

# ROTARY CLUB OF NANAIMO

# “COGS”

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Friday, August 11, 2017



Canadian Tire of Nanaimo generously donated several tents to help fill our container of supplies going to Kamloops to help wildfire evacuees. The container left Nanaimo this past week.

Club Meeting Friday at 12:00 p.m.  
at the Coast Bastion Inn  
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## Meeting Notes from August 4, 2017

By Wayne Anderson



President Jane opened the meeting, and after singing our national anthem, Brooklyn Barootes gave the inspiration for the day. Many thanks to Janeane Coutu for setting up the audio equipment while Ian Williams is away on holidays.

Mike Minhas introduced visiting Rotarians and guests. There were no visiting Rotarians, guests included Brooklyn Barootes, introduced by her father Brent; Saba Forghani-Targhi, daughter of Behzad, introduced by Brooklyn; Mark Taylor introduced by Brent Barootes. Wendy Pratt introduced her guest Debbie Rachar, and she was delighted to let us know how happy she was to have Debbie in attendance after Debbie had undergone two liver transplants.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS/MOTIONS:

Janeane Coutu asked for help with pick-up, meeting set up and return of audio equipment to her office while Ian Williams is away for the month of August. Please contact Janeane directly if you can help.

Behzad Forghani-Targhi announced that there was going to be a Rotary 5 club fundraiser on August 29th at the Rugby Club clubhouse to raise money for youth exchange, more details to follow. Behzad also met with the Multi-Cultural Society to increase their awareness about how Rotary might help their membership. Dave Hammond announced that there would be a sergeant at arms committee meeting at the offices of Wahid Ali after today's meeting.

President Jane Currie made a motion as follows: MOTION TO MAKE ROTARY MORE ACCESSIBLE BY REDUCING THE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES BY \$ 50.00 FROM \$ 300.00 TO \$ 250.00, THE COST OF INSTALLATION WILL NO LONGER BE INCLUDED IN THE ANNUAL DUES AS A RESULT OF THIS CHANGE.

Seconded by Bruce Samson. After a brief discussion, the MOTION was Carried. It was clarified that the change would take effect with the semi-annual dues invoice in January 2018.

SAA:

Brent Barootes was the sergeant at arms for the meeting, assisted by his daughter Brooklyn. Brent gave the following Rotarians a \$ 1.00 credit against potential fines for the help he has received while he gets around on his crutches; Norm Myden, Behzad Forghani-Targhi, Kathy Smith, Moira Jenkins and Wayne Anderson. Brent then proceeded to have a quiz on the latest RI magazine after fining anyone who wasn't wearing their Rotary pin to the meeting, but only Brent's table paid a fine for not knowing at least one answer to the two questions posed.

Dave Hammond started off SAD/HAPPY BUCKS by informing the sergeant at arms that John Salem was a big winner in men's golf and he could probably be fined 'just because', he also had a 50 cents protest (whining) statement claiming that his Rotary shirt should have been counted the same as wearing a Rotary pin.

President Jane was happy that the container at NNTC was filled over the three days and on its way to the interior. Kathy Smith had a thank you buck to Peggy Richardson and Geoff Clay for stepping in to help with Cogs, she also recommended Dr. Zee if anyone was looking for a Podiatrist. John Salem had a \$ 5.00 response to Dave Hammond's comments which he capped off by stating "what a snitch he is ". Joan Ryan was happy that her trip to Calgary went so well. Debbie Narver helped at the container at NNTC and was so happy that it was filled. Bruce Samson had an information buck that the Nanaimo military was helping at the forest fires in a support capacity. Keith McFarlane had a proud 'papa' buck because his daughter has received a Letter of Commendation for her work in La Loche, SK.



Behzad Forghani-Targhi had a gratitude buck, he decided to go to the store in his bare feet, and his feet were sore from the stones and gravel and had burned due to the hot asphalt. When he got home he counted how many pairs of shoes he had, 10 pairs, and he thought of all the people in the world who had none.

Janeane Coutu won the table stakes draw, Dave Hammond won the card draw and drew the 7 of hearts.



## Speaker Recap – Friday August 4, 2017

by John Shillabeer

*This week, our intended speaker Karen Fry, "My Journey As a Female Firefighter" was unable to attend due to deployment to fight fires in the interior of BC. We hope to re-schedule her for later in the year. Instead, Peggy Richardson gave a spontaneous new member / Classification talk.*

Peggy has a long association with Rotary, and ours is the third Rotary Club to which Peggy has belonged.

She even met her husband Geoff through a mutual friend in Rotaract. Peggy grew up in Vancouver, Surrey and Langley. Geoff and Peggy's daughter Elizabeth was born in 2006 on Vancouver Island. Peggy, complete with pink hard hat, personally built their house on Gabriola Island during 2006-7. After living in the house for a few years, they rented it out and moved the family to Las Vegas for business reasons. They stayed for four years, but got homesick and returned to their own home about two years ago.

For over 20 years, Peggy worked in high tech, including a stint for the BC Ministry of Attorney General, where part of her duties included project management for numerous Y2K upgrades in various courthouses and jails around the province. Peggy now works from home, and is a professional non-fiction author and editor. She is currently writing her 35th book and has edited 366 books written by others. Most of her works resemble text books. As the author, her current books focus on aspects of technology and marketing. As the editor, she has edited works on such varied topics as chemistry, agriculture, business and Zen philosophy. She has also done podcasting with her authors.

Peggy is a director of the Gabriola Island Chamber of Commerce. She told us that, the Chamber is involved in a wide scope of activities. Consequently the Chamber (and hence Peggy) are working on a

number of business community projects, including things like controlled commercial development and tourism promotion.

Peggy says she is a Rotarian partly because she works alone, and without Rotary would miss working in a team with the same vision and values. She also enjoys the Rotary fun and social life. Her personal goals within Rotary are to increase the proportion of female members and to promote partnerships with other organizations. She thinks the Chamber of Commerce would be a good partner and that we could look into forming a youth partnership with the Girl Guides, at least locally.

Peggy concluded by saying that she is looking forward to many years with the Rotary Club of Nanaimo. President Jane thanked Peggy for a delightful opportunity to get to know about her. We too are looking forward to her spending many years in the Club as a member of the Gabriola contingent.



### WEEKLY CLUB PROGRAMS & MEMBER DUTIES

Meeting Date	August 11, 2017	August 18, 2017	August 25, 2017
Greeters	Brent Barootes, Peggy Richardson, Donna Hais	Laurie Bienert, Joan Ryan, Dave Hammond	Pending
Cashier	Egon Holzwarth	Egon Holzwarth	Egon Holzwarth
Sgt at Arms	Bruce Samson	Wayne Anderson	Pending
Invocation	Ross White	Bob Wilson	Pending
Head Table	Pres Jane Currie, Rob Hallam, Sarah	Pres Jane Currie, Geoff Clay, Peggy Richardson	Pending
Intro Guests	Norm Myden	Debbie Narver	Pending
Intro Speaker	Bob Janes	Jane Currie	Pending
Program	<b>Habitat for Humanity</b> - Rob Hallam, Ex Dir, Sarah	<b>New Member Talk</b> , Geoff Clay	Pending
Thank Speaker	Wendy Pratt	Janeane Coutu	Pending