

ROTARY CLUB OF NANAIMO

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4796th Meeting

Friday, December 8, 2017



Catherine Gunn led a children’s choir from Aspengrove School. They delighted Rotarians and guests with their repertoire of Christmas songs. Following the choir’s presentation, Rotarians and guest joined the choir to sing a few seasonal favorites.

Club Meeting Friday at 12:00 p.m.
at the Coast Bastion Inn
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