

ROTARY CLUB OF NANAIMO

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Friday, August 4, 2017



A five club meeting was held July 25, 2017 at the Nanaimo Golf Club.

Rotarians from the 5 clubs in the Nanaimo - Lantzville Area enjoyed great fellowship, fine food and wonderful presentations.

Club Meeting Friday at 12:00 p.m.
at the Coast Bastion Inn
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Meeting notes from July 21, 2017

by Lucie Gosselin

President **Jane Currie** opened the meeting and **Laurie Beinert** gave an invocation.



Brent Barootes introduced his daughter **Brooklyn** as his guest.



Debbie Narver asked for volunteers to help with exchanging beds for the VI Mental Health Society on **August 26th**. Volunteers are needed to carry beds in and out plus other volunteers to provide a BBQ and treats for

the residents so they have something to do while the commotion is going on. A sign-up sheet was sent around the room. The day will start at 9:00 am at 2356 Rosstown Road.

Brent Barootes who is on the program committee asked for an expression of interest in having a guided tour of the Military Museum in lieu of our November 10th club meeting in honour of our veterans. There was an overwhelming positive response by the



Geoff Clay announced that he will be in Las Vegas a week a month and will be attending the Las Vegas Rotary Club. He brought us a banner.

club. He will get back to us with the logistics.

President Jane announced that the five Nanaimo/Lantzville club presidents along with Assistant Governor **Bev Hilton** are actively looking at the logistics of responding to the emergency request from the three Kamloops clubs who want to send a container to Nanaimo to collect toiletries and other such items for the victims of the forest fires in the BC interior. She is receiving 10 pages of e-mails a day as this is getting coordinated. Her question for the club was whether we were ready to man the container. Disaster Air Canada will pay to move the container to and from Nanaimo. Much discussion with many good suggestions followed. **Peggy Richardson** volunteered to look after the publicity on social

media and as a board member of YPN, Laurie Beinert offered to ask the Young Professionals of Nanaimo for help. The club said yes to Jane's question but only if it was done as a 2 day blitz with publicity to drive it. The club suggested we do it at the Nanaimo North Center because they are so good to us. **Jane** will take our suggestions back to the group.

Sergeant **Dave Hammond** fined a number of members for minor and not so minor infractions. There were many happy and sad bucks.



Rotarians happy to give for the good of Rotary



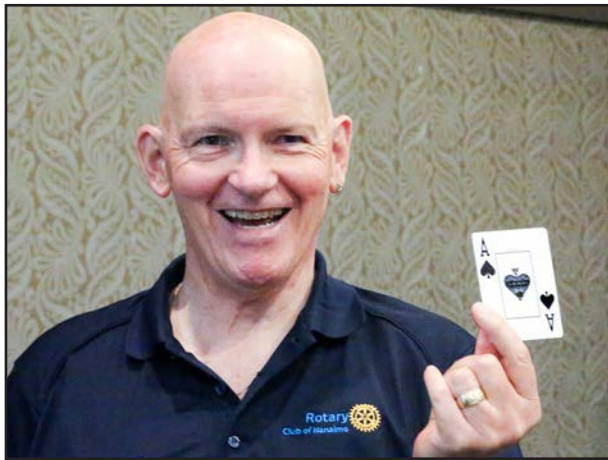
Among others **Dave Connolly** told us that after a medical emergency on the ferry to Vancouver, his wife Pat is feeling very well after getting a pace maker.

Frank Shoemaker told us that they have just discovered a bank account in his mother's name twenty years after her death. This is after the family discovered there is a Federal and Provincial registry which tracks such things as dormant bank accounts.

President Jane announced that the Board accepted with much regret the resignation of **Bruce Gordon**. The news was received by the club with sadness. She then announced that the Board has made him an honorary member of the club. There was huge applause in support of the latter. **Bruce** plans to continue helping with the book sale. He is one of the volunteers who sort books daily on a year round basis. Without volunteers like **Bruce**, the sale could not happen. Thank you **Bruce**.



Kathy Smith won the table stakes.



Frank Shoemaker had the chance to pull the Ace of Spades and he got it! He won over \$300. Congratulations **Frank**.

Speaker Recap – **Friday July 21, 2017**
Submitted by Brent Barootes

This week our speaker was introduced by birthday girl and immediate Past President **Debbie Narver**. As Debbie noted in introducing our speaker for the week, new member **Moira Jenkins** for her Classification Talk, Moira was already familiar with Rotary and the Club. In fact, Moira was awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship from our Club in April of this year at the community recognition awards. A most deserved award! And as Moira pointed out in her presentation **Lucie Gosselin** had invited Moira to join the Club when she first arrived in Nanaimo with RBC 20 years ago!



