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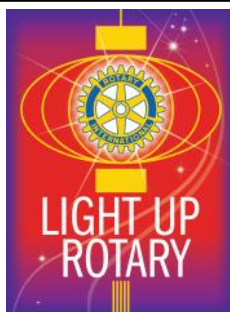
The first visit with Santa for Sam Poiron, grandson of Rotarian Bruce Samson, was at the Rotary Family Christmas Breakfast on Sunday.



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

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Meeting Notes from Dec 5th

By Lucie Gosselin



President Bob Wilson opened the meeting, **Ian Williams** led O'Canada and **Carey McIver** gave an invocation.

Frank Shoemaker asked for introduction of guests and visiting Rotarians. **Joan Ryan**

introduced her MBA intern and **Brent Stetar** introduced visiting Rotarian **Barry Sparks**, the AG for our region.

Wendy Pratt reminded everyone that she was collecting non-perishable goods and money for the Salvation Army today and next week. **Carey McIver**, on behalf of the International Service Committee, announced that we have received approval for a Global Grant to provide furnishings at an orphanage and for connecting a well both in Africa.



Frank Shoemaker brought a message from the mid-island international service committee of opportunities to travel to international destinations to deliver services. A group going to Guatemala in the new year is looking for one more volunteer and later in the year a group will be going to Ghana. If anyone is interested in the Guatemala trip, please call Frank as soon as possible.

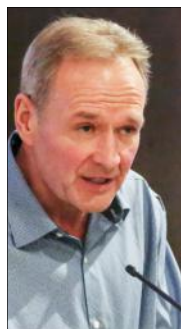
Joan Ryan reminded everyone of the

children's breakfast this coming Sunday at Bowen Park and of the Rotary dinner on December 18th at the Coast. Tickets for the dinner are \$37.50 per person.



John Heisterman reminded everyone of the Bayview Christmas lunch on December 17th. Volunteers will be needed as early as 10:00 am for preparation and lunch will be

served at noon. He volunteered **Barb Blinston** to again look after the collection of cookies for that day. Anyone having cookies to give should let Barb know. Please remember to avoid nuts because of allergies.



Bob Janes announced that the Salvation Army is still short of kettle volunteers. He encouraged everyone to consider doing it. He, himself finds it quite rewarding.

Lynne Pankratz gave a happy \$5 to second that. She just did her

first shift and said she is touched by the generosity of the citizens of Nanaimo.

Dave Hammond invited **John Heisterman** to come forward with his bag of tools for the big shave off of **Ian Williams'** beard. In the bag was a meat cleaver, side cutters, carving knives, a straight razor and side cutters among

other things. Finally an electric razor was brought out. **Frank Shoemaker** audited the contributions to Rotary Foundation to make sure we had exceeded the pre-requisite of \$500 We sure did. We raised \$1,300 for the Foundation. Those who donated in excess of \$100 were invited to come and work on the beard, which has been on Ian's face since 1973. **President Bob, Wendy Pratt, Yvan Gosselin and Charles Ramos** each took turns hacking at it.... It was a big job. Way to go **Ian Williams** !!!!

John Heisterman presented **Ian** with a wig to compensate for the heat loss on his face and **Dave Hammond** presented **Ian** with a hot water bottle and a scarf to hold on his face when he leaves the meeting.



92 years young!

The club sang happy birthday to our very own WWII veteran **Bob McDougall** who is celebrating his 92nd birthday tomorrow.

Various members had happy and sad bucks.

John Salem announced that he raised \$600 for the Hospital Foundation with his Brovember participation.

John Salem won the table stakes and **Lila Tanner**

won the opportunity to draw a card but luck was not on her side.



Great Movember Shave off

Of the two Rotarians who took part in the "Movember" campaign, first **Ian Williams** took the clippers to **Dave Hammond's** 'stash, and then all those who contributed to the shaving of Ian's beard took a turn in trimming it.

A whopping total of \$1,300 for Rotary Foundation was donated to pay for the shaving of Ian's beard, which he has had since 1973!

Well done to both Rotarians who made the sacrifice, and to those who contributed for Rotary Foundation.

