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“COGS”



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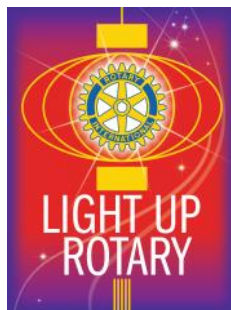


Beautiful Heron searching for dinner in the pond—*Photo by Barbara Gordon*

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

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Meeting Notes from Aug. 15th

By Lucie Gosselin



The meeting was chaired by **Pres Bob Wilson** who just returned from a trip to Ontario where he spent time in the lake region and cycled over 700 km.

Barb Blinston gave an invocation and **Douglas Anderson** called for introduction of guests and visiting Rotarians. **Ross**



White introduced **Erin Lee** and **Matt Ennis** from the Rotaract Club and **Dave Connolly** introduced our guest speaker as a visiting Rotarian.

Yvan Gosselin reported on the health of the club. **Ed Borisenko**, and the spouses of **Sharon Welch** and **Bruce Gordon** have all had health issues which took them to hospital in the past week. All three are at home now.



We lost one of our Rotarians **Doug McFadden** at the age of 94 last week. **Bill Horman** gave a short eulogy to Doug. Doug and his wife Joan always participated in the fellowship activities of the club and

he was a regular participant in the "old" coffee club. A moment of silence was held to remember Doug.

Bob Wilson said it was great to be back and he thanked **Brent Stetar** for stepping in to the President's role while he was away. Bob brought back a coffee cup from Niagara Falls which he offered as a prize for the table which came closest to guessing the height of the falls. The answer was 188 feet.

Rotary Minute

Ross White gave a Rotary moment. His talk was on membership because it is membership month. He asked each and every one to reflect how we came to Rotary. He asked that we consider 4 things: (1) are we welcoming to new members after the initial greeting at the door; (2) are the programs good; (3) do we have fun; (4) do we have good fellowship both at the meetings and outside the meetings.

New Member Installed



Douglas Anderson introduced **Moe Lessan** who was installed as our newest member. Moe's son, **Liam**, attended his father's induction ceremony by Past President **Yvan Gosselin**.

We had the pleasure of a new member inducted into the club. **Douglas Anderson** as the acting sponsor in the absence of **Bob Buchanan** introduced **Moe Lessan**. Moe has been a commercial realtor for many years both in the lower mainland and on the island. He currently works for DTZ here in Nanaimo. **Yvan Gosselin** did the induction with reference to the motto service

above self, the 4-way test and the commitment to club, district and international communities. **Dave Hammond** will serve as mentor to Moe. Members were asked to take the time to welcome Moe to our club.

Announcements

There were a number of announcements.

Joyce Smith reminded members that it is not too late to join the dinner club. This year the committee has made some changes to make it easier to join so it doesn't matter if you are single, are going south for part of the winter or are not able to host in your home. There are 27 people so far. See **Joyce** if you want more information.



Janeane Coutu said she got a call from **Joy Cameron** of the Lantzville club to let the club know we still do not have a host family for the exchange student who is arriving next week.

The student will be going to Dover Bay High School but apparently the bus service is good enough that the student can reside in any part of the city. Please contact either **Janeane** or **Lucie Gosselin** if you are interested in hosting or know of someone who can.

Bob Wilson announced that a celebration of life will be held on September 7 at the Lantzville Legion for **Doug McFadden**. He also reminded the directors that the Board meeting will be held next Tuesday in the MNP office.

Sgt-at-Arms John Shillabeer ran a quiz to gather funds for the club and then asked for happy and sad bucks. As usual there was quite a bit of activity during this session.

Club Draws

Table stakes was won by **Jane Curry** while **Dave Connolly** had a chance to pull the ace of spades but did not succeed.



