

ROTARY CLUB OF NANAIMO

“COGS”

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Friday, August 19, 2016



Discussions about membership was the topic of the day at Friday's meeting.—Photos by Ian Williams

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

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Meeting Notes from August 12th, 2016

By Charles Ramos



Today's meeting was directed by **President Debbie Narver** with Invocation given by **Joan Ryan**.

There were no visiting Rotarians or guests today.

There was no information received about any club member health issues this week.

President's Remarks included acknowledgement of thank you letters from the Errington Therapeutic Riding Association and VIU. The letters were circulated.

President Debbie then discussed the engagement factor of Rotarians and the responses of our club to the engagement survey she sent around earlier. This ties in directly with today's program on membership. The results of her survey show that fellowship and the hands-on projects are the most popular areas of engagement with our club. Maintaining and enhancing these club activities will be key to our club's continued success.

A Celebration of Life will be held for Nanaimo North's past president **Suzanne Benoit**, who passed away suddenly. Information on the venue will be included in our newsletter.



Announcements included **Joan Ryan** mentioning that the club barbecue grills will need to be removed from **Bill Horman's** house and stored elsewhere.

Charles Ramos asked

for programme speaker suggestions from members, and **Janeane Coutu** said that she is the holder of the Roseters this week. Talk with her if you need one.



Sergeant-At-Arms Wahid Ali began by fining **President Debbie** for being long-winded during the President's Remarks, and monopolizing the time on the schedule. He then fined **Behzad Targhi** for graciously acting as greeter when he's actually scheduled for next week. **Charles Ramos** interjected a helpful comment and was duly fined.



Happy and Sad bucks followed with **Wahid Ali** giving bucks to announce this 13 year old son winning 2 silvers and a bronze in the *BC Summer Games*, and his 11 year old son's baseball team coming in 4th in the provincial finals.

Joan Ryan gave bucks to announce recently relocated Brazilian Rotarian **Renato** being inducted this week into the Lantzville Club.

Debbie Narver gave sad bucks about her two foster cats moving away to their permanent home.



Douglas Anderson gave sad bucks about **Suzanne Benoit's** passing, and said she always had a hug for him when attending the North's meetings.

Brenda Grice gave sad bucks for **Suzanne**, and also mentioned the meteor shower will be visible tonight between 1 and 4 am (cloud dependent, of course).

Lila Tanner gave happy bucks to thank **Dave Hammond** for hosting bridge, and another buck for bragging rights about her grandson's silver and gold medals in Provincial track and field.



Wahid Ali then reasserted his rights as Sgt at Arms to bilk more silver from the club with a quiz about the Olympics. This quickly devolved into chaos and the quiz was abandoned.

The Table Stakes were won by **Douglas Anderson**, and **Janeane**

Coutu got to draw for the Ace of Spades without any luck. The 50-50 pot is already over \$300 and is growing weekly.



As Rotarians we are often asked "what do Rotarians do?" and it is sometimes a difficult question to answer. If you find yourself stuck for an answer, the following makes a good reply . . .

A Rotarian is someone who, through their efforts:

- Digs wells from which they will never drink
- Restores eyesight for those they will never see
- Builds houses they will never live in
- Vaccinates children they will never meet
- Plants trees they will never sit under
- Educates children they will never know
- Feeds hungry people, regardless of colour, race or politics
- Knows real happiness



Rotary Membership Report

By Ellen Barbara Ross



Douglas Anderson from our membership committee was introduced by **President Debbie**. While we anticipated a talk on the value and merits of membership, Douglas flipped the talk by asking his fellow Rotarians to reflect and comment on two fundamental questions which are the grass roots of our club.

Question 1 was: What does your Rotary membership mean to you? What is its value to you?

We were in groups of approximately 10 per table and all members spoke freely. Ranking in random order where the following comments.

- Connecting/ belonging/interesting personal connections /getting to know good people in the community /safe /positive environment
- Giving back to the community / good work locally/ good work internationally / sense of accomplishment
- Perspective how lucky we are / positive environment / trust / sense of pride
- Participating in a reputable /successful organization /organization is something to be proud of
- Local Fellowship - a place like home / family atmosphere/acceptance of who you are /fun to come together/ building friendships
- International Fellowship -world wide organization that has the best interest of humanity citizens of the world/breaks barriers because of reputation / world wide travel interaction with other Rotarians
- Job opportunities and connections
- Escape from everyday work environment
- Opportunity to do more local projects ...less monetary more “hands on” (free labour)

The second question asked was: What is the value of our club to the community?

Strengthens the fabric of our community /moral support/gives hope /changes peoples lives locally and worldwide/ enhances the livability of the communities we support locally and abroad

- Service – helping people in need/emotional support/show citizens we care about individuals/ expanding “service before self”

- Money- financial support / know that when you give to Rotary maximum dollars go to the cause not overhead/ service clubs more important than ever / with government funding cuts financial support to schools, hospice, care facilities -dedication of time and monitory
- Connections- making things happen for individuals in need of help
- Changing people’s lives
- Creating spaces for all to enjoy – parks for all ages
- Enhancing education for students and adults (local and world wide) with contributions/enhancing our own (Rotarians) education with guest speakers that tell us why support for certain causes is important
- Ability to respond quickly when a need arises and we all have a say where the monitory support goes.

The meeting closed with information that all members not present at this meeting have an opportunity to submit their comments to our membership committee.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Aug 21st—Calibration of Life for Suzanne Benoit, past president of Nanaimo North (2008) at Mosaic IT, 41 Nicol St., 2:00-6:00 PM

Oct 1st—Foundation/Grant Management Seminar, Nanaimo

Oct 14th to 23—Rotary Book Sale at Nanaimo North Town Centre during mall hours. Many hands needed to work the sale

November 24th—Nanaimo Theatre Night, program to be announced

Dec 11th—Family Christmas Breakfast

December 15th—Rotary Christmas Dinner

May 4, 5, 6, 2017—Spirit of Rotary DTA & Conference, Suquamish, WA. More details at www.rotary5020.org

If you have any Rotary event you would like to advertise, contact your COGS committee member

ATTENDANCE

by Janeane Coutu

Attendance for **Aug 12th** was **44%**.

We missed Rotarians;

W. Anderson, Blinston, Cowling, Fenty, Gerrand, L. Gosselin, Hais, Heisterman, Janes, Jiang, King, Knutsson, Lessan, Lewis, Myden, Parsons, Patrick, Pratt, Raedler, A. Smith, J. Smith, K. Smith, Stephens, Stetar, Tessier, Wilson,

Wittkofski, Woodward, Woychuk, Zhang

Make-Ups

D. Anderson, membership committee

Birthdays:

John Heisterman, Aug 19
Bill Horman, Aug 23

Spouse Birthdays:

Jacqueline Bonneau [John Shillabeer] on August 23rd

Wedding Anniversaries:

David & Cindy Hammond, 38 years on August 19th

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Sam Owori is selected to be 2018-19 Rotary president



The 2016-17 Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International has unanimously nominated Samuel Frobisher Owori, of the Rotary Club of Kampala, Uganda, to be the president of Rotary International

in 2018-19. He will be declared the president-nominee on 1 October if no challenging candidates have been suggested.

Owori says he sees in Rotary "an incredible passion to make a difference." As president, he plans to "harness that enthusiasm and pride so that every project becomes the engine of peace and prosperity."

Owori's chief concerns as a Rotary leader are membership and extension. Since he served as district governor, the number of clubs in Uganda has swelled from nine to 89. He urges past, present, and future leaders to work together to engage more women, youth program participants, alumni, and community members to increase Rotary's membership in the coming years.

"There are many places which need Rotary and numerous potential members who have never

been invited," he says. "The problem is Rotarians who got in and closed the doors."

Owori is chief executive officer of the Institute of Corporate Governance of Uganda. Before that, he was executive director of the African Development Bank, managing director of Uganda Commercial Bank Ltd., and director of Uganda Development Bank. He has studied law, employment relations, business management, corporate resources management, microfinance, and marketing at institutions in England, Japan, Switzerland, Tanzania, and the United States, including Harvard Business School.

Since becoming a member in 1978, Owori has served Rotary as regional Rotary Foundation coordinator, regional RI membership coordinator, RI Representative to the United Nations Environment Program and UN-Habitat, and RI director. He has been a member or chair of several committees, including the International PolioPlus Committee, the Drug Abuse Prevention Task Force, and the Audit Committee. Most recently, Owori served as trustee of The Rotary Foundation, chair of The Rotary Foundation's Finance Committee, and a member of the Investment Committee. Owori is a Benefactor of The Rotary Foundation, and he and his wife, Norah, are Major Donors and Paul Harris Fellows.

By Sallyann Price

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WEEKLY CLUB PROGRAMS & MEMBER DUTIES

MEETING DATE	August 19th, 2016	August 26th, 2016	September 2nd
GREETERS	Frank Shoemaker, Bruce Gordon, Janeane Coutu	Doug Cowling, Al Smith, Bob Janes	Jane Currie, Joyce Smith, Henry Jiang
CASHIER	Brent Barootes	Brent Barootes	Ed Borisenko
SGT-AT-ARMS	Dave Hammond	John Heisterman	Brent Barootes
INVOCATION	Bright Zhang	Wahid Ali	Douglas Anderson
HEAD TABLE	Pres Debbie, Kamala Houghton, Bill Horman, John Heisterman, Janeane, Frank Shoemaker, Bruce Gordon	Pres Debbie, John Woychuck, Behzad Targhi, Ed Borisenko, Joan Ryan, Cowling, Al `Smith, Janes	Pres Debbie, Tammie Myles, Grace Nielsen, Wendy Pratt, Guenter Raedler, Currie, J. Smith, Jiang
INTRO GUESTS	Chris Parsons	Bob Patrick	Wendy Pratt
INTRO SPEAKER	Wayne Anderson	President Debbie	Wendy Pratt
PROGRAM	ENCORE: <i>Malaspina Theatre History</i>	NEW MEMBER TALKS: <i>John Woychuck, Behzad Targhi</i>	TILICUM VILLAGE <i>Tammie Myles & Grace Nielsen</i>
THANK SPEAKER	Kathy Smith	Douglas Anderson	Brent Barootes