

ROTARY CLUB OF NANAIMO

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Cold 25 knot winds stir up the surf at Neck Point in Nanaimo.

Photo by Ian Williams

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

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Meeting Notes from November 27th

By Janeane Coutu

Our meeting began with the traditional singing of our national anthem followed by **Mike Herold** delivering an inspirational invocation. **Janeane Coutu** introduced our visiting Rotarians; **Rod Mont** from Nanaimo Daybreak, **David Westcott** of Chilliwack and **Brent Barootes**, Calgary West but soon to be a member of our club.

President Lila announced celebrations for the week – **Bob and Peggy McDougall** celebrate 65 years of marriage, incredible - *Our congratulations to you both!* Club anniversaries this week – **Mike Herold** 24 yrs and **Ian Williams** 28 yrs, both got a round of applause.

President Lila then called upon **Douglas Anderson** as chair of the membership committee for induction of a new member. **Christine Parsons**, classification “Non-profit Executive” was proposed by **Ross White**, and her mentor is **Lynne Pankratz**. **Wayne Anderson** performed the induction and did an exemplary job. Secretary **Bob Janes** was brought up to present the Rotary pin and name badge – a full house at the front of the room.

Wayne asked all Rotarians to personally welcome Christine to our club.

Brenda Grice was next to make a presentation of a **Paul Harris Fellow** pin and certificate to **Lynne Pankratz** who didn't want a lot of fanfare, said Brenda. For the benefit of new members, she explained the PHF signifies a donation of \$1000 US to **The Rotary Foundation** which is our charitable foundation of Rotary, providing funding for projects locally and internationally, as well as peace fellowships and funds polio eradication. Brenda read a quote from the *District 5020 Newsletter* about a man from Africa who had first hand experience with impact of projects in his community. In the example of a well, saves a 6 mile walk x 4 times a day = 24 miles per day, x 1000 families = 9 million miles per year – and that is just ONE well. Brenda ended by thanking Lynne for her tangible and meaningful gift to the Foundation.

President Lila cautioned members that the donation is in US dollars and to not make the same mistake she did in not allowing for the exchange rate when making her Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY) contribution.



Visitor **Rod Mont** announced a **Beer & Burger** event Dec 9th at the *Old City Station Pub*. Tickets are \$20 and proceeds will go to *Hamperville*. Silent auction item donations would be gratefully received. Members were encouraged to take a poster away to hang at their place of business.

Joan Ryan circulated a sign-up sheet for the *Family Christmas Breakfast* on Sunday, Dec 6. Please sign up and indicate the number in your party so the chefs can be prepared.

Douglas Anderson announced the club **AGM** will be held next week, Dec 4. A nominating committee comprised of himself, **Joan Ryan** and **Bob Wilson** have been hard at work and have a slate of officers to be elected at the AGM. Of course nominations can come from the floor during the election, please notify **President Lila** if you wish to make a nomination at the AGM. The slate of officers for the 2016/2017 Rotary year are;

President – Debbie Narver
Vice President – Carey McIver
President Elect – Bruce Samson
Secretary – Bob Janes
Treasurer – Lynne Pankratz

Directors for a 2-year term; Susie Stephens, Moe Lessan, Henry Jiang. Directors with 1-year term remaining; Norm Myden, Charles Ramos and Kevin Cantelon.

John Shillabeer started to announce he needed a couple of volunteers on Sunday to load books into a truck but it turns out no help is required. Of note to members, we were gathering books to send in a container to Rwanda but that fell through so these books set aside are now headed for the Philippines.



Mike Herold was selling **Grey Cup** pool spots and thanked the club for their great support today, he was almost sold out. (And thanks to **Charles Ramos** who is the brain power behind making the board). The final draw will be put up on the website later today.

Dave Hammond announced to bridge players there were two sign-up sheets; one for Wed Dec 2 at **Lynne Pankratz** home and the other for Dec 16th which is a pot-luck dinner at **Lila Tanner's**.



