

ROTARY CLUB OF NANAIMO

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Citizens enjoying the cooling waters of Colliery Dam Park.

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

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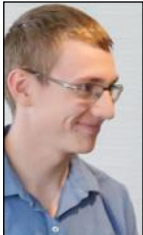
Meeting Notes from August 21st

By John Shillabeer

President Lila opened the meeting with the members singing our national anthem. **Janeane Coutu** gave a thoughtful multi-faith invocation.

Introduction of Guests and Visiting Rotarians

Wendy Pratt called for introductions. There were no visiting Rotarians, but two guests. **Charles Ramos** introduced **Lisa Reid**, **John Morris's** guest. Lisa, a teacher, has recently returned to Nanaimo and is looking for a job and would welcome leads from members. **Donna Hais** introduced her youngest son **Matthew**, the only one of her four now living at home.



Matt Hais



Lisa Reid

President's Remarks

President Lila reminded members of the upcoming Comox festival about which an email has been distributed.

Lila and **Joan Ryan** regretfully announced that the club picnic, scheduled for this coming Sunday, has been cancelled for lack of interest.

Sergeant-at-Arms

Sgt John Heisterman did not want to fine **Henry Jiang** for talking on his cell phone during lunch. Henry did it so quietly that he disturbed no one. However John was noisily overruled by the members and Henry had to pay up.

Sgt John had recently returned from a boating trip, and based on this experience, quizzed the members on nautical matters.

Doug Cowling showed his nautical knowledge by successfully naming HMS Pinafore as the source of a Heisterman ditty. John then asked members to identify the parts of a boat.

John Shillabeer successfully identified the "pointy end"; **Dave Hammond** got the "sticky-uppy thing"; **Joan Ryan** lost no time in getting the "flappy-flappy things" and **Douglas Anderson** demonstrated his sailing expertise by identifying the "rock hitter" (aka the keel).



Happy and Sad Bucks

Bob Fenty was very happy to announce that for the first time ever he had received a phone call the previous evening from Sgt-at-Arms, **John Heisterman**.

Dave Connolly was very happy because his son in law and daughter had just safely returned from a 2600 km cycling tour around the western US and Canada.

Henry Jiang was happy to have returned to Nanaimo from a business trip to China. He then happily presented to the Club ten tickets



Charles successfully bid for choir tickets donated by Henry

for a concert that evening given by a world champion Chinese middle school choir at the Port theatre. The tickets were promptly auctioned off and raised nearly \$200 for the Club.

Douglas Anderson was happy that he had spent the past week messing about in his boat at Gibsons while Brenda did an art class there.

Donna Hais was happy to have introduced her son as a guest and felt like celebrating as he had just successfully written his driving test.

Wendy Pratt was happy that she would see both her sons this weekend in Victoria.

Doug Cowling had broken a tooth but was happy to report that Don Ross (Ellen's husband) had done an excellent repair.



Eric Brand was happy to be home after serving as a medic to a forest fire fighting crew in the Dease Lake area.

Frank Shoemaker was happy to praise Janeane's invocation today. She took care to make it non-denominational so that all club members could feel included regardless of faith.

No one was sad.

The Draw

Donna Hais won the table stakes. **Douglas Anderson** won the card draw and came very close by picking the ace of hearts. Close, but no cigar!



Nanaimo-Ladysmith Schools Foundation

By Charles Ramos



Janeane Coutu introduced **Crystal Dennison** as the Executive Director of the Nanaimo-Ladysmith Schools Foundation. Crystal has taken on this position after years of experience working with child poverty and women's leadership organizations, including a previous position as Executive Director of Nanaimo's Food Share program.

Ms. Dennison said the mission of the Foundation is to partner with the community by providing financial support to students, both those in K-12, and those continuing on for post-secondary education. This is done through bursaries and scholarships, as well as funding foodshare,

Stock the Locker, and lunch programs. Access to funding can make an enormous difference to students who never considered education beyond secondary school. The financial support available for further education covers all variety of higher education programs.

A major focus of the foundation is to support district students within the K-12 system by ensuring basic needs such as food, dental and clothing are covered. One in four students is inadequately prepared for school on average throughout the district. Between individual schools, this ranges from around 10% to 45%. Students who are lacking in the basic needs have an extremely hard time keeping up at school, as their focus is not on learning. This can greatly reduce the students' success both in school and throughout their lifetime. Ensuring that the students are properly clothed and fed during school hours helps to keep the focus on learning.

For funding, the Foundation teams with local businesses, credit unions, and banks.

They are currently viewed by the government as a subsidized organization, and are not eligible to receive gaming funds. Hopefully this ruling will soon change as the Foundation is not financially supported by the government. The Foundation to date has provided over \$475,000 in funding for higher education in the way of grants, scholarships and bursaries. They have a goal of \$50,000 this year.

There were a number of questions and comments from club members, as follows:

- Q: Does the Foundation work with the Canada Child Poverty Conference Board?
- A: Yes, they do partner.
- Q: Does the Foundation support both the school district and independent study?
- A: Only students from the school district are supported at this time.
- Q: What happens to unclaimed scholarships and bursaries, and is there a time limit?
- A: Awardees have up to two full years to begin using the funds, after which time they revert to the Foundation.
- Comment: **John Heisterman** mentioned that he was awarded a \$100 award while at UVIC, and he remembers it every year when a donation requests are made.
- Q: If Rotary chooses to support the Foundation, can the funds be made available for a specific program or area?



