coutu

Attendance for **July 25<sup>th</sup>** was **55%**

### We missed these Rotarians

Ali, Blackmore, Blinston, Brand, Cantelon, Grice, Hais, Henderson, Hewitt, Janes, King, Lewis, McIver, Narver, Pankratz, Pratt, Raedler, Ramos, Samson, A. Smith, Welch, Williams, Wilson

### Guests of Rotarians

Joyce Toost was the guest of Richard Finnegan

Silvia Reid, guest of John Morris

### Make-ups

Brenda Grice, Rotary Leadership in Victoria

Douglas Anderson - committee  
Gerrand, Al Smith, Coutu, Stetar, Borisenko, White, Shillabeer: book sale

### Birthdays:

Dave Hammond on July 28th

### Anniversaries:

Gord and Sharon Hubley, 33 years on August 1st

### Club Anniversaries:

Barbara Blinston, 18 yrs., Aug. 2nd



## WEEKLY CLUB PROGRAMS

### Friday, August 1st

GREETERS	Ross White, Debbie Narver, Donna Hais
CASHIERS	Lila Tanner
SGT-AT-ARMS	Joan Ryan
INVOCATION	Wayne Anderson
HEAD TABLE	Vice Pres Brent, Lynne MacFadgen, Carey McIver, Susie Walker, Ross White, Debbie Narver, Donna Hais
INTRODUCE GUESTS	John Shillabeer
INTRODUCE SPEAKER	Carey McIver
PROGRAM	<b>HEALTHY AGING</b> <i>Lynne MacFadgen</i>
THANK SPEAKER	Susie Walker

### Friday, August 8th

GREETERS	Lynne Pankratz, Ian Williams, Dave Hammond
CASHIERS	Lila Tanner
SGT-AT-ARMS	Bruce Samson
INVOCATION	Helen Blackmore
HEAD TABLE	VP Brent, Tammie Wylie, Eric Brand, Doug Cowling, Kathy Smith Lynne Pankratz, Ian Williams and Dave H.
INTRODUCE GUESTS	Frank Shoemaker
INTRODUCE SPEAKER	Eric Brand
PROGRAM	<b>TILICUM VILLAGE</b> <i>Tammie Wylie</i>
THANK SPEAKER	Brent Stetar

### Friday, August 15th

GREETERS	Bob Patrick, John Heisterman, Wendy Pratt
CASHIERS	Lila Tanner
SGT-AT-ARMS	John Shillabeer
INVOCATION	Barbara Blinston
HEAD TABLE	Pres Bob, Judge Gerald Pash, Doug Cowling, John Heisterman, Bob Patrick, Wendy Pratt, Bill King
INTRODUCE GUESTS	Alan Smith
INTRODUCE SPEAKER	Doug Cowling
PROGRAM	<b>CITIZENSHIP JUDGE</b> <i>Judge Gerald Pash</i>
THANK SPEAKER	Kevin Cantelon

## Polio took a hit at this year's Rotary convention in Sydney, Australia

First there was the record-breaking climb across the [Sydney Harbour Bridge](#) that raised enough money to protect 240,000 kids from polio. On 30 May, two days before the official opening of the convention, 340 participants ascended the bridge, eclipsing the record previously held by Oprah Winfrey for most climbers on the bridge. Waving 278 flags, they also broke the Guinness World Record for most flags flown on a bridge.

Then it was announced that the [World's Biggest Commercial](#), Rotary's public awareness campaign for polio eradication, set a [Guinness World Record](#) for largest photo awareness campaign. More than 100,000 people from 170 countries have uploaded their photos, including Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Bill Gates, Archie Panjabi, Jackie Chan, and many more.

But the biggest news was the \$101 million pledged to polio eradication. [Australian Prime Minister Tony Abbott](#) opened the convention on 1 June with a commitment from his government of \$100 million to the PolioPlus campaign. Two days later, [Sir Emeka Ofor](#), executive vice chair of Chrome Group, announced a \$1 million gift to The Rotary Foundation to help end polio.

"Scores of my friends and classmates fell victim to this dreaded disease," said Sir Emeka, who serves as Rotary's PolioPlus ambassador in Nigeria. "As a young man I vowed that I would someday do something significant to end polio in Nigeria."

While Rotary's work to end polio took center stage at the convention, it wasn't the only Rotary initiative getting attention down under. Here are some highlights from the Sydney convention, which ran 1-4 June:

**Providing clean water.** Collaboration and partnerships were emphasized at this year's [World Water Summit](#), held 30 May. Global experts in clean water and sanitation urged attendees to join with the private sector, nongovernmental organizations, and governments to work more efficiently and effectively.

**Empowering youth.** Australian cricket star Brett Lee, founder of [Mewsic](#), and Maya Ajmera, founder of the [Global Fund for Children](#) and former Rotary Scholar, inspired attendees with their dedication to providing a better life for the world's poorest children.

**Promoting peace.** Mwila Chigaga, former Rotary Peace Fellow and gender specialist for African Regions at the International Labour Organization, spoke to convention goers about ensuring decent work and equal opportunities for men and women.

**Fighting disease.** Renee Saunders, senior public health adviser for the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, stressed the importance of public-private partnerships in helping to achieve an AIDS-free generation. Professor Martin Silink spoke of the challenges he overcame — with Rotary's help — to make diabetes a United Nations resolution.

### DATES TO REMEMBER

**August 10**—Rotary Summer Picnic at Huddlestone Park, across from the Legion in Lantzville. Starting at 2:00 p.m., no charge to Rotarians and their families.

**August 29**—Rotary Student Exchange Program—don't miss this one!

**Oct 17 to 26**—Rotary Fall Book Sale at Nanaimo North Town Centre. *We are in need of Quality Used Pocket Books, so check your book cases and please donate to the cause.*

**June 19-21, 2015**—Rotary District 5020 Conference, Vancouver Island Conference Centre, Nanaimo, BC



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