Honorary PH Fellowship Awarded

During **DG Michael Procter's** visit to "Oceanside" on Dec 3rd, he presented **Vincent Kusi Kyei** with an Honorary Paul Harris Fellowship. Vincent is from Ghana, is studying at VIU and, during his short time in Nanaimo, has been a lynch pin in the Rotaract Club of Nanaimo, attended many meetings of the Rotary Clubs of Nanaimo/Lantzville and helped at many fund-raising events. The points used for Vincent's PHF were donated by all five clubs.

Membership Proposal

Unless a written objection is received by the secretary within the mandatory seven (7) days, the following applicant will be invited to join the Rotary Club of Nanaimo:

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Classification: Import/Export

Proposed by: Douglas Anderson

Leadership Vancouver Island

By Charles Ramos

The programme today was Leadership Vancouver Island, presented by **Russ Burke** and **Ricardo Manmohan**.



Derek Lewis introduced **Russ Burke** and **Ricardo** as today's presenters. Russ is a founding member of Leadership Vancouver Island and has had a long and illustrious

career as a career banker in Nanaimo and numerous positions of importance in the community. Some of his accomplishments are Past President of the Chamber of Commerce, 2003 C of C president of the year, and 2011 Business Leader of the Year.

Ricardo is a captain in the Army Reserve, and has been working with Leadership Vancouver Island for several years, and is the community liaison officer for outreach on the west coast of the island with the group.

Program

Leadership Vancouver Island began 10 years ago as an initiative between the Nanaimo Chamber of Commerce and VIU, developed as an academic program within VIU that addresses leadership on a grass roots level among community members and students. The program provides curriculum points to students, and focuses on working with organizations in the community to find solutions to problems they may be experiencing. Completion is at the end of the school year in May, however the relationship between the organization and LVI continues.

The LVI program begins with a two-day retreat at the beginning of the semester in which teams form to identify a local project. The teams then establish communication with a local community partner, and the remainder of the semester focuses on preparing a project objective, action items, and initiation of these action items. Some examples of achievements through the program that have become ongoing events include:

- **Child Development Centre advertising, outreach and fundraising.** The project identified the need for more awareness of the services offered by the CDC, and began an advertising campaign involving a video, brochures and gala fundraising event. The first year raised between \$30-\$40K in fundraising, and



Russ Burke

the exposure greatly enhanced local awareness of the group, which has carried on for many years.

- **Ladysmith Skate Park Rebuild.** This very ambitious project tackled full rebuild of the skate park, including public awareness, public informational meeting and fundraising activities, then carried through to full construction of the skate park through donated design, materials and labour by local businesses and residents.
- **Autism Group, Nanaimo.** The Autism Group worked with LVI to raise media awareness of their services, and held a number of informational seminars in conjunction with LVI to spread the word.

Russ then played a short video that discussed the benefits of the program through interviews with the students and business leaders participating. Glowing testimonials of the increased effectiveness of employees who had completed the program, as well as their impact on the respective businesses



ATTENDANCE

Attendance for December 5th was **63%**

We missed the following Rotarians:

D. Anderson, Blinston, Brand, Cowling, Finnegan, Gerrand, Grice, Hais, Henderson, Knutsson, Lessan, Myden, Narver, Raedler, Walker, Welch.

Visiting Rotarians: Barry Sparkes

Guests: Ricardo Manmohan, Russell Burke, Yan Xu

Birthdays:

Allan Smith on December 12th
Donna Hais on December 18th
Lynne Pankratz on December 31st

Douglas Anderson on January 3rd
Wahid Ali on January 5th

Spouse Birthdays:

Barbara Gordon (Bruce) Dec 15th
Nancy Ford (Wahid Ali) Dec 16th
Wendy McFarlane (Keith) Jan 3rd
Rita Raedler (Gunter) on Jan 8th

Wedding Anniversaries:

Charles Ramos & Sari Saunders, 15 years on December 18th
John and Sherry Heisterman, 45 years on December 20th

Club Anniversaries:

