

# ROTARY CLUB OF NANAIMO

# “COGS”

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4795<sup>th</sup> Meeting

Friday, December 1, 2017

**Rotary Club of Nanaimo**

**Unitarian Shelter**

**CLOTHING DRIVE FOR THE HOMELESS**

in support of the Nanaimo Unitarian Shelter  
hosted by the Rotary Club of Nanaimo

**DEC 9<sup>TH</sup> 11 AM – 1 PM**

**595 Townsite Road**

Bring new or gently used clothing to the  
Unitarian Shelter on Townsite Road

**HELP US AS A VOLUNTEER!** Contact Laurie  
at [laurie@nanaimofoundation.com](mailto:laurie@nanaimofoundation.com) to lend a helping hand

The Nanaimo Unitarian Shelter is open seven nights a week  
throughout the winter months, providing men and women overnight  
respite from the streets, a hot meal, clean clothes and a non-  
judgemental welcome.

Help the Rotary Club  
of Nanaimo provide  
warm clothing to the  
homeless this winter

**Warm Winter  
Clothing Wish List**

- jackets
- sweaters
- socks
- hats
- gloves
- shoes
- underwear
- pajamas

Clothing can also  
be dropped off  
Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> at  
Island Home  
Furniture  
104-2517 Bowen Rd

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Club Meeting Friday at 12:00 p.m.  
at the Coast Bastion Inn  
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## MEETING NOTES FOR November 24, 2017

By Mike Herold

Today's meeting was handled by President **Jane Currie** with Inspiration by **Joan Ryan**.

**Frank Shoemaker** had the honours of introducing the visiting Rotarians & guest. There were no visiting Rotarians but we had three guests. **Dan Kucherka** was a guest of **Laurie Bienert**, **Angie Barnard** was a guest of **Peggy Richardson** and soon to be new member **Jason Bradley** was a guest of **Wendy Pratt**.



**Jason Bradley    Dan Kucherka    Angie Barnard**

Announcements included President **Jane** saying that someone forgot to pick up the smoked salmon from last week's meeting and is in **Jane's** fridge.



Past President **Debbie Narver** reminded us of the clothing drive for December 9<sup>th</sup> and that they will receive clothing from 11:00am till 1:00pm. Also **Mike Minhas** is trying to arrange a clothing drop box at his store.



**Joan Ryan** passed out two sign out sheets for both the upcoming family breakfast on December 10<sup>th</sup> and the Rotary Xmas dinner on December 21<sup>st</sup>. Joan needs to finalize numbers of people coming soon.

**Doug Cowling** gave a Notice of Motion that the club donate \$2000 to Loaves and Fishes for infrastructure work.



**John Salem** reminded the club of the proposed Theatre Night for the Yellowpoint Spectacular on December 14<sup>th</sup> with Tickets at \$39. **John** needs to know numbers as soon as possible. **John** also told members that

December 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline for asking for a tax receipt if donations to the foundation were through the club.

**Douglas Anderson** was asking any club members who could help mentor new member **Jason Bradley**, to let **Douglas** know.

**Peggy Richardson** reminded us of the memorial for **Ann Holzworth** next Sunday and that rides for ferry walk-ons are still available. Contact **Peggy** if you need a ride.



**Janeane Coutu** gave a Notice of Motion that "*the club donate \$20,000 to the Central Vancouver Island Literacy from the proceeds of our book sale.*"

**Bob Janes** said the book sale committee is looking to spread the needed help to all club members as well as looking for volunteers to help man the Salvation Army Kettle on Saturday.



Seargent At Arms "Mr Dirt" **John Heisterman** took over the meeting and picked on the unexpected **Mike Herold** for not putting on the coveted Rotary Grey Cup Pool, fined **Dave Hammond** for today's speaker saying **Dave** was a great Real Estate agent and **Wendy Pratt** for not wearing her badge.

Happy and Sad bucks followed with **Mike Herold** giving a congratulations buck for **Donna Hais** being elected Vice Chair of The Nanaimo Port Authority.

**Ed Borisenko** donated \$70 and at first blush we thought maybe **Ed** was delirious but it turned out that the \$70 was from long time club member **Dale Huck**.

**Ian Williams** has a happy \$30 for his 30 years in the club and **Dave Hammond** gave a sad buck for "Mr. Rotry" **Bill Horman** who was in the hospital and waiting to be placed in a home. **Charles Ramos** gave a guilty buck for wearing another one of **Bob Wilson's** ties and **Gunter Raedler** was wondering where **John Heisterman's** garlic was this year. **Joan Ryan** had a happy buck for having two lunches with **Ian Williams** this week and **Natalie Tessier** giving a happy buck for her 38 years of marriage.

Table Stakes were won by **Dave Hammond** and the



chance to draw for the Ace of Spades was won by **Mikel Knutsson** but no cigar.

### **Speaker Notes for Friday 24 November 2017** **Mid-Island Economic Development Group**

by **John Hankins**

Reported by **John Shillabeer**

**John Hankins** was introduced by **Dave Hammond** who told us that John is the CEO of the Mid Island Development Group. The Group is a voluntary association of 16 businesses formed to boost the economic prospects of the region. John is originally from Glastonbury, England and migrated with his wife and three daughters to Calgary about 15 years ago. John was head hunted and came to Nanaimo about 18 months ago, initially to lead the Economic Development initiative for the city.

John began his talk by asking if any of us knew that one of the foremost Virtual Reality firms in the world is based in Qualicum Beach. No one was aware of Cloudhead Games. He then reeled off a list of highly successful local companies, but none were household names.



