

# ROTARY CLUB OF NANAIMO

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Friday, August 14, 2015



Around the table meeting with our district Governor, from the front: Pres-Elect Debbie Narver, President Lila Tanner, DG Rose Bowman, Directors Bob Fenty, Charles Ramos, Bob Patrick, Treasurer Lynne Pankratz, Vice President Janeane Coutu and Director Norman Myden. At the rear is Past President Bob Wilson.

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

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## Meeting Notes from August 7th

By John Shillabeer

**President Lila** called the meeting to order and led the singing of O Canada followed by the Star Spangled Banner (in honour of our special guest, the District Governor). **Janeane Coutu** gave a moving and poetic multi-faith invocation.

### Introduction of Guests and Visiting Rotarians

**Susie Stephens** called first for the introduction of guests. **Bob Fenty** introduced **Vincent Kusi-Kyei**, well known to us as a leading and popular Rotaractor. Vincent has finished his studies and unfortunately will be leaving us on Monday to return home to Ghana. He thanked the club for all the friendship and support he had received during his stay. Bob



Fenty extracted a promise from Vincent that he will pay us a return visit.

**John Morris** introduced his friend **Lisa Reid**. **Wendy Pratt** introduced her son **Greg** who is visiting from Yellowknife for a family reunion. **Norm Myden** introduced **Richard Boustead** who is the interim manager of the hotel. Richard first joined Rotary in 1981.



Richard Boustead,  
interim manager

### Health Of The Club

**Barb Blinston** informed us that **Bill King** is in hospital and is expected to undergo surgery today.

### President's Announcements

**President Lila** was happy to announce that on August 11 Rotary (and the rest of the world) will be able to celebrate that polio has been eradicated from Africa for one year. Only two countries remain polio hosts: Afghanistan and Pakistan.



President Lila enjoys a laugh with  
District Governor Rose Bowman.

Lila also reminded us of the First Annual Rotary Oceanside Garage Sale this Saturday (volunteers needed, check your emails)

The Club picnic on August 23 in Lantzville

The work party for the Westdale/Leslie Park, details to follow.

Board meeting at Lila's house next Tuesday 11 August.

### Sergeant At Arms

**Bruce Samson** kept it short to allow maximum time for the District Governor's talk. Accordingly he limited himself to fining **President Lila** for a misdemeanor known only to himself, and then went straight into happy and sad bucks.

### Happy and Sad Bucks

**Wendy Pratt** was happy that her son **Greg** was able to join her for a few days.

**Douglas Anderson** was happy for having spied the following sticker on a RV trailer: "I go where I'm towed".



**Janeane Coutu** was happy because her daughter and partner won a bronze medal at the provincial beach volleyball championships in Vancouver.

**Brenda Grice** was sad and apologetic for wearing flip flops to the meeting.

**Doug Cowling** was happy to have attended his son's wedding last Saturday.

**Vincent Kusi-Kyei** was happy to be going home to Ghana.



### The draw

No one owned up to winning the table stakes.

**Janeane Coutu** won the card draw, but contrary to expectations and precedent (she always wins) only managed to pick the Six of Clubs. So the pot will grow for another week.

## Visit by District Governor Rose

By Charles Ramos

**Past Assistant District Governor Brenda Grice** introduced the current **District Governor Rose Bowman**. Ms. Bowman comes to us from the Chehalis, Washington club, of which she has been a member since 1996. She has had a distinguished career, having served two terms in the Washington State House of Representatives, and together with husband Leon, owning and operating their own business since 1968. Ms. Bowman is a multiple Paul Harris awardee and bequest society benefactor.

**District Governor Bowman** brought greetings from the District to all and recognized her husband, **Leon**, without whose love and support she wouldn't be standing before us today. She presented a pin with the motto, "Be a Gift to the World", to **Vincent Kusi-Kyei**, Rotaract member from Ghana, and visiting our club today.



Leon Bowman,  
husband of DG  
Rose

**DG Bowman** gave a brief biography, discussing her childhood in Oklahoma, and the strong religious beliefs within her community and family. Her grandfather was a



minister who travelled constantly with the family, and their family hosted many young missionaries which exposed her to global issues, most particularly those in Africa.

She joined Rotary in 2006, and spent a few years of membership without getting too involved, but became much



more deeply committed as time went by. Her time with Rotary has been filled with adventure and excitement, as she related in the following story: At one point, the Campbell River club was trying to find and purchase a bus to transport mentally and physically challenged students school in Mexico, so Rose attended a surplus vehicle auction to help out, and ended up driving away with a 16-passenger handicapped-accessible bus with a wheelchair lift for \$500.

Many different organizations then donated time, money, and expertise to fix the bus to a serviceable state, including a new paint job and the school logo in Spanish. Then somebody needed to drive it from Washington to Mexico, so Rose and another Rotary member, Alex, volunteered. The bus was loaded with wheelchairs and the journey began. All went well for the first few hours, then the bus engine died near Portland. Rose noticed a municipal Public Works yard off the side of the highway, so went to ask for help. The workers towed the bus for free and did a full diagnosis. The verdict: out of gas. Apparently the fuel gauge was one of the items not repaired. From then on, a log of mileage was kept and no further problems were experienced.