Rudi Steinmetz, 1 year, Dec 19th
Harry Cicconi, 57 years, January 1st

**ROTARY DISTRICT 5020
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WEEKLY CLUB PROGRAMS

Friday, December 12th

GREETERS Douglas Anderson,
Lucie Gosselin, Bruce Samson

CASHIERS Derek Lewis

SGT-AT-ARMS Lila Tanner

INVOCATION Norm Myden

HEAD TABLE Pres Bob Wilson, VP Brent Stetar,
Donna Hais, Lynne Pankratz,
Douglas Anderson, Wahid Ali

INTRODUCE GUESTS Mike Herold

INTRODUCE SPEAKER ~

PROGRAM
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Pres Bob and the Executive

THANK SPEAKER ~

Thursday, December 18th

Rotary Christmas Dinner

Coast Bastion Inn

- * Fellowship at 6:00 p.m.
- * Dinner at 7:00 p.m.
- * Entertainment

Tickets \$37.50 each / \$75 per Couple

Available from Joan Ryan on the 12th

Please have correct change

~ No Rotary Meetings ~

Friday, December 19th

Friday, December 26th

Friday, January 2nd, 2015

Friday, January 9th, 2015

GREETERS Barbara Blinston,
Ed Borisenko, Brent Stetar

CASHIERS Lila Tanner

SGT-AT-ARMS Dave Hammond

INVOCATION Bob Patrick

HEAD TABLE Pres Bob, Joan Ryan, Jane Currie,
Bob Janes, Ian Williams, Barbara
Blinston, Ed Borisenko, Brent Stetar

INTRODUCE GUESTS Bob Janes

INTRODUCE SPEAKER Jane Currie

PROGRAM
YOUTH PROTECTION
Joan Ryan

THANK SPEAKER Guenter Raedler

were highlighted. Especially significant were discussion by business managers of the enhanced skills learned by employees and their personal/professional growth that has led to expanded opportunities for the businesses.

Ricardo discussed a far-reaching initiative currently in progress focused on working with communities on the west coast of Vancouver Island, particularly issues that are faced by the small and relatively isolated communities. The program is creating communication links between business and governmental leaders in the communities to allow greater coordination and unified effort in finding solutions to issues. As part of this, a Rotary Club in Port Alberni is in the beginning stages of development. Ricardo noted that support from various local Rotary Clubs brings an organizational structure and legitimacy to many of LVI's initiatives.

Russ said that the LVI program has a single paid employee (Ricardo), and the remainder of the work is done on a strictly volunteer basis with support from Nanaimo Chamber of Commerce, VIU, and Rotary Clubs. It costs approximately \$2,000 for a participant to attend the year-long program, and any help in sponsoring a seat is greatly appreciated.

A number of questions were asked by the audience:

Janeane Coutu asked how projects are chosen? **Ricardo** answered that the project teams

are formed, and they brainstorm various ideas, and LVI also provides a list of available projects. Each team then chooses one to pursue.

Charles Ramos asked if participants from the organizations attend the program and use the resources to directly help their group? **Ricardo** said this does frequently happen; however, they need to make a good sales pitch to get the rest of the team to choose their project as the one to pursue.

Barry Sparks asked whether LVI keeps track of alumni? **Russ** said that many of the initiatives are ongoing, and often a number of different projects continue with the same organizations and past participants of the program.

Dave Hammond thanked the speakers and mentioned he is aware of the many benefits created by the LVI program. In particular, he is excited about a new Rotary Club in Port Alberni. He then presented one of **Dave Connolly's** handmade pens to both **Ricardo** and **Russ** as a token of our club's appreciation.



Dave Hammond thanked our speakers by presenting them with the coveted Rotary pen.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Until Jan 3—Festival of Trees, Nanaimo North Town Centre, Vote for our tree!

Wednesday, Dec 17—Rotary Christmas lunch at Bayview School.

Thurs, Dec 18—Travellers Tea. For more information see Susan Gerrard

Thursday, Dec 18—Rotary Christmas Dinner, Coast Bastion Inn: fellowship 6:00 pm, dinner 7:00. Cost \$37.50 each, \$75 per couple

Thursday, Feb 26—Rotary Inter-Club meeting at Nanaimo Golf Club. All five local clubs will be participating.



Winner of
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