Doug Cowling announced that the Grants committee did not need to meet after the meeting. And Doug kindly did Janeane's announcement that she had more “*Moments Matter*” calendars for sale, proceeds fund activities for the elders living with dementia at *Nanaimo Travellers Lodge*.



Proposed Slate of Officers for 2016-17 Rotary Year



Egon Holzwarth informed us he will be asking for cashier duty volunteers for the coming year. It's a great job for new members to take as they get to meet all the club members as they come into the meetings.

Sgt-at-Arms Joan Ryan took over the meeting and started with a quiz about moustaches;

When did the *Movember* movement first happen? *2003 in Australia*

What year did Canada join? *2007*

What is *Movember* about? *Men's health*

What is Nanaimo's version of *Movember*? *Brovember, funds raised go to men's diagnostic equipment at NRGH*

We had numerous happy bucks from members. I only have room to note a couple;

Dave Hammond reminded us that next week is the big *Shave Off* at the club; monies earned will be split with **John Salem's** *Brovember* team and TRF.



Wahid Ali was sorry he missed the day of celebration for **John Morris** but shared a wonderful story of John being his caddy on his first game of golf.

Charles Ramos won the table stakes, **Janeane Coutu** (and not a popular win, tough crowd!) won the opportunity to draw for the ace of spades, but no success so the pot continues to grow—over \$300 now!



Culture & Heritage; It's Who We Are

Reported by Ellen Ross

Our guest speaker **Susan Sambourski**, from the City of Nanaimo, Culture and Heritage department was introduced by past president **Bob Wilson**. Susan started her presentation by discussing the formation of cultural strategies 2 years ago. These strategies were devised for the period of 2014 – 2020. There was a community consultative process, through a series of open meetings, and it took over 1 ½ years to develop the strategies, based on the input from our community.

City Council at that time had established that cultural vitality was an important pillar of sustainability in its Corporate Strategic Plan. It was understood that cultural vitality is a major driver in building prosperous and successful cities. The City of Nanaimo also recognized the growing importance of the role played by creativity, innovation, arts and culture and quality of place, for a healthy vibrant community. They also recognized that Nanaimo's heritage resources contribute effectively to Nanaimo's prosperity and quality of life for its citizens.

The new Nanaimo Cultural Plan was developed in-house

by city staff (Susan and 3 other staff) with assistance from the Nanaimo Museum, Port Theatre, Vancouver Island Symphony, Crimson Coast Dance Society, and Centre for the Arts, Nanaimo and the Nanaimo Conservatory of Music. At each phase of the process, the community was engaged the with stakeholders, business, council and commissions consulted for input.

The Culture and Heritage Department was launched in December 2013 by combining two program areas formerly embedded in separate departments, into one new department. The City's intent was to foster the importance and visibility of cultural vitality as one of the four pillars of sustainability in the Corporate Strategic Plan as adopted by City Council in 2012. The Department's work was guided by the 2014-2020 Cultural Plan for a Creative Nanaimo (2014) and the Heritage Conservation Program (2002). Susan then disused what the meaning of culture was. She said culture is what defines us as a community and a people. It is about our history, our values and beliefs that evolve over time. It is central to our identity. Our culture is what makes our city unique, distinctive and vibrant. It is everything that enriches our lives. Culture is about quality of life and pride of place and makes our city look and feel the way it does. Culture is why people love where they live.

She went on to say municipal cultural planning is a powerful tool for building local economies. It is about "Quality of Life" & "Quality of Place" It is about leveraging cultural assets and resources; it establishes cultural vitality as an important "Pillar of Sustainability" placed equally alongside with environmental, economic and social dimensions of a community. Municipal cultural planning brings cultural considerations into all aspects of municipal planning and decision making.



