

# ROTARY CLUB OF NANAIMO

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4797<sup>th</sup> Meeting

Friday, December 15, 2017



**Children of Rotary Families were delighted to see Santa arrive after breakfast  
at Bowon Park Club House on Sunday December 10, 2017**

Club Meeting Friday at 12:00 p.m.  
at the Coast Bastion Inn  
CLUB OFFICERS 2017-2018

President ----- Jane K. Currie  
Vice President ----- Carey McIver  
Secretary ----- Bob Janes  
Treasurer ----- Lynne Pankratz  
President Elect ----- Charles Ramos  
Immediate Past President -- Debbie Narver



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## MEETING NOTES FOR DECEMBER 8, 2017

By Charles Ramos

President **Jane Currie** called the meeting to order, and led the singing of the national anthem.

Our Inspiration today was delivered by **Lila Tanner** who reminded us to be thankful of all our blessings.

### Visiting Rotarians and Guests



Allan Herle

**Susie Stephens** called for visiting Rotarians and guests. There were no visiting Rotarians and one guest: **Allan Herle**, a Victoria engineer, introduced by **Charles Ramos**.

### Health of the Club

**Dave Hammond** reported that honorary member **Bob McDougal's** wife, **Peggy McDougal** has passed away. Bob himself is in the hospital after having a stroke.

### President's Remarks

President **Jane** briefly mentioned that the meeting is quite full today, with the AGM as well as a very interesting speaker.

### Announcements

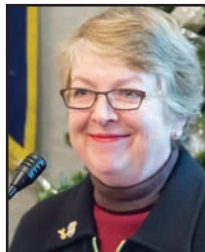
There were a number of announcements: **Janeane Coutu** announced that she is collecting Salvation Army food and cash donations.

She also made a motion for *our club to donate \$20,000 to Central Vancouver Island Literacy*. The motion was seconded by **Lucie Gosselin**, and approved by the members.

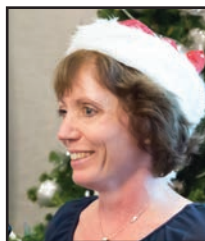
**John Salem** announced that attendees to the December 14 theatre night can meet for a meal at the Coast Bastion at 5:30 if they would like. A section of the restaurant is reserved. **Joan Ryan** announced that she has tickets available for the theatre night, our club's Christmas dinner, and the Christmas breakfast. Contact Joan for tickets.

**John Heisterman** announced that we are once again gearing up for the Dec. 21 Bayview lunch. Volunteers should plan to show up at Bayview school around 10:30.

**Lila Tanner** made a **Notice of Motion** for *our club to donate \$2,000 to Loaves and Fishes*



Pres. Jane



Janeane Coutu



John Heisterman

**Norm Myden** made a **Notice of Motion** on behalf of the International Service Club for a **\$1,000 donation to Project Amigo in Mexico**.

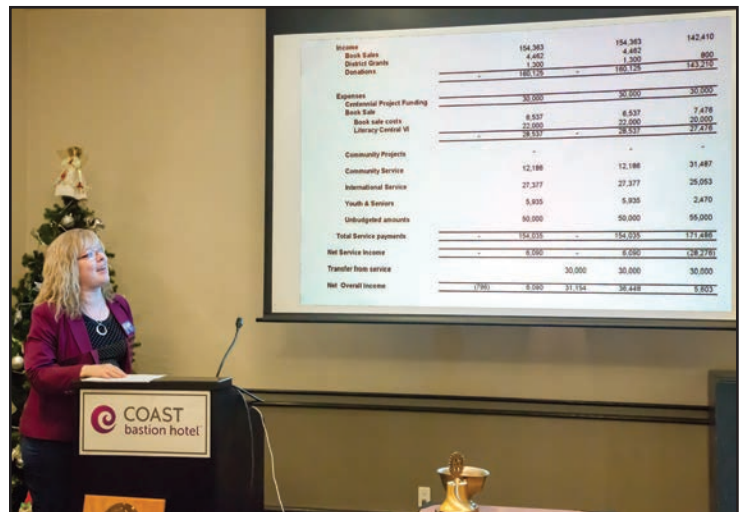


Norm Myden

**Brent Barootes** reminded the club about homeless clothing drive tomorrow from 11-1. Clothes are also being collected at member **Mike Minhas's** store.

### Annual General Meeting

The AGM was held, presided over by club Secretary, **Bob Janes**. Minutes from last year's AGM were read. A 2018 budget summary was given by **Lynne Pankratz**. Lynne made a motion to accept the budget, **Frank**



**Shoemaker** seconded, motion passed.

The new slate of club officers is as follows:

**President** – Charles Ramos

**President-elect** – Janeane Coutu

**Vice president** – Wahid Ali

**Treasurer** – Lynne Pankratz

**Secretary** – Bob Janes

2-year Directors	Continuing Directors
John Shillabeer	Henry Jiang
Peggy Richardson	David Woodward
Wendy Pratt	Christine Parsons

**Bob Janes** made a motion to accept the AGM, **Janeane Coutu** seconded, and it was accepted by the club. Following this, the Charitable Society AGM was held. **Lynne Pankratz** presented the budget then moved it be accepted. **Brent Stetar** seconded, and the club approved the budget. Officers for the Charitable Society are the same as for the club. **Bob Janes** made a motion to adjourn, **John Salem** seconded, and the club approved.

