

# ROTARY CLUB OF NANAIMO

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4,750th Meeting

Friday, December 2, 2016



PDG Ross White presented PP Brenda Grice with her 6th Paul Harris Fellow and PP Douglas Anderson with his 5th Paul Harris Fellow award at last week's meeting. —Photos by Ian Williams

**Club Meeting Friday at 12:00 p.m.  
at the Coast Bastion Inn  
CLUB OFFICERS 2016-2017**

President ----- Debbie Narver  
Vice President ----- Carey McIver  
Secretary ----- Bob Janes  
Treasurer ----- Lynne Pankratz  
President Elect ----- Jane Currie  
Immediate Past President ----- Lila Tanner



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## Meeting Notes from November 25th, 2016

By John Shillabeer

**President Debbie Narver** opened the meeting and we sang O Canada. **Doug Cowling** gave the invocation.

### Guests

**Bruce Samson** called for the introduction of visiting Rotarians and guests. **Yvan Gosselin** introduced **Geoff Clay** and **Peggy Richards** who are long time members of Rotary



Geoff Clay and Peggy Richards, guest of Yvan Gosselin



Charles introduced his two engineering partners.



Guests last week were Carol Walker & Christine deSouza

and recently moved permanently to Gabriola. We hope they will decide to join our club. **Charles Ramos** introduced his two engineering business partners: **Mat Rosenthal** and **Keith Davies**. **Lila Tanner** introduced **Carol Walker**, and **Moe Lessan** introduced

**Christina deSouza** who is well known to Rotary and is a Rotaract supporter.

### Health of the Club

**John Salem** reported that **Bob Fenty** is feeling a lot better after recovering from an adverse reaction to a flu shot. He is currently considering chemotherapy alternatives.

### Foundation

**Ross White** reported that Foundation month is going well and so far, up to the meeting, members had given over \$7,000 with more to come. Ross distributed papers and gave a brief presentation showing that Rotary Foundation is one of the top rated charities in the world. It is highly efficient with very low overhead costs and is highly accountable and transparent. Thus we can be confident that our contributions will be well used.

**Doug Cowling** recently found out that as a Rotary member you can arrange for the Foundation to receive a percentage of each purchase made through Amazon.

Ross made presentations to **Brenda Grice** and **Douglas Anderson** honouring their multiple Paul Harris awards for supporting the Foundation.

### Announcements

The question of succession planning was raised at the recent Board meeting. **President Debbie** announced that she will be initiating a drive to identify mentors and volunteers to ensure that skills and knowledge are retained.

The club AGM will be on December 9 and will be fol-

lowed by presentations.

The Club Christmas Dinner will be on December 15.

There will be no meeting on Friday December 16.

Based on a show of hands indicating there will be insufficient support, there will not be meetings on 23 and 30 December.

Elder College at VIU has set its spring course offering.

**President Debbie** distributed the course calendar for the interest of members.

**Dave Connolly** announced that there will be a hands-on project at Eden Gardens and he is looking for volunteers to help plant shrubs and trees between 11:00 and 12:30 on December 3.



**Joan Ryan** announced that the family Christmas breakfast will be from 9:00 to 11:00 am on December 11 at Bowen Park. Joan circulated a sign-up sheet and said that she would have tickets next week for the adults Christmas party.

**Douglas Anderson** announced that the nominating committee had identified willing volunteers for all positions coming vacant in June 2017. The list of nominees appear in the following article.

### Election of Officers at AGM

At the Friday, December 9th Annual General Meeting members will be called upon to elect a new slate of club officers. A list of candidates has been selected by the nominating committee made up of past presidents **Douglas Anderson**, **Bob Wilson** and **Lila Tanner**.

Those Rotarians standing for office are as follows:

President—**Jane Currie**

Vice President—**Carey McIver**

Secretary—**Bob Janes**

Treasurer—**Lynne Pankratz**

President-Elect—**Charles Ramos**

Directors (2 years)—**Fay Laing, David**

**Woodward, and Christine Parsons**

Directors (1 year)—**Susie Stephens, Moe Lessan, and Henry Jiang**

Nominations will be taken from the floor and a vote will be taken if necessary.

### Sergeant at Arms

**Dave Hammond** asked all members who attended the very successful Chemainus Theatre night to contribute a dollar.



After wondering out loud if we would have a Grey Cup pool this year (Charles?), Dave launched into a series of Grey Cup questions for the members. Amazingly members answered all questions correctly so there were no penalties.

Happy and sad bucks were cut off



for lack of time, although **Charles** did mention something about a wall or fence round his place in view of the US election result.

### The Draw

Against all probability, **John Salem** won *both* the table stakes *and* the card draw. However he only managed to draw the four of Clubs and so the pot continued to accumulate for next week's lucky person



## Fire and Loss Prevention

By Charles Ramos

Our presentation today was from the City of Nanaimo fire department's **Alan Milbank**. **Wendy Pratt** introduced Mr. Milbank.



Alan has been with the fire department for 10 years, and has been in his current job as Fire and Loss Prevention Officer for 6 years. In his time with the department, he has done many different jobs, including Fire Rescue and on-call firefighting. Much of his work now involves fire inspections of businesses, and public information training and outreach.