Moira Jenkins

Moira, humble as she is in all her achievements and her desire not to talk about herself delivered a terrific classification talk that allowed all of us to learn more about her. As many noted “everyone knows Moira”, but for many of us who are new to Nanaimo this truly was a terrific to meet Moira more personally and understand what all the “rave” was about and well deserved!

Moira was born in Wimbledon in London England 67 years ago (1950). At the age of 6 she and her family (brother and Mom and dad) emigrated to Canada. She commented how courageous this was of her parents who wanted to provide a better life for their kids and took the trek with little to no money arriving in Canada basically broke and settling in Penticton in the Okanagan where Moira grew up and finished high school.

Straight out of high school Moira went to work at CIBC and then shifted over to RBC. She had no formal education beyond high school but excelled in her roles at RBC moved “up and around” with RBC to which she stayed loyal and employed with RBC for 44 years. Her final posting (and by choice) of 20 years was in Nanaimo where she retired in 2015 as VP Commercial Business for all of VI. Prior to Nanaimo she was in Sechelt for 15 years with RBC.

Her move to Sechelt from the lower mainland and interior was not one of choice, but more of one as such “hey Moira, it is Friday afternoon... so you know, you have been transferred to Sechelt and you start there Monday morning... have a great weekend”. But the move turned out great. It was in Sechelt that she met her husband, a commercial fisherman, Dave! It was on a blind date ... of course at a bar (Wakefield Inn) ... what else is there to do in Sechelt in your spare time! They were married in 1983 and

had a son and twin girls and raised their children until teenage years in the wonderful community of Sechelt. Her husband Dave, as the fishing industry slowed, went back to school where he got his teaching certificate. As well he became a stay at home dad while Moira focused on her career with RBC. With the move to Nanaimo her career continued to blossom, Dave took care of the house and also did some teaching when needed. Then in 2015 Moira retired from the bank.

As she noted (several times) all three of her children are still single and in their 30's. Did I mention she mentioned that a few times! Owen their son, after obtaining his undergrad in psychology works for RBC (family heritage) at the Woodgrove Branch in Nanaimo. Sarah is at the University of Michigan completing law school while her twin sister Megan lives in Saskatoon where she recently obtained her Masters in Public Health at U of Saskatchewan.

Though now retired Moira continues to say busy in the community as she sits on three Boards. She is Chair of the Nanaimo Port Authority, Treasurer of the Nanaimo Hospital Foundation and also sits on the Nanaimo Museum Board. As well her and Dave (because they still have no grandchildren and all their kids are single have added a puppy (Eddie) to the family which they walk together each day. She also spends a great deal of time gardening which she enjoys. As well, they plan to spend more time travelling. (We got this out of Moira as President Jane asked what she does "for fun"!) And she has just returned from Paris where she took her twin daughters for their 30th birthday!

Prior to the thanking of Moira, the floor was opened for questions. Charles of course confirmed that with her "connections" to the Port Authority they would welcome the

new CEO of the Nanaimo Port Authority as a speaker at our Club. Wendy also took a moment to mention Moira's role previously on the Hospice Board and what an amazing asset that Moira is to our community and said thanks personally. There was a full round of applause!

Wayne Anderson then thanked Moira and



commented on how wonderful classification talks are as we learn so much more about our members. He noted we were very happy that Moira chose our Club and looks forward to her being involved (knowing she has several other commitments as well.)

Five Club Meeting – Tuesday July 25, 2017

by Brent Barootes

This week our regular scheduled Friday lunch meeting was cancelled and members were encouraged to attend the "All Clubs" (Area Four - Nanaimo and Lantzville Rotary Clubs + Interact and Rotaract) meeting being held at 6 pm on Tuesday July 25 at the Nanaimo Golf Club. The guest speaker for the evening was scheduled to be our newly appointed District Governor **Tom Carroll**. Unfortunately, Tom fell off a ladder on the weekend and was laid up and probably will be for a while. But as with all great Rotary events... the show must go on.

For DG Tom's message please refer to the back page of the July 14 COGS!

The meeting was lead by Assistant District Governor **Bev Hilton** (Oceanside Club) who organized an evening of Rotary information as well as excellent fellowship. North Club's **Ian Thompson** held emcee



Ian Thompson



Bev Hilton

duties and our own **Ian Williams** led us all in O Canada with our video and song. ADG Bev then invited Past DG (and our own) **Ross White** to deliver the Rotary

moment. Ross spoke about the "situations" that happen with being a DG and what "tragedies" often have to be overcome. He then delivered a terrific invocation / Rotary moment for the evening of fellowship and learning. We also, in true



Ross White

Rotary Club of Nanaimo fashion sang happy birthday to our own **Wendy Pratt**. We also watched a terrific video on "What and Who is Rotary".

Prior to the main presentations a very special award was presented. **Barry Sparkes** of the Lantzville Club called up our own **Wayne Anderson** and his wife **Gayle**. Barry then bestowed upon Gayle a Paul Harris Fellowship from Wayne. What a terrific recognition of her support for Wayne



Wayne and Gayle Anderson

and Rotary overall these years.

