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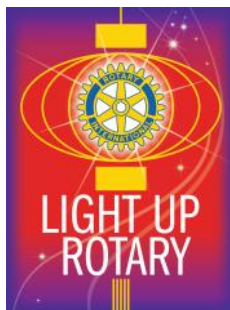


Three of the FLR—*Fabulous Ladies of Rotary*—who presented the program at last week's Rotary meeting; Wendy Pratt, Janeane Coutu and Brenda Grice

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

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Meeting Notes from Nov 28th

By Janeane Coutu

After singing the national anthem, **Joan Ryan** led us in an invocation. **John Heisterman** called for the introduction of visiting Rotarians. **Donna Hais** introduced her business partner and father, **Bob Wall** of the Daybreak Rotary club. Guests included **Stephen Cochrane** and **Kim Chalmers**, both guests of **Richard Finnegan**, **Nick Barrett** who was the guest of **Eric Brand** and **Lisa Reid** long time family friend of **John Morris**.



Richard Finnegan introduced his guests, Kim Chalmers and Stephen Cochrane.



Douglas Anderson announced the club AGM will be held on December 12th which includes election of new officers. The nominating committee has been working to fill the positions of President-elect and up to three Directors. If you are interested in serving in either capacity in the 2015/2016 Rotary year, please contact one of the committee members; **Douglas Anderson**, **Joan Ryan** or **Dave Hammond**.



Guests Nick Barrett, Bob Wall and Lisa Reid.

President Bob Wilson announced that **Wendy Pratt** has volunteered to collect food and cash donations for the *Salvation Army* for the next two Fridays. (cheques payable to the *Salvation Army*).

Joan Ryan announced that **Chris Beaton** from Tillicum Haus is looking for a sponsor for a food hamper for a single parent family with mom and four children, ages 7, 5, 3 and a few months old.

Joan asked if there was a business that would be interested in sponsoring this family, or perhaps the club. The deadline to put together the hamper is December 18th. Contact Joan if you can help.



A face that hasn't been seen since 1973 will be unveiled next Friday!

Dave Hammond asked **John Heisterman** and **Ian Williams** to join him at the podium to announce that next week will be the shave-off for *Movember*, with proceeds going to the *Rotary Foundation*. John will sharpen his straight razor (or maybe not) and bring the necessary equipment for the shave. **Ian Williams** has agreed to have ALL his facial hair shaved (*he has sported the full beard and moustache since 1973!*) if the bidding topped \$500. With no hesitation, **President Bob** offered \$100 and **Dave** followed with his pledge of \$100 and very quickly several hands were raised with matching bids – I don't think we will have any problem exceeding that target Ian! Next Friday will be the final day to donate to *Rotary Foundation* through the club, so bring your cash or chequebook.

Joan Ryan also reminded us that the *Family Christmas Breakfast* is Sunday, Dec 7th at Bowen Park. RSVP to Joan and remember to bring a gift from Santa for your child.



Lila Tanner thanked those Rotarians that came out Thursday night to help host at the *Festival of Trees*. It was wonderful to see the support from members and was a fun night. Nanaimo North Town Centre staff were pleased we could help, it was a great event for everyone.

President Bob reminded us of the *Bayview Lunch* on December 17th.

John Heisterman added that he has the event organization well in hand, and he has purchased a pair of gloves for each child to go in their goody bag. Volunteers will be needed for the luncheon so keep the date free, and get busy baking some Christmas treats for dessert.

President Bob reminded us of the *Rotary Christmas Dinner* on Thursday, December 18th at the Coast Bastion Inn, meal price will be announced next week promises Joan.



Sgt-at-Arms Report:

Sgt-at-Arms Bruce Samson fined **Donna Hais** \$5 for her picture in the paper and congratulated her on being appointed to the Port Authority Board. Tablemates were fined \$1 for the privilege of sitting with her, and **Bob Wall** was fined \$2 as her proud father.



Janeane Coutu and **Wendy Pratt** were fined \$5 for the FLR comment in the email reminder about today's program, and all the other female Rotarians were fined \$1 for being the *Fabulous Ladies of Rotary*. **Lila Tanner** had \$2 for being proud of everyone that came to help at the Festival of Trees.

Charles Ramos had some happy bucks and suggested that if **John Heisterman** had gone hunting instead of Hawaii, he could have made deerskin mittens for the kids.



The table stakes were won by **Charles Ramos**, and **Dave Hammond** tried the card draw without success.

