

# ROTARY CLUB OF NANAIMO

## “C GS”

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Friday, August 3, 2018



This week's speaker was Ms. Emily Godfrey, local Qualicum High School graduate, creator of a winning anti-bullying video, and winner of a \$5000 scholarship to study to become a pediatric surgeon.

Club Meeting Friday at 12:00 p.m.  
at the Coast Bastion Inn  
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## Meeting Notes for Friday 27th July 2018

By John Shillabeer



**President Charles**, as an experiment, began the meeting at 12:15 sharp while members were finishing their meals. Members paused eating long enough to sing “Oh, Canada” before **Susie Stephens** gave the Inspiration, referring to our peaceful surroundings and our responsibility to leave something good behind us.

### Introductions

**Wahid Ali** introduced **Dave Jones** from the Canmore Alberta Rotary Club. **Bob Wilson** introduced his daughter **Kara Wilson**; then **Brent Barootes** introduced his wife **Coryna Kulba** and their daughter **Brooklyn**.



*Coryna Kulba and Brooklyn Barootes*

### Announcements

**Joan Ryan** reminded us of the beer and burger social fundraiser for youth exchange on August 28. Tickets can be purchased from Joan (\$25/ \$15 adults/ youths).



*Joan Ryan assists with Sgt. At Arms duties.*

**Peggy Richardson** asked about our preferences for COGS access: through the website or as a PDF email attachment. She decided to do the PDF attachment route again as few at the meeting expressed a preference.

### Special Recognition

The Club sang a typically raucous Happy Birthday for **Doug Cowling**, even though his day had not yet arrived.

### Club Business

**President Charles** said that the Interact Club was very active, had prepared a budget and our Club would probably give them \$200 or \$250 towards their service projects.

**Joan Ryan** had suggested canceling the regular meeting adjacent to the beer and burger fundraiser, but this was not supported.

### Sgt at Arms



**Sgt Wahid Ali**, “the reluctant finer”, squeezed confessions and money from several members for talking while the president was talking. He then had all our new members stand and receive a welcoming round of applause from the rest of us.

### Happy and Sad Bucks

**Carey McIver** was sad because she did not like the 12:15 start for the lost opportunity to socialize.

**Douglas Anderson** was happy to have visited Bamfield last weekend with **Brenda**, stayed with friends, eaten lots of crab and attended a wonderful concert in the Marine Sciences Hall.



**Doug Wortley** was happy for another very successful Nanaimo Bathtub Race weekend. **Janeane Coutu** noted that the City seemed to be more relaxed than previously about drinking around the Saturday evening concert which was a very happy scene.

**Keith McFarlane** was happy to have his married daughter and her RCMP officer husband staying with him during the bath tub race festivities.

**Justin Molander** was happy that his good friend who is battling a type of brain cancer seems to be recovering.



**Gunter Raedler** was happy to have recently returned from a trip to Germany, Italy and Malta where he attended a wedding with over 500 guests.

**Rebecca Taylor** was happy to have made a professional development trip to Madison WI. Arts and culture were unexpected bonuses and included an outdoor evening international artisan show and a quality concert.



**Susie Stephens** was happy that her daughter **Marina** will be leading a group of girl guides on a two week tour of Japan.

**Bob Wilson** was happy to thank **Wahid** for replacing him and for collecting books for the book sale in his absence.

**Wahid** was happy and proud to celebrate his sons' recent sporting successes. **Jackson** won three medals kayaking at the BC Summer Games. **Solomon** is a keen baseball player and his team is close to qualifying for the BC finals.

### The Draw

**Doug Jones** won the table stakes. **Doug Cowling** only drew the Queen of spades, so the prize will grow for another week.

### Program Notes for July 27, 2018

by Peggy Richardson

Our amazing speaker this week was the very impressive Ms. Emily Godfrey. Emily has recently graduated from Qualicum Secondary School. While attending there, she started the Interact club for that school, and was its' first President. She still spends her time volunteering for social causes in our community. But today's talk focused mostly on the creation of a very special video which she made as an entry to a scholarship contest.