The Mid Island Development Group is non-political. They like to point out the advantages of Nanaimo for businesses. They do this primarily by relating the success stories of local firms. John feels that by citing the successes of others they are offering tangible proof that Nanaimo is a good place to locate.

John observed that most long-time residents of Nanaimo tend not to have a favourable view of Nanaimo. Also we often say that there isn't much to do here. On the other hand, fresh eyes see the advantages: tourists come away full of praise and visiting business leaders leave very impressed.

To attract companies, John and the Development Group are selling the west coast lifestyle at an affordable price. Vancouver is well established as a world class city, but its success has brought on many challenges: for example, exorbitant housing costs, congestion and/or long crowded commutes. Victoria's success is catching up with it too: housing costs are rising and traffic problems are certainly not getting any easier. But Nanaimo- Parksville-Qualicum offers a pleasant west coast lifestyle and reasonable costs. Surprisingly even technology related employers have to be told that there is a well-established university here with some 15,000 highly employable students and world class research.

John also mentioned that he has found it extremely easy to connect with senior people on The Island. People are much more approachable than was his experience in Calgary. John sees this as yet another advantage of our location, though it is difficult to convey objectively to prospective companies.

The Group is targeting satellite offices and the staff of established corporations. Once they are here, staff enjoy the surroundings, consequently are reluctant to leave and so employers experience high retention rates.

John mentioned in passing that it looks as if an hotel attached to the conference centre will become a reality at last. Marriott is very interested and John expects they will probably start breaking ground in the spring.

In answer to a question from the floor John said that he is putting top priority on attracting technology companies. He also sees opportunities for satellite offices of mining companies and for warehousing and distribution services.

In thanking John for his talk, **Wendy Pratt** said she first met John when she was on City Council and was highly impressed. She believes that he is a great resource for the future development of the Island. She presented John with a Rotary pen made by **Al Smith** as a memento of the occasion.



### **BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

#### **Birthdays**

Jiang, Henry	Dec 04
McDougall, Bob	Dec 06

#### **Anniveraries**

Bob McDougall, Peggy	67 years	Dec 02
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#### **Club Anniveraries**

Cowling, Doug	15 years	Dec 06
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### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

**Dec. 09, Clothing Drive 595 Townsite Rd**

**Dec. 10, Family Christmas Breakfast**  
**Bowen Park ClubHouse**

**Dec. 21, Bayview School Christmas Lunch**

**Dec. 21, Club Christmas Dinner Coast Bastion**

**May 4-5 2018, District Training and Conference**

**June 23-27 2018, Rotary International Conference**

## Polio eradication remains a top priority for Rotary.

### Statement of the 15th IHR Emergency Committee regarding the international spread of poliovirus

WHO statement

14 November 2017

The Committee unanimously agreed that the risk of international spread of poliovirus remains a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC), and recommended the extension of revised Temporary Recommendations for a further three months. The Committee considered the following factors in reaching this conclusion:

- The potential risk of further spread through population movement, whether for family, social or cultural reasons, or in the context of populations displaced by insecurity, returning refugees, or nomadic populations, and the need for international coordination to address these risks, particularly between Afghanistan and Pakistan, Nigeria and its Lake Chad neighbors, and countries bordering the Syrian Arab Republic.

The current special and extraordinary context of being closer to polio eradication than ever before in history, with the incidence of WPV1 cases in 2017 the lowest ever recorded.

- The risk and consequent costs of failure to eradicate globally one of the world's most serious vaccine preventable diseases. Even though global transmission of WPV1 has fallen dramatically and with it the likelihood of international spread, the consequences and impact of international spread should it occur now would be grave and a major set-back to achieving eradication.

- The risk of global complacency developing as the numbers of polio cases continues to fall and eradication becomes a tangible reality soon.

- The outbreak of WPV1 (and cVDPV) in Nigeria highlighting that there are high-risk areas where surveillance is compromised by inaccessibility, resulting in ongoing circulation of WPV for several years without detection. The risk of transmission in the Lake Chad sub-region appears high.

- The serious consequences of further international spread for the increasing number of countries in which immunization systems have been weakened or disrupted by conflict and complex emergencies. Populations in these fragile states are vulnerable to outbreaks of polio. Outbreaks in fragile states are exceedingly difficult to control and threaten the completion of global polio eradication during its end stage.

- The importance of a regional approach and strong crossborder cooperation, as much international spread of polio occurs over land borders, while also recognizing that the risk of distant international spread remains from zones with active poliovirus transmission.

[Read the complete statement](#)

Meeting Date	December 1 2017	December 8 2017	December 8 2017
Greeters	Dave Hammond, Mougéot, Ian Williams	John Heisterman, Norm Myden, Donna Hais	Carmon Henderson, Debbie Narver, David Woodward
Cashier	Christine Parsons	Christine Parsons	Christine Parsons
Sgt at Arms	Dave Hammond	Bruce Samson	Wayne Anderson
Inspiration	Joan Ryan	Doug Cowling	Behzad Forghani
Head Table	Pres Jane, Janeane Coutu Joyce Smith	Pres Jane, Dr. Mike Flesher, Charles Ramos	Pres Jane, Ian Kalina, Frank Shoemaker
Intro Guests	Joyce Smith	Susie Stephens	Brent Stetar
Intro Speaker	Janeane Coutu	Charles Ramos	Frank Shoemaker
Program	<b>Christmas Choral Presentation - small choral group</b>	<b>Coordination of Medical Response for International Disasters - Dr. Mike Flesher</b>	<b>Boys and Girls Club of Nanaimo and Central Vancouver Island - Ian Kalina</b>
Thank Speaker	Bob Janes	Frank Shoemaker	Allan Smith