**DG Rose** mentioned that the story of the bus perfectly encapsulates the spirit of helpfulness that Rotary brings out in people. At every point where something was needed, and it became known that it was for Rotary, people and organizations immediately donated huge amounts of time, money and effort to help out. It has been her experience that people

around the world are always eager to help Rotary, and that membership in such a prestigious organization opens doors anywhere one goes. She has visited several countries on Rotary trips and is always humbled by this humanitarian spirit.

She concluded by relating statistics on the polio campaign, noting that Rotary is all about service and neighbours, and unites people all around the world. It is a persevering organization that provides lasting solutions to systemic problems, and the broad range of membership provides an incredible diversity of perspectives. She finished with the question, "Are you a member of Rotary, or are you



a Rotarian?

**President Lila Tanner** thanked the District Governor for her truly motivational talk, and wonderful style of delivery. Lila said that our club, and she personally, were very inspired by Rose's message. Lila then presented **DG Rose** with a wooden pen handmade by **Dave Connolly**.

Following the meeting, the District Governor met briefly with the Board of Directors. *See cover photo.*

## ROTARY CLUB OF NANAIMO

# Summer Picnic

Sunday, August 23rd

AT LANTZVILLE PICNIC SITE

*Come and Bring the Whole Family for an afternoon of fun and fellowship!*



- Games for all
- BBQ
- Soft Drinks

## ATTENDANCE

*By Janeane Coutu*

### We missed Rotarians

Ali, Wayne Anderson, Cantelon, Y. Gosselin, Hais, Janes, Jiang, King, Knutson, Raedler, Ryan, Salem, A. Smith, J. Smith, Kathy Smith, Stetar

### Visiting Rotarians

Rose Bowman, District Governor, home club = Chehalis

Leon Bowman, Chehalis  
Vincent Kusi-Kyei,  
Rotaract Nanaimo

### Guest of Rotarians

Lisa Reid, guest of John Morris

Greg Pratt, guest of mom Wendy Pratt

Richard Boustead, interim manager of Coast Bastion

### Make-ups

Al Smith, Brent Stetar, Ed Borisenko, Bob Wilson, Bob Fenty, Susan Gerrand, John Shillabeer Janeane Coutu and Susie Stephens, book sorting

### Birthdays

John Heisterman, Aug 19  
August 12th

### Wedding Anniversaries

Dave & Cindy Hammond, 37 years, August 19th

### Club Anniversaries

Moe Lessan, 1 year, August 15th  
Bob Peters, 34 yrs Aug 17

## Government of Canada Partners with Rotary Foundation Canada to Eradicate Polio and Reduce Poverty in Developing Countries

An announcement has been made by the Canadian Government that will have an impact on the Canadian Rotary clubs within our District. One part of the announcement was the matching of funds on a 2:1 basis for donations made by Rotarians & Canadian Rotary clubs to PolioPlus for 4 years. This means with the Gates match it is a 5:1 match!

The second part of the announcement is just as exciting. Senior Rotary leaders in Canada have been working with the Canadian government for funds to be used on our international projects. Canadian Rotary clubs & districts will be able to access government funding through TRF Canada that will then be used to obtain further funds from the World Fund of TRF. The Government of Canada will contribute up to \$6 million to support Rotary Foundation Canada's efforts to help advance maternal, newborn and child health, secure the future of children and youth, and increase sustainable economic growth in under-served communities in developing countries.

The mechanics are still being worked out and we should see more news in September. Terry Toone



A health worker administers the oral polio vaccine during a door-to-door immunization campaign outside Lucknow, India.

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District 5020 End Polio Now Chair

<http://www.endpolio.org/>

### DATES TO REMEMBER

**August 23**—Rotary Summer Picnic at Lantzville. Bring your whole family for summer fun and Rotary fellowship!

**September**—Work Party at Westdale/Leslie Park in North Nanaimo. More details forthcoming.

## WEEKLY CLUB PROGRAMS & MEMBER DUTIES

MEETING DATE	Friday, August 14th	Friday, August 21st	Friday, August 28th
GREETERS	Guenter Raedler, Debbie Narver, Art Vanidour	Bob Fenty, Lynne Pankratz, Carmon Henderson	Ian Williams, Bob Patrick, Mike Herold
CASHIER	Barbara Blinston	Barbara Blinston	Barbara Blinston
SGT-AT-ARMS	Dave Hammond	John Heisterman	Joan Ryan
INVOCATION	Dave Connolly	Janeane Coutu	Doug Cowling
HEAD TABLE	Pres. Lila, San Mahara, Moe Lessan, John Heisterman, Debbie Narver, Art Vanidour, Guenter R.	Pres. Lila, Crystal Dennison, Dave Hammond, Bill Horman, Bob Fenty, Lynne Pankratz, Carmon H.	Pres. Lila, Norm Myden, Carey McIver, Ed Borisenko, Joan Ryan, Ian W., Bob Patrick, Mike Herold
INTRO GUESTS	Frank Shoemaker	Joyce Smith	Susie Stephens
INTRO SPEAKER	Moe Lessan	Dave Hammond	Cerey McIver
PROGRAM	<b>Nepal Earthquake Project San Mahara</b>	<b>Nanaimo Ladysmith Schools Foundation—Crystal Dennison</b>	<b>International Service Video Norm Myden</b>
THANK SPEAKER	Kevin Cantelon	Bob Fenty	Ross White