Doug McFadden passes

Long-time member Rotarian and a member of our club for 45 years, **Douglas McFadden** passed away August 9th at the age of 94 years. Doug leaves his wife **Joan** of 70 years, two sons and a daughter, eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Doug was born in Ladysmith and lived most of his life on the Island. He served with the Canadian Army during WWII. He was a Paul Harris Fellow, an Honorary Rotarian, a member of the Nanaimo K-40 club, and a community minded citizen serving with the United Services Institute.

A celebration of Doug's life will be held September 7th at the Lantzville Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion.



Citizenship: Judge Gerald Pash

by John Shillabeer

The judge was introduced by **Guenter Raedler**. **Gerald Pash** was born in BC and worked for many years in broadcasting in the Interior and then came to the Island and worked for the military in public relations. He has been a Rotarian for 45 years.

Judge Pash began by reminding us that until 1947, there was no such thing as a Canadian citizen. We were all British Subjects Resident In Canada. Canada was the first Commonwealth Country to introduce citizenship (in 1947) and citizen number one was **William Lyon MacKenzie King**.

Citizenship judges are independent and their decisions can be appealed to the federal courts. There are 37 citizenship judges in Canada of which approximately half are part time. Appointments to the citizenship bench are patronage appointments, but Judge Pash is proud that his nomination was supported by all three political parties.

To become a Canadian citizen, you must be able to demonstrate a working knowledge of French or English; demonstrate knowledge of Canada and you must be resident in Canada for three of the last four years. However the residency requirement is changing. A new Citizenship Act is coming into force over the coming 12 months and it will require a substantial physical presence in Canada in four of the last six years. It also will require that candidates intend to live in Canada. However, Judge Pash expects that this last requirement will be appealed in federal court before it is settled. The judge made it clear by citing examples that citizenship requirements are taken seriously, scrutinised

and enforced. He distributed a page of sample questions about Canada and said that to demonstrate knowledge of Canada, candidates must get at least 15 out of 20 right. However if a candidate fails the first time he or she can appeal and try again.

The responsibilities of citizenship are: obey the law, do jury duty when asked, vote, and to take responsibility for oneself and one's family. Citizenship confers the right to vote, run as a candidate for federal office; hold a Canadian passport and the right for children to receive

secondary education in either French or English.

Judge Pash concluded his talk by donning his formal robes and administering the citizenship oath in English and French to us all. He also presented a certificate to President Bob Wilson, recording the renewal of our allegiance to the Crown and Canada.

Dave Connolly thanked the speaker and said he was surprised to find out that he was not born a Canadian citizen even though he was thankful that he had lived here all his life. He presented **Judge Pash** with a Rotary pen to mark the occasion.



Judge Pash presents President Bob with Citizenship Certificate (top photo) and then administered the oath of Canadian citizenship to all those in attendance—*much to the relief of those of us born before 1947 who were, prior to Friday, British subjects only.* EDITOR'S NOTE

**District 5020
Conference
June 19 - 21**



Vancouver Island Conference Centre
NANAIMO, B.C.

ATTENDANCE

By Bob Janes

Attendance for August 15 was **53%**

We missed these Rotarians

Ali, W. Anderson, Borisenko, Brand, Cantelon, Cowling, Fenty, Finnegan, Gerrand, Hais, Heisterman, Hewitt, Knutsson, Lewis, McIver, Ramos, Al Smith, K. Smith, Stetar, Welch

Visiting Rotarians:

Mathieu Ennis, Erin Lee, Judge

Gerald Pash

Guests: Liam Lessan,

Make ups:

Susie Walker, John Shillabeer, Ross White, Bob Fenty, Brent Stetar all at the Rotary book sort.

