

ROTARY CLUB OF NANAIMO

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First Nations village on Kyuquot Sound, Vancouver Island - *Photo by Ross White*

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

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Meeting Notes from July 31st

Reporter: Charles Ramos

President Lila Tanner called the meeting to order, and led the singing of the national anthem- a capella today. Our Invocation today was delivered by **Donna Hais**.

Visiting Rotarians and Guests

Douglas Anderson called for visiting Rotarians and guests. There were two visiting Rotarians: **Scott Bradford** from Daybreak, and **Senyo Agbetra** from Sunyani, Ghana. One guest in attendance: **John Morris's** friend, **Sylvia**.



President Lila gave kudos to **Ron Cantelon's** political support in making Nanaimo's Port Theatre a reality.

Presidential Remarks



President Lila requested members nominate the next club Rock Star for August's award. Lila also mentioned that the Symphony by the Sea is looking for volunteers on August 8 from 5-6:30. Volunteers are welcome to stay for the performance. A signup sheet was circulated,

Sergeant at Arms

Bob Fenty was today's Sergeant at Arms, and he began by fining **Douglas Anderson** for a faux pas during introductory duties.



Bob then presented a treasure discovered during book sorting to **Joan Ryan**. Joan was the lucky recipient of 'Newfie Jokes'. The fines concluded with one for a member who just happened to drive into a lamp standard this week. No names were mentioned, but **Ed**



Borisenko had a guilty look.

Happy and Sad Bucks

Happy and sad bucks were plentiful from the following: **Joan Ryan** paid happy bucks for her and Bruce's adopted Nigerian grandchild

Bob Fenty was happy that his daughter and granddaughter are visiting from Austin, Texas. His daughter will complete her registered nurse certification.



John Heisterman paid happy bucks for attending his high school 50th reunion, then related tales of woe from the experience.

Frank Shoemaker gave happy bucks that he recently attended a 50th wedding anniversary.



Frank had also attended the wedding- 50 years ago. He also gave sad bucks that Canadian actor and Gabriola resident, **Anthony Holland**, passed away recently.

Table stakes were won by **Carey McIver**, and **Charles Ramos's** draw attempt for the Ace of Spades was unsuccessful. (see last week's photo!)

Nanaimo Child Development Centre

Reporter: Janeane Coutu



Scott Bradford

Debbie Narver introduced our guest speaker, **Scott Bradford** who has been the Executive Director of the **Nanaimo Child Development Centre** since September 2013. Scott was born and raised in Sault Ste. Marie Ontario and after university in London Ontario, spent 20 years in Ottawa raising his son and two step-kids while working

in a number of jobs over the years, including the *Boys and Girls Club of Ottawa* where he spent 12 years as Executive Director working with over 4,000 young people across Ottawa offering no-cost, high-quality after-school, summer and weekend programs. He was a member of the *Kiwanis Club* of Ottawa before joining the *Daybreak Rotary Club* upon moving here. In 2013, he received the *United Way of Ottawa Community Builder Award* and the *Queen's Diamond Jubilee award*.

Scott began his talk by asking how many knew of the *Nanaimo Child Development Centre* (NCDC), which the majority were, and two members had children that received services at the centre. All are now doing well, thriving in fact and were pleased with their experience at NCDC.

When Scott first came to the Centre, he was insecure around the parents and children and their issues. He was so impressed with their commitment and dedica-



This pays for extra therapists to reduce the wait list. Fundraising efforts include the annual *Silly Boat Regatta* in July that will see \$118,000 raised this year and a Telethon will take place on October 4th. All funds raised through local initiatives stay in our community. The wait list today sits at 267 and their goal is to get to zero – this is achievable!

People from all over the Island move here to get services for their children. The NCDC offers physical, emotional and psychological services all in one place. They are a very unique organization in that they have such a great program and short wait lists in comparison to their counterparts in the province.

tion to their children.

The NCDC is a 47-year old organization and serves children ages 1 through 17 years old. Children coming to the Centre have a diversity of reasons for coming; some are in wheelchairs, have development delays, autism, cerebral palsy, or have speech or audio issues. The Centre has 52 full time staff and 30 part-time staff. There are 1200 kids in the city receiving services, most are low risk and just need a bit of help and then they move on. Scott shared a story about **Katie**, a 15-year old client in a wheelchair who when they first met 3-years ago was super shy. Her nickname now is “the Bulldozer”; she says “I got tired of people ignoring me so now I just mow them over”.