Rotarian Bob Fenty thanked Crystal for her presentation and presented her with a cheque for \$1,000 for the Foundation's Stock the Lockers Project as a gift from our club.

- A: Yes, definitely.

Bob Fenty thanked Crystal for her presentation, and the wonderful work her organization is doing. Bob has personally seen first-hand many examples of students helped by the Foundation. It was a great pleasure for our club to hear from Crystal. Bob then presented a pen handmade by **Dave Connolly**, as well as a check for \$1,000 for the Stock the Lockers program.

COMOX VALLEY RIBFEST

The Rotary Club of Strathcona Sunrise are holding their first ever **COMOX VALLEY RIBFEST** this coming September 18-19-20 at The Comox Valley Exhibition Grounds in Courtenay, BC

The three day festival is **FREE** (*although we are encouraging donations at the gate*) and will include: Five Professional Ribbers, up to 15 additional vendors on site. Free days of 'live' entertainment on the main stage, carnival rides, and a Classic Car Show element on the Sunday.

Check out our website www.comoxvalleyribfest.ca for more details.

ATTENDANCE

By Janeane Coutu

Attendance for **August 21** was **53%**.

We missed Rotarians

Ali, Cantelon, Finnegan, Gerrand, Y. Gosselin, Grice, Hammond, Janes, King, Lessan, Lewis, Narver, Patrick, Ross, Salem, Samson, A. Smith, J. Smith, K. Smith, Stetar, Walker, Wilson

Guests of Rotarians;

Lisa Reid, guest of John

Morris

Matthew Hais, guest of mom Donna Hais

Birthdays

Ed Borisenko, August 28
Joan Ryan, August 30

Spouse Birthdays

Iris Borisenko (Ed) on September 2nd

Wedding Anniversaries

Janeane & Chris Coutu, 23 years on August 29th
Iris & Ed Borisenko, 60 years on September 2nd
Barbara & Bruce Gordon, 27 years on September 3rd

DG Rose Bowman's August News



August is Membership and Extension Month. Our first thought may be to focus on recruiting new members, which is important. However, it is just as important to focus on our current members. Do you have members of your club who have not attended the meetings lately? Pick up the

phone and touch base with that Rotarian. Invite them for a cup of coffee or tea to catch up and find out how things are going for your fellow Rotarian.

Do you have a new member in your club? Invite them to coffee or lunch just to get to know them and learn all about who they are.

Is there a member of your club that you think deserves the esteemed "Service Above Self Award" that Rotary International awards to Rotarians around the world each year? Now is the time to nominate them. The nomination form is on Rotary.org. It must be signed by me and submitted before September 1. Arvid Punkin a member of the Tacoma Club was awarded this award this last year for his extensive efforts to bring clean water to the citizens of his native country in India. He definitely was a worthy recipient. "Service Above Self" can also be all about service right here in our own district and your community.

Rotary is all about service but at the end of the day Rotary is really all about its members. We are neighbors, community leaders and global citizens uniting for the common good. We unite people from all continents, cultures and occupations. It is truly one of our greatest strengths.

We have diverse perspectives that help us to see problems differently and help us solve them in our community and communities throughout the world.

Paul P. Harris in his message to the 1934 Convention in Detroit

"The old catalogue listed goods which were considered sacred.

Men, women and children bowed before them in abject humility.

Whether in church, on the golf course or at a Rotary club luncheon, their thoughts were upon them. They were listed in the

catalogue as possessions. Whatever the spoken prayer may have been, too oft the inner prayer was: "God grant us abundant possessions." The hunger for possessions obscured the desire for the wholesome things of life; it was pervasive of morals, inimical to higher concepts, destructive of real happiness, devastating."



DATES TO REMEMBER

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

WEEKLY CLUB PROGRAMS & MEMBER DUTIES

MEETING DATE	Friday, August 28th	Friday, Sept 4th	Friday, Sept 11th
GREETERS	Ian Williams, Bob Patrick, Mike Herold	Bruce Gordon, Wendy Pratt, Egon Holzwarth	Douglas Anderson, Guenter Raedler, Bob Janes
CASHIER	Barbara Blinston	Ed Borisenko	Ed Borisenko
SGT-AT-ARMS	Joan Ryan	Bruce Samson	John Shillabeer
INVOCATION	Doug Cowling	Bob Fenty	Richard Finnegan
HEAD TABLE	Pres. Lila, Norm Myden, Carey McIver, Ed Borisenko, Joan Ryan, Ian W., Bob Patrick, Mike Herold	Pres. Lila, Elizabeth Loudon, Doug Cowling, Guenter Raedler, Egon Holzwarth, Wendy Pratt, Bruce G.	Pres. Lila, Morgan Carey, Richard Finnegan, Carey McIver, Bob Janes, Douglas Anderson, Guenter Raedler
INTRO GUESTS	Susie Stephens	Brent Stetar	Ross White
INTRO SPEAKER	Cerey McIver	Doug Cowling	Richard Finnegan
PROGRAM	International Service Video Norm Myden	Edgewood Treatment Centre Elizabeth Loudon	Real Estate Webmasters Morgan Carey
THANK SPEAKER	Ross White	Janeane Coutu	David Hammond