## Speaker Notes for December 8, 2017

By Joyce Smith

**Charles Ramos** introduced our speaker-**Dr. Mike Flesher**, medical director for Mobile Medical Unit for the Provincial Health Services Authority spoke on coordination of Medical Response for International Disasters. Dr. Flesher has for the past 17 years been an emergency physician in Nanaimo. He has been with Vancouver Island Urban Search and Rescue for 15 years. Mike has personally been involved with three disasters-two hurricanes-one in the Philippines and one in Micronesia and also an Ebola outbreak in West Africa.

The medical response team is expected to coordinate a team of 3 to 20 people within 24 hours of a disaster. The UN Ocha Clusters are responsible for the following areas- food, shelter, water and sanitation, health, displaced personal, nutrition, education, protection and recovery. The UNDA has a very structured team headed by the OSOCC Manager and everyone has their assigned position. OSOCC also has a Virtual site which shows alerts, disasters, simulator, training, meetings, discussions and data, maps and satellite imagery. This allowed the response team to be aware of the conditions at the disaster site, the status of the response, and what assistance is required. Statistics are shown on the website for Ocha to give an overview of the people affected and the region most affected, if it is an epidemic where in the region it is located etc.

What has to be coordinated? The team has to meet the assessed needs, avoid duplication of effort, make efficient use of resources and supply a system and monitor results. The team will often use local people to assist them. Mike gave two examples of two local people who helped the team. After the hurricane in the Philippines, there was no internet, telephone etc., he used a local resident who helped set up a stable internet connection. In another situation another resident helped them connect with the key politicians in the region so that they could expedite their assistance. Dr. Mike Flesher gave some examples also of the respect that the team received from the population while they were providing assistance. Mike said he felt he was completely safe on the streets.

Mike said it was important to remember when he was on the team that the local authorities are in charge and the World Health Organization was there to assist. The emergency team is also required to report status of the disaster for example in Haiti Cholera broke out and had to be reported. Once the immediate issues have been resolved transitional issues such as who is going to pay for medical care after the team leaves and other transitional issues must be addressed.



Near the end of his speech Dr. Mike Flesher came closer to home and talked about what we all should do to prepare for a disaster. At minimum a survival kit that includes: shelter-tarp and rope, tent and old clothes; food-canned food, can opener, fire starter and a stove; water-bottled and purified for at least 7 days minimum preferably for 14 days; small currency and any medical prescriptions required by the residence of the home.

**Questions:** **Bruce Samson** asked if they had ever worked with the Armed forces. Mike gave an example of a catastrophe where the armed forces helped transport necessary supplies and set up transportation and facilities. Dr Mike Flesher said there are 80 doctors around the world who are available and trained to respond to an international disaster. Mike also mentioned that as a volunteer you need to make sure you have on your person supplies such as food, clothing and shelter so you would be self sustaining for at least 72 hours, this would include a sat phone and sat connection for data.

**Janeane Coutu** asked whether security was a concern. Mike responded and said that they were identified by the vests that they wore and that he personally never felt unsafe. In the Ebola disaster he was trained to protect himself in handling the disease including how to put on and take off his protective clothing. In the Philippines if residents saw him in a line up they would push him to the front to make sure he got what he needed right away.

**Charles Ramos** asked how many calls he would respond to in a year. Mike responded he would have between zero and three calls per year and in one occasion while he was sleeping, a call came in and by the time he was awake, the team had already been filled and was in the air to the disaster.

**Frank Shoemaker** thanked the speaker for making us more aware of an aspect of disaster support that most of us are not really aware of.





Rotarians were encouraged to donate winter clothes for the homeless. Laurie Bienert, Debbie Narver and Susie Stephens helped sort the clothes. photo - Debbie Narver



Children and adults alike were delighted with the entertainment and food at our Family Breakfast.

## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

### Birthdays

Hais, Donna	Dec 18
Bienert, Laurie	Dec 30
Pankratz, Lynne	Dec 31
Anderson, Douglas	Jan 03

### Spouse Birthdays

Anderson, Douglas	Grice, Brenda	Jan 03
McFarlane, Wendy	McFarlane, Keith	Jan 03

### Anniveraries

Ramos, Charles - Saunders, Sari	Dec 18 18 years
Heisterman, John - Sherry	Dec 20 48 years

### Club Anniveraries

Bienert, Laurie	1 year	Dec 09
Steinmetz, Rudy	4 years	Dec 19
Currie, Jane	10 years	Jan 01

## DATES TO REMEMBER

**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**

Meeting Date	December 15 2017	December 21, 2017	January 5, 2018
Greeters	Carmon Henderson, Debbie Narver, David Woodward		Wahid Ali , Bob Janes, Wendy Pratt
Cashier	Christine Parsons		Egon Holzwarth
Sgt at Arms	Wayne Anderson		Guenther Raedler
Inspiration	Behzad Forghani		Yvan Gosselin
Head Table	Pres Jane, Ian Kalina, Frank Shoemaker		Pres Jane, Charles Ramos, Sari Saunders
Intro Guests	Brent Stetar		Ross White
Intro Speaker	Frank Shoemaker		Pres. Jane
Program	<b>Boys and Girls Club of Nanaimo and Central Vancouver Island - Ian Kalina</b>		<b>Galapagos Island -Charles Ramos &amp; Sari Saunders</b>
Thank Speaker	Allan Smith		Pres. Jane

**ROTARY CHRISTMAS DINNER**