Recently the NCDC building on Nelson Street has had a bit of a makeover with bright exterior colours to make it more appealing to kids. Before it looked like part of the hospital or other medical building. It is a family centered practice, although many therapists go to the family home for sessions. Five years ago there were over 500 on the wait list, now half of that due to our community’s generosity to fundraising. The Ministry of Children & Families provides 4.2m in annual funding, and fundraising brings in another \$300,000.

Scott ended with a story about one child with a goal to ride a bicycle. He was in a wheelchair and his parents got him an adaptive bike. During the winter he went through physical therapy to get the strength and skill to ride this bike in the spring. Come spring, he gets out in the park and is riding his bike on his own. He is yelling something but his Mom couldn’t clearly hear him, and assumed he was cheering “I’m doing it”. As he got closer, she realized he was yelling “I fit in! I fit in!” – that says it all.

There were many questions from the floor and some key messages were;

The faster you get to kids with autism, the more they improve overall.

Many children hit the school system before their development issues are diagnosed – parents need to reach out for help if they suspect any delays in their toddler’s development.

There is no cost to parents to receive services at NCDC. Some families choose to pay privately for additional therapy sessions.

NCDC has a staff member termed “Family Navigator” to assist families in applying for grants of other funds available for therapies.

First Annual Rotary Garage Sale

August 8th - 8am - 2pm

The location is 5861 Cutter Place, Nanaimo

If you have items please feel free to contact

Bev at 250 667 2497

We need a few more volunteers to help, 2 hour shifts would be appreciated. We are also going to sort/price stuff on Friday afternoon (starting 5pm) and evening, for anyone able to assist or has items to drop off.



Janeane Coutu thanked Scott for his excellent presentation and presented him with the Rotary hand crafted pen as a memento of his visit.

ROTARY CLUB OF NANAIMO

Summer Picnic

Sunday, August 23rd

AT LANTZVILLE PICNIC SITE

Come and Bring the Whole Family for an afternoon of fun and fellowship!



- Games for all
- BBQ
- Soft Drinks

When an individual, a sect, a clique or a nation hates and despises another individual, sect, clique or nation, he or they simply do not know the objects of their hatred. Ignorance is at the bottom of it.

Paul Harris

ATTENDANCE

By Janeane Coutu

We missed Rotarians

Ali, Blinston, Cantelon, Cowling, Finnegan, Gerrand, Y. Gosselin, Henderson, Janes, Jiang, Lessan, Lewis, Patrick, Pratt, Raedler, Ross, Salem, Shillabeer, A. Smith, K. Smith, Walker

Visiting Rotarians

Senyo Agbetra, Sunyani Central Ghana
Scott Bradford,
Nanaimo Daybreak

Guests of Rotarians

Silvia Reid, guest of John Morris

Birthdays

Kathy Smith,
August 12

Spouse Birthdays

Kathy Smith (Allan)
August 12th

Wedding Anniversaries

Catherine & Mikel Knutsson, 20 yrs, Aug 12th

Kathy & Al Smith, 10 yrs, August 13th

Club Anniversaries

Derek Lewis, 2 years, August 9th

DATES TO REMEMBER

August 23—Rotary Summer Picnic at Lantzville. Bring your whole family for summer fun and Rotary fellowship!

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

WEEKLY CLUB PROGRAMS & MEMBER DUTIES

MEETING DATE	Friday, August 7th	Friday, August 14th	Friday, August 21st
GREETERS	Wendy Pratt, Bill King, Ellen Ross	Guenter Raedler, Debbie Narver, Art Vanidour	Bob Fenty, Lynne Pankratz, Carmon Henderson
CASHIER	Barbara Blinston	Barbara Blinston	Barbara Blinston
SGT-AT-ARMS	Wayne Anderson	Dave Hammond	John Heisterman
INVOCATION	Yvan Gosselin	Dave Connolly	Janeane Coutu
HEAD TABLE	Pres. Lila, DG Rose Bowman, Bev Hilton, Doug Cowling, Kathy Smith, Ellen Ross, Bill King, Wendy Pratt	Pres. Lila, San Mahara, Moe Lessan, John Heisterman, Debbie Narver, Art Vanidour, Guenter R.	Pres. Lila, Crystal Dennison, Dave Hammond, Bill Horman, Bob Fenty, Lynne Pankratz, Carmon H.
INTRO GUESTS	Susie Stephens	Frank Shoemaker	Joyce Smith
INTRO SPEAKER	Bev Hilton, AG	Moe Lessan	Dave Hammond
PROGRAM	District Governor Official Visit Rose Bowman of Chehalis	Nepal Earthquake Project San Mahara	Nanaimo Ladysmith Schools Foundation—Crystal Dennison
THANK SPEAKER	President Lila	Kevin Cantelon	Bob Fenty