ATTENDANCE

By Bob Janes

Attendance for November 27th was 64%

We missed the following Rotarians

Cantelon, Fenty, Finnegan, Gerrand, Y. Gosselin, Henderson, King, Knutsson, Lessan, Lewis, McIver, Narver, Pratt, Raedler, Salem, Zhang

Visiting Rotarians: Brent Barootes, David Westcott, Rod Mont

Guests: Suzanne Samborski

Makeups: Bob Fenty and Brenda Grice

Birthdays:

Bob McDougall on December 6

Club Anniversaries

Doug Cowling, 13 years on December 6th

She discussed the Cultural Managers Working Group composed of the Nanaimo Museum, Vancouver Island Symphony, Crimson Coast Dance Society, and Centre for the Arts, Nanaimo Archives and the Nanaimo Conservatory of Music. She also discussed the partnerships with the Snuneymuxw First Nations, Nanaimo Public Schools, VIU, and the Chamber of Commerce.

Engagement and education is an important aspect of Nanaimo Culture and Heritage. They have multiple events they hold regularly. They have a Community Heritage Registry that they sponsor through grants as well as grants for public art and the Culture and Heritage Awards. They have pamphlets on heritage walks and bike rides and also a monthly newsletter with community activities.

The website is:

<http://www.nanaimo.ca/assets/Departments/Culture~Heritage/Newsletters/2015DecemberCultureHeritageNewsletter.pdf>

A team made up of professional cultural managers from The Port Theatre, Nanaimo Art Gallery, Nanaimo Heritage, from the recommend policy to Council regarding the planning, development and provision of City culture and heritage services and facilities, and heritage conservation matters.

Advise Council on cultural and heritage matters, issues and priorities.

Advise Council on opportunities for culture and heritage development; and the implications of development on Nanaimo's heritage.

Advise Council on heritage conservation of historical buildings, structures and sites in our community, including the conservation and importance of archaeological sites and material.

Provide policy advice regarding public art and the Com-

munity Plan for Public Art.

Make recommendations to Council regarding the distribution of various cultural and heritage grants.

Maintain a cultural and heritage awards program.

Our speaker was thanked by **Brenda Grice**, who presented Susan with the coveted Rotary Pen as a memento of her presentation to Rotary.



KETTLE VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED

The Salvation Army is looking for volunteers to help with their annual Kettle Campaign. If you can spare a few hours this holiday season, please contact **Dawne Anderson** at *The Salvation Army* or send **Bob Janes** bob@islandoffice.ca a quick email back and he will help to arrange a shift or two. Many of the locations are indoors and most shifts are only 2.5 hours. They were very short of volunteers for the first week which began last week.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Sunday, Dec 6—Family Christmas Pancake Breakfast, Bowen Park. Bring your children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews—just make sure you provide a wrapped gift for each child you bring!

Wednesday, Dec 16—Bayview School Christmas Lunch. Rotary volunteers needed.

Friday, Dec 18—Christmas Dinner at Coast Bastion, fellowship at 6 pm, dinner at 7 pm—More details will be forthcoming.

WEEKLY CLUB PROGRAMS & MEMBER DUTIES

MEETING DATE	Friday, December 4th	Friday, December 11	Friday, December 18
GREETERS	Susan Gerrand, Bob Patrick, Bright Zhang	Wayne Anderson, Wendy Pratt, Keith McFarlane	
CASHIER	Ellen Ross	Ellen Ross	NO NOON
SGT-AT-ARMS	Bruce Samson	John Shillabeer	MEETING
INVOCATION	Bob Janes	Henry Jiang	
HEAD TABLE	President Lila and Club Executive, Bob McDougall, Bright Zhang, Susan Gerrand, Bob Patrick	President Lila, Debbie Trueman, Charles Ramos, Donna Hais, Wendy Pratt, Wayne Anderson, McFarlane	Christmas Dinner
INTRO GUESTS	Bob Fenty	Richard Finnegan	at Coast Bastion Inn
INTRO SPEAKER	—	Charles Ramos	
PROGRAM	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING <i>President Lila & Club Executive</i>	CHRISTMAS AT THE MUSEUM <i>Debbie Trueman</i>	Fellowship from 6:00 p.m. Dinner at 7:00 p.m.
THANK SPEAKER	—	Egon Holzwarth	