Alan discussed firefighting history in Nanaimo by presenting the following timeline:

- 1800's – the Bucket Brigade handled city fires for most of this time
- 1878 – the 'Black Diamond Engine Company' formed. This was a private organization that fought fires in order to get the insurance money.
- 1894 – the fire hall at the base of Nicol Street was dedicated
- 1901 – the first fulltime municipal fire department was formed
- 1913 – the department purchased two American LaFrance fire trucks. One of these is still around today
- 1967 – the department moved to Station 1 on Milton Street

Currently – the department is located in Station 4 on Cranberry

Some statistics from last year's fire department activities are:

- 7,500 emergency incidents
- 15,000 hours of training
- 3,000 fire safety inspections
- 360 fire investigations
- 3,500 people educated in fire safety



The department staffs and maintains separate divisions for Operations, Fire Loss and Prevention, Communication, Education, and Administration. The five main causes of fire are 1. Cooking, 2. Smoking, 3. Electrical, 4. Woodstoves, and 5. Laundry. Nearly all of the fires are preventable, and educating residents' about inspections that should be done, and routine maintenance is a major part of Mr. Millbank's work.



After several questions from the floor, President **Debbie Narver** thanked our speaker and presented him with a Rotary pen handmade from Garry Oak by **Allan Smith**.



Sgt-at-Arms Dave had Grey Cup questions for the club last week.

### DATES TO REMEMBER

**Dec 11th**—Family Christmas Breakfast—more information coming.

**December 15th**—Rotary Christmas Dinner

**Wednesday, Dec 21st**—Bayview Christmas Lunch, in the capable hands of John Heisterman

**May 4, 5, 6, 2017**—Spirit of Rotary DTA & Conference, Suquamish, WA. More details at [www.rotary5020.org](http://www.rotary5020.org)

*If you have any Rotary event you would like to advertise, please contact a COGS committee member*

### ATTENDANCE

By Bob Janes

Attendance for November 25<sup>th</sup> was **54%**

**We missed the following Rotarians:**

Ali, W. Anderson, Barootes, Brand, Currie, Forghani, Targhi, Gerrand, Hais, Henderson, Knutsson, McIver, Raedler, Shillabeer, J. Smith, Stetar, Tessier, Wittkofski, Zhang

### Visiting Rotarians:

Peggy Richardson and Geoff Clay

**Guests:** Carol Walker, Christina De Souza, Matt Rosenthal, Keith Davies

### Birthdays:

Bob McDougall, Dec. 6th

### Club Anniversary:

Bob & Peggy McDougall, 66 years on December 2nd

### Club Anniversary:

Doug Cowling, 14 years on December 6th

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**Rotary Foundation named World's Outstanding Foundation for 2016**



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The [Association of Fundraising Professionals](#) has recognized The Rotary Foundation with its annual Award for Outstanding Foundation.

The award honors organizations that show philanthropic commitment and leadership through financial support, innovation, encouragement of others, and involvement in public affairs. Some of the boldest names in American giving — Kellogg, Komen, and MacArthur, among others — are past honorees.

“We are honored to receive this recognition from the AFP, which gives us even more reason to celebrate during our Foundation’s centennial year,” says Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair Kalyan Banerjee. “The continued strong support of Rotary members will help us keep our promise of a polio-free world for all children and enable the Foundation to carry out its mission of

advancing world understanding, goodwill, and peace. We look forward to another 100 years of Rotary members taking action to make communities better around the world.”

The announcement came on 15 November, known to industry professionals since the 1980s as National Philanthropy Day. The award will be presented in early 2017 at the AFP’s annual conference in San Francisco.

Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair-elect Paul Netzel is set to accept the award on Rotary’s behalf, and Eric Schmelling, director of fund development at Rotary, will speak at the conference. The event is expected to draw more than 3,400 senior-level fundraising professionals from 33 countries.

“While almost everyone is familiar with Rotary, not everyone may realize just how much of an impact Rotary and The Rotary Foundation have had on countless people and communities across the globe,” says Jason Lee, AFP president and CEO. “On behalf of the entire charitable sector and people around the world, all of us at AFP are honored to be able to recognize The Rotary Foundation as our 2016 Outstanding Foundation.”

AFP’s committee of judges cited Rotary’s comprehensive campaign to eradicate polio as a major driver of the selection. They also mentioned that Rotary applies a methodical, purposeful approach to support a wide variety of causes, from providing clean water to educating the next generation of peace professionals.

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**WEEKLY CLUB PROGRAMS & MEMBER DUTIES**

MEETING DATE	<b>December 2nd</b>	<b>December 9th</b>	<b>December 15th</b>
GREETERS	Mike Herold, Bright Zhang, Bob Patrick	Joan Ryan, Wahid Ali, Wendy Pratt	<b>ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER</b> 
CASHIER	Egon Holzwarth	Egon Holzwarth	
SGT-AT-ARMS	Wahid Ali	David Hammond	
INVOCATION	Jane Currie	John Salem	
HEAD TABLE	Pres Debbie, DG Chris Offer, Ross White, Bob McDougall, Mike Herold, Bright Zhang, Bob Patrick	Pres Debbie, Lynne Pankratz, Bob Janes, Lila Tanner, Carey McIver, Jane Currie, John Salem	<b>Coast Bastion Inn Fellowship 6:00 p.m. Dinner at 7:00 p.m.</b>
INTRO GUESTS	Christine Parsons	Susie Stephens	
INTRO SPEAKER	Ross White	—	<b>NO ROTERY LUNCHEON MEETINGS ON DECEMBER 16, DECEMBER 23 AND DECEMBER 30</b>
PROGRAM	<b>LEAVING A ROTARY LEGACY</b> <i>Chris Offer, DG Zone 24—Ladner</i>	<b>ANNUAL GENEREAL MEETING</b> <i>President Debbie Narver</i>	
THANK SPEAKER	Brenda Grice	—	