

ROTARY CLUB OF NANAIMO

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Friday, August 5, 2016



First place winner in the annual Parksville Sandcastle Competition “Things with Wings” was this creation entitled “UP” by Wilfred Stijger of the Netherlands. The sand castles are on display all this month—*Photos by Ian Williams*

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

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Meeting Notes from July 29th, 2016

By Joyce Smith

Following our National Anthem, **Bruce Sampson** gave Invocation and **Bob Wilson** asked if there were any visiting Rotarians or Guests. We had three visiting Rotarians—**Bill Robinson** from Rotary Nanaimo North and two Rotarians from Rotary Clubs in Germany—**Wolfgang Handel** from a



Rotary club south of Munich, Germany and **Klaus Biermann** from Dortmund, Germany. Both Rotarians from Germany were in town for an intriguing convention—the International Or-

ganization of Corkscrews.

There were no guests of Rotarians this week. **Christine Parsons** is going to have her birthday on August 3rd and **Barb Blinston** is celebrating her 20 year as a Rotarian.

There was no further information on the health of the club, no announcements and no notices of motion so the sergeant at arms was kept busy filling up the meeting with his fines and happy/ sad bucks.

As Sergeant at Arms, **Wayne Anderson** immediately fined both **John Salem** and **Ed Borisenko** for leaving their greeters post too early. Then most of the members at the meeting were fined for having their name tags on either the left or right hand side of their jackets, but two



members on my table, **John Shillabeer** and **Dave Connolly** must have been tipped off ahead of time because they were wearing their name tags in the middle.

All the happy/sad bucks were happy this week—**Mikel Knutsson** announced that he has been invited to visit Buckingham palace to visit the Queen, **Joan Ryan** announced that Brochures are now ready for RYLA and **Wendy Pratt** is going on holidays and plans on not reading her emails while she is away.



Dave Hammond announced that land registry has been so busy just prior to the new property purchase levy that it went down on Thursday, **Yvan Gosselin** celebrated winning top points at Rotary Bridge on Wednesday and **Joyce Smith** said that Ron is healthy and on the mend after



having a neck operation this week.



President Debbie was winner of the ticket and **Ian Williams** won the draw for the blue ticket. Prior to Ian drawing, **Lucie Gosselin** drew on behalf of **Lynn Pankratz** who missed the draw last weekend. No prize was won by either of them. The pot for the 50/50 draw is now around \$300.



President Debbie asked Wolfgang and Claus to come up and tell us a little bit about themselves. **Wolfgang Handel** gave a summary of his club and activities. Wolfgang has been associated with Rotary for over 50 years, and he is also a member of the *International Corkscrew Associates* which consists of 50 members around the world that save corkscrews and of course drink wine. Members of his organization travel around the world visiting other members and of course enjoying good wine.



Klaus Biermann has been a Rotary member since the 1980s and spoke of his Rotary clubs involvement plus the low employment of his town. He is also a member of the *International Organization of Corkscrews*.

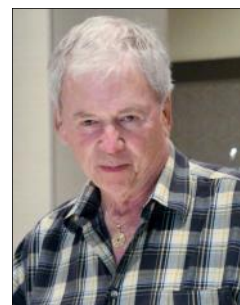
Nanaimo Pay it Forward

By Kathy Smith



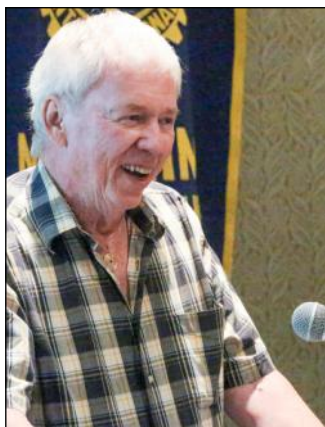
John Shillabeer introduced our guest speaker for today. **Bill Robinson**, a member of the North club, has been very involved in many aspects of Rotary including work in Zimbabwe. Currently a School Trustee, Bill has also worked in broadcasting as an economist. Locally, he is well known for his work with *Hidden Heroes*, which included articles in the newspapers and an educational program.

Bill started by saying that the *Nanaimo Pay it Forward* group, which regularly sees 30-50 participants, has not done much to promote itself. The idea came to Bill from **Bev Palm** who has been doing this for several years in Parksville. People gather, put \$10 in a pot and then someone is given that



money with the rule that they must pay it forward within the community.

Bill was also aware of the charity that the pastor at the Unity Church implemented. At first, 10% of the collected funds were distributed by the church committee to the community. One day the pastor decided to give many people \$20 each and ask them to go forward and do something that helps others. Bill, who often shops at the *Superette*, went into the store and gave the owner the money with the instructions to help others purchase food. A man came into the store and purchased some chicken and rice. When asked what he was going to make, he replied soup. That is when the clerk gave the man \$5 to go purchase some vegetables to put into the soup.



Bill has always done small things to make a big difference to others. So, starting a group in Nanaimo was something that appealed to him. With the encouragement and help of others from the North club, they started a group that meets monthly at the *Lighthouse Bistro*. All attending put \$10 into the pot and then the money is divided and given to two or three people. They then come

back the next month and report on what they did in the community. Here are some of the stories:

Thelma had \$200. As a hairdresser, she talked to her clients and asked them what she should do with the money. One of her clients is the drama teacher at Woodlands and mentioned that they were putting on a musical theatre production. After some discussion, Thelma decided to invite 350 students from grades 5-7 to attend the performance. With some donations from *Country Grocer* and volunteers from the North club, she was also able to provide a lunch for every student. Speaking to the students during the luncheon she heard that many were now interested in taking drama when they entered high school.