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:

ELLEN ROSS

Classification: Geriatric Health
Proposed by: Barbara Blinston

Fabulous Ladies of Rotary

By Charles Ramos

Our speakers last week were three of our own members. Billed as the "Fabulous Ladies of Rotary", **Brenda Grice** and **Janeane Coutu** walked us through the Rotary grant process, while **Wendy Pratt** gave us an example of the results of such Rotary generosity.

Program

Brenda opened the program by highlighting some of the ways our club and others in the area are using Foundation grants to local projects, and to introduce the other speakers. **Janeane** is the chair of our clubs' community grants committee, and **Wendy** is a committee member speaking today from the perspective of a grant recipient.



Janeane's presentation identified the two areas of available funding for community projects: general community grants and District community grants. The District grants are her area of

focus. These are available for funding up to \$3,500, and are paid on a reimbursable basis. The application deadline is April 1, and the project must be complete by the following May 1. The six areas of focus that the grants are available to help with are:

- Peace and conflict prevention/ resolution\
- Disease prevention and treatment
- Water and sanitation
- Maternal and child care
- Basic education and literacy
- Economic and community development

Our club has taken advantage of this program for the past eight years, and new ideas are needed for 2015. Gener-

ally, one grant per year is available, but sometimes there is additional funding available, so it's always good to have a number of applications.

Wendy then spoke from the viewpoint of a grant recipient. While managing Nanaimo Hospice, the organization had the 'Serenity Garden' project funded through a District community grant. This project consisted of construction of a garden, a re-circulating river, and cedar fencing around the Hospice grounds. The peaceful setting created by the garden has had an enormous positive impact on Hospice users and caregivers, as the tranquil surroundings and privacy provide a calm place for introspection and reflection. Wendy identified a number of other positive impacts achieved with the community grants, including promoting health, providing incentives, protecting the vulner-



able, providing safe refuge, and providing nutrition to local children and youth.

The fabulous speakers were thanked by **Frank Shoemaker**, who mentioned that the club now has a better understanding of the grant opportunities, and we can benefit from (and contribute to) the energy of this committee.



A number of Rotarians were on hand Thursday night at Nanaimo North Town Centre as the mall hosted a Chamber of Commerce 'Business-After-Business' promoting *Festival of Trees*. Our Rotarians served the food and refreshments provided by the mall for the fifty-or-so local business and professional people who attended the function.

ATTENDANCE

By Bob Janes

Attendance for Nov 28th was **64%**

We missed these Rotarians

W. Anderson, Blinston, Cantelon, Cowling, Gerrand, Knutsson, Lessan, McIver, Narver, Patrick, Raedler, Salem, Welch.

Visiting Rotarians:

Bob Wall of Nanaimo Daybreak

Guests:

Lisa Reid, Stephen Cochrane, Kim Chalmers, Nick Barrett

Birthdays:

Bob McDougall on December 6th

Spouse Birthdays:

Gord Buzzard (Sharon Welch) on December 11th

Club Anniversaries:

Doug Cowling, 12 years, Dec 6th
Bob Patrick, 22 years, Dec 11th

**ROTARY DISTRICT 5020
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WEEKLY CLUB PROGRAMS

Friday, December 5th

GREETERS	Douglas Anderson, Lucie Gosselin, Bruce Samson
CASHIERS	Derek Lewis
SGT-AT-ARMS	John Shillabeer
INVOCATION	Carey McIver
HEAD TABLE	Pres Bob, Russ Burke, Derek Lewis, Bob McDougall, Douglas Anderson, Lucie Gosselin, Bruce Samson
INTRODUCE GUESTS	Carmon Henderson
INTRODUCE SPEAKER	Derek Lewis
PROGRAM	LEADERSHIP VAN. ISLAND <i>Russ Burke</i>
THANK SPEAKER	Lucie Gosselin

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, VP Brent, Secretary Bob, Treas Lynne, Debbie, Frank, Bob F, Richard, Bob P, Bruce S, Donna Hais
INTRODUCE GUESTS	Mike Herold
INTRODUCE SPEAKER	~
PROGRAM	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING <i>Pres Bob and the Executive</i>
THANK SPEAKER	~

Thursday, December 18th



Rotary Christmas Dinner

Coast Bastion Inn

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

~ No Rotary Meetings ~

Friday, December 19th
Friday, December 26th
Friday, January 2nd, 2015



Lila Tanner and Wendy Pratt flank our Rotary Christmas tree at the Festival of Trees. Make a donation, support B.C. Children's Hospital and vote for our tree

DATES TO REMEMBER

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

Sunday, Dec 7—Family Christmas Break-fast, Bowen Complex, from 9 to 11 am

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

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

Thursday, Dec 18—Rotary Christmas Dinner, Coast Bastion Inn: fellowship 6:00 pm, dinner 7:00. Cost TBA

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



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