The contest, sponsored by SOS Safety Magazine, offered \$5000 for post-secondary education. Entrants

were encouraged to choose a topic for their video that spoke to them, and Emily felt ready to talk about her experience of being brutally bullied as a child. At age six, during a routine school health screening, it was discovered that Emily had a moderate hearing loss, but could be helped by hearing aids. While the devices helped her hearing, at least one student used them as an excuse to make her life almost unbearable. "At one point, I was hiding in the washrooms, not wanting to talk to anyone. But eventually, I decided I'd had enough."



In 10th grade, with supportive friends, she had a flash of insight one day when a friend mentioned she was creating a resume. She encouraged Emily to join the leadership club with her as a way to develop her own list of credits, and to make new friends. This catalyzing moment gave Emily the opportunity to see a larger world, and she soon realized that she too wanted to do something with her life, something that would help others. But she had to work hard to achieve her big dream: to become a pediatric surgeon. Knowing that she needed an expensive education to accomplish this, in August of 2017, she started looking for grant and scholarship opportunities. The contest gave her a chance to use this moment not only to earn the scholarship, but to send a message.

Here was the perfect way for her to talk about something that had challenged her from such a young age. In the video, she shares her personal history of bullying, exploring how it affected her confidence, and how she had to work hard to become sure of herself and grow in a tough social environment like high school.



Her original epiphany had encouraged her to get out of her comfort zone, and she was already an active volunteer, volunteering with Interact, offering tutoring in math and writing, and asking questions about the status quo in her community. The video was an excellent way for her to move beyond her small day-to-day world, and become part of a much bigger one.

Unsurprisingly, her video made it to the finals in Janu-

ary, and our club became aware of her during the final days of the contest. She had already been profiled in several news reports and shared on social media. The video is quite compelling, and was being shared often. She was neck-and-neck with a couple of other contestants, but credits the votes given by Rotarians to helping to bump her over the top. Yes, she won the top prize! Emily plans to use the money to help with her first year of school at UBC.

Emily's video has been used by teachers at her school to show to their classes, and she has been flattered by how well it has been received. The link to the video is: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FyyTi3kT4Wo>

**Correction:** Last week, it was reported here that **Jason Bradley** replaced **Joan Ryan** as chair of the Area Exchange Committee. Joan pointed out that Jason actually replaced **Paul Geneau**, not herself.

## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

### Member Birthdays

Christine Parsons,	Aug 3
Doug Cowling,	Aug 10

**No Anniversaries, Spouse Birthdays or Club Anniversaries this week.**

## DATES TO REMEMBER

**Aug. 10 - Offsite meeting - Tour of Tillicum Le'lum facilities, 479 10th st. 12:00 PM**

**Oct. 13 - 5 Club Pizza party, Beban Park**

## WEEKLY CLUB PROGRAMS AND MEMBER DUTIES

Meeting Date	August 3, 2018	August 10, 2018	August 17 2018
Greeters	Joan Ryan, Bruce Samson	Offsite Meeting	Rebecca Taylor, Brenda Grice
Cashier	Brent Barootes		TBA
Sgt at Arms	Wahid Ali		TBA
Inspiration	Carlene Shaw		Wendy Pratt
Head Table	Pres. Charles, Ross, Joan, Douglas, Brenda		President, Jason, Wendy, Denise, Geoff
Intro Guests	Lila Tanner		Jason Bradley
Intro Speaker	Charles Ramos	Wendy Pratt	Geoff Clay
Program	<b>RI Convention - Ross, Joan, Douglas, Brenda</b>	<b>OFFSITE: Tillicum L'elum, 479 10th St. Nanaimo</b>	<b>Coco's Café: Where Communities Work - Melanie Atwell</b>
Thank Speaker	Charles Ramos	Doug Cowling	Denise Wittkofski
Meeting Notes	Lucie Goselin	Brent Barootes	Wayne Anderson
Speaker Report	Mike Herold	Peggy Richardson	Jane Currie