ADG Bev had then arranged for four "guest" speakers. They were as follows:

Membership and the PI Committee:

This Area 4 Committee has its membership from each of the four Nanaimo Clubs, the Lantzville Club as well as Interact and Rotaract. The creation of this committee was to better profile Rotary in our community and help to raise membership opportunities. The presentation outlined the accomplishments of the committee over the last year and included:



Ev Boegh

- Availability of "What is Rotary" cards available to all Clubs and members to hand out to people when asked "so what is Rotary" or "what does Rotary do" on top of their verbal response

- Availability of business cards (through Wayne Anderson from our Club) that list the 5 Area 4 Clubs and their meeting locations and times to hand over to prospective new members

- It was announced that there will soon be available a local "video" on Rotary produced by Shaw for us

- They plan to form a team of Area 4 Club

volunteers to set up and volunteer at booths at major events (like golf tournaments, book sale, BBQs etc.) to be able to answer questions about Rotary and promote membership

There is (in the works) an Area Four "brochure" much like our own Club brochure

And there is now monthly features in the Nanaimo Magazine for Rotary!

Youth Programs:

Paul Geneau (President Elect of Nanaimo North) and Chair of the Area Four Youth Services Committee updated us on what is happening in Youth Services. Paul noted that the committee consists of members from all 5 clubs as well as Rotaract and Interact! ADG also pointed out that this area Youth Committee was awarded in May



Paul Geneau

2017 the prestigious recognition of being the best Rotary Youth Program across all the districts in North America (Canada, USA and Mexico). Congratulations to Paul and his team.

Paul then spoke of the different types of programs. As we all know, the most recognized program is the year long exchange. Last year we had 2 students we sent out and two that came in. This year there will be five (5) in and outbound students across the five Clubs in Area Four. A testament to the success of the program! These are for students aged 16 to 19.

Paul then spoke about other program that the Youth Committee run and operate and we should all be aware of and learn more about:

Adventures in Citizenship hosted by the

Rotary Club of Ottawa

Adventures in Film in Powell River

Adventures in Science and Technology in Saskatoon

Adventures in Forestry in Prince George

Summer 1-month reciprocal exchange program for students aged 15 to 20

Reading programs in schools as well as breakfast and lunch programs

Great program and we should all be more aware of these youth programs.

Newest Global Grant Application:

A presentation was made by **Brent Barootes** of our Club on the upcoming Global Grant Application for Ghana. The information provided has already been presented to the Club and will not be reprinted here. For details please see any member of the International Committee.



Brent Barootes

Fire Disaster Relief:

Ron Blank of the Daybreak Club updated all of us on the (now completed) disaster aid collection project undertaken this past weekend for the fire victims in Kamloops. As reported in this COGS as per the presentation by President Jane on July 21, all 5 clubs have banded together and filled a container with product for the fire victims. The container was housed at our partner location North Towne Centre Mall this past weekend and Rotarians from the 5 Clubs as well as Rotaractors managed the receipt of donations from the community over the weekend.

The meeting was concluded with a toast to Rotary and the reciting of the Four Way Test.

GUESTS, BIRTHDAYS

Guests:

Brooklyn Barootes

Birthdays:

Doug Cowling

Aug. 10

DATES TO REMEMBER

Aug 6-12—Rotary District 5020 International Golfing Fellowship, Victoria, BC at Bear Mountain. You can volunteer and/or register: mailservice@clubrunner.ca

Oct 13-22—Rotary Fall Book Sale at Nanaimo North Town Centre.

WEEKLY CLUB PROGRAMS & MEMBER DUTIES

Meeting Date	August 4, 2017	August 11, 2017	August 18, 2017
Greeters	Wayne Anderson, Wendy Pratt, Lucie Gosselin	Brent Barootes, Peggy Richardson, Donna Hais	Laurie Bienert, Joan Ryan, Dave Hammond
Cashier	Egon Holzwarth	Egon Holzwarth	Egon Holzwarth
Sgt at Arms	Brent Barootes	Bruce Samson	Wayne Anderson
Invocation	Brent Barootes	Ross White	Bob Wilson
Head Table	Pres Jane Currie, Karen Fry, Kathy Smith	Pres Jane Currie, Rob Hallam, Sarah	Pres Jane Currie, Geoff Clay, Peggy Richardson
Intro Guests	Mike Minhas	Norm Myden	Debbie Narver
Intro Speaker	Kathy Smith	Bob Janes	Jane Currie
Program	My Journey as a Female Fire-fighter - Karen Fry	Habitat for Humanity - Rob Hallam, Ex Dir, Sarah	New Member Talks Geoff Clay, Peggy Richardson
Thank Speaker	Behzad Forghani	Wendy Pratt	Janeane Coutu