Jona took her \$100 and used it to help others who share her passion for music. As a volunteer musician with *NYSA*, Jona knew that many of the attendees needed new strings for their guitars. She was able to work with *Tom Lee Music* to purchase new guitar strings for the disadvantaged students – thus changing their lives.

Pat, a new minister at *Unity Church* used her money to purchase jewellery making supplies. She then got a group together to make and sell handmade jewellery. The sales allow them to purchase new supplies which allows them to sell more and on and on the cycle goes. The \$50 that she started with is now up to \$600 in value.

Bev is always impressed at those who keep our community uncluttered and support themselves by collecting and turning in pop cans and bottles. She went to the bottle depot and asked them to refer a couple of dedicated collectors who needed new shoes. She then took these two to *Mark's Work Warehouse*. One of the men went directly to the 60% off area and found a pair of shoes and then asked if he could buy some socks with the savings. The other person, who did get new shoes, felt that others were in more need than he was.

Larry talked to Haven and was able to supply food cards and hygiene products. And the stories will continue to be told.

The group has only been active since January and already they have impacted many in our community. Bill has challenged our Rotary Club to consider taking \$1000 and dividing it up and giving \$100 to 10 different members. Then have them come back and tell the club what they did with the money! **President Debbie** thought this was an interesting challenge that he has left us with.



Kathy Smith thanked Bill for all he does to promote others who do good in the community. Bill was presented with a handmade pen and a big hug.

ATTENDANCE

by Bob Janes

Attendance for **July 29th** was **51%**

We missed the following Rotarians

D. Anderson, Blinston, Coutu, Cowling, Currie, Fenty, Gerrand, Grice, Hais, Heisterman, Jiang, King, Lewis, McIver, Pankratz, Parsons, Patrick, Raedler, Ramos, Ross,

Stephens, Stetar, Tessier, Wilson, Woodward, Woychuk, Zhang

Visiting Rotarians: Bill Robinson, Klaus Biermann, Wolfgang Handel

Birthdays:

Doug Cowling, Aug. 10

Club Anniversaries:

Derek Lewis, 3 yrs, Aug 9

Keith McFarlane, 34 years, August 11th

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STATUS OF POLIO ERADICATION

\Carol Pandak, director of the Polio Plus program at Rotary International — which since 1988 has lent millions of volunteers and more than a billion dollars to the eradication campaign — thinks that “We are getting closer. “We have only two endemic countries left. Of the three types of the virus, type 2 was certified eradicated in September, and there have been no type 3 cases globally for three years. - See more at: <http://portal.clubrunner.ca/50092/Stories/polio-eradication-is-2016-the-year#sthash.dwGOVVao.dpuf>

Wild poliovirus type 1 and Circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus cases by Country

Countries	Year-to-date August 3 2016		Year-to-date 2015		Total in 2015		Onset of paralysis of most recent case	
	WPV	cVDPV	WPV	cVDPV	WPV	cVDPV	WPV	cVDPV
Afghanistan	6	0	6	0	20	0	29-May-16	NA
Pakistan	13	0	28	2	54	2	18-Jun-16	09-Feb-15
Lao PDR	0	3	0	0	0	8	NA	11-Jan-16
Madagascar	0	0	0	9	0	10	NA	22-Aug-15
Myanmar	0	0	0	0	0	2	NA	05-Oct-15
Nigeria	0	0	0	1	0	1	NA	16-May-15
Ukraine	0	0	0	0	0	2	NA	07-Jul-15

DATES TO REMEMBER

Oct 1st—Foundation/Grant Management Seminar, Nanaimo

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

WEEKLY CLUB PROGRAMS & MEMBER DUTIES

MEETING DATE	August 5th, 2016	August 12th, 2016	August 19th, 2016
GREETERS	Carmon Henderson, Bruce Samson, Eric Brand	John Shillabeer, Dave Connolly, Mike Herold	Frank Shoemaker, Behzad Targhi, Janeane Coutu
CASHIER	Brent Barootes	Brent Barootes	Brent Barootes
SGT-AT-ARMS	Bob Fenty	Wahid Ali	John Heisterman
INVOCATION	David Woodward	John Woychuk	Wahid Ali
HEAD TABLE	Pres Debbie, Bernard Gaboury, Joyce Smith, Brenda Grice, Christine Parsons, Doug Cowling	Pres Debbie, Douglas Anderson, Kathy Smith, John Shillabeer, Dave Connolly, Mike Herold	Pres Debbie, Club Executive, Bill Horman, John Heisterman, Janeane, Frank Shoemaker, Behzad Targhi
INTRO GUESTS	Carmon Henderson	Lynne Pankratz	Bob Patrick
INTRO SPEAKER	Joyce Smith	President Debbie	—
PROGRAM	GEM EXPLORATION & DISCOVERY <i>Bernard Gaboury</i>	MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM <i>Douglas Anderson</i>	CLUB COMMUNICATION MEETING <i>President Debbie</i>
THANK SPEAKER	Brenda Grice	—	—