Birthdays:

Bill Horman on August 23rd
Ed Borisenko on August 28th

Spouse's Birthday:

John Shillabeer, Jacqueline Bonneau has a birthday on August 23rd

WEEKLY CLUB PROGRAMS

Friday, August 22nd

GREETERS Susan Gerrand,
Carmon Henderson, Eric Brand

CASHIERS Lila Tanner

SGT-AT-ARMS Dave Hammond

INVOCATION Ed Borisenko

HEAD TABLE Pres Bob, Paxie Vreede, Lucie Gosselin, Bill Horman, Edward Borisenko, Ali, Brand, Henderson

INTRODUCE GUESTS Joyce Smith

INTRODUCE SPEAKER Lucie Gosselin

PROGRAM **NanGo Grannies in Africa**
Paxie Vreede

THANK SPEAKER Ross White

Friday, August 29th

GREETERS Douglas Anderson,
Guenter Raedler, Mike Herold

CASHIERS Wendy Pratt

SGT-AT-ARMS Wayne Anderson

INVOCATION Kevin Cantelon

HEAD TABLE Pres Bob, Leah LaBerge, Morgan Brimacombe, Rebecca Miller, Bass Bakker, Maggie Hinbest, Bob Fenty

INTRODUCE GUESTS Bruce Gordon

INTRODUCE SPEAKER Bob Fenty

PROGRAM **Youth Exchange**
Leah, Morgan, Rebecca, Maggie, Bass

THANK SPEAKER Debbie Narver

Friday, September 5th

GREETERS Wayne Anderson,
Charles Ramos, Jeremy Hewitt

CASHIERS John Shillabeer

SGT-AT-ARMS Yvan Gosselin

INVOCATION Dave Connolly

HEAD TABLE Pres Bob, Guenter Raedler,
Wayne Anderson, Charles Ramos,
Jeremy Hewitt, Joan Ryan

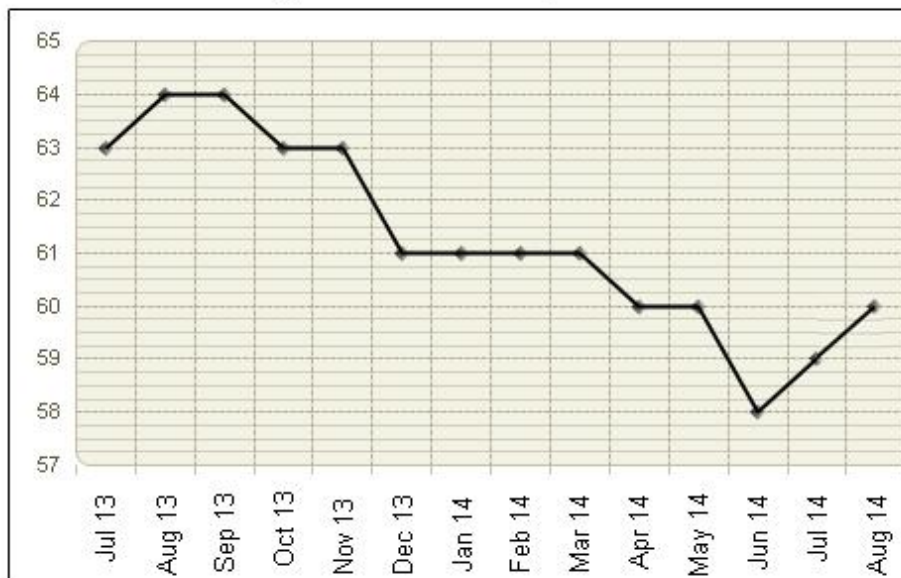
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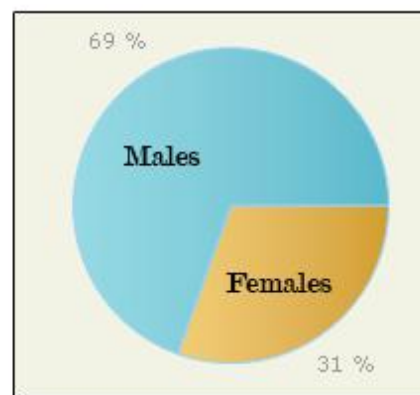
PROGRAM **T.B.A.**

THANK SPEAKER —

August is Membership Month



Number of members to date



Demographics of our club

DATES TO REMEMBER

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

Sept 20—Rotary Fun Car Rallye, 10 am to 2 pm. Registration \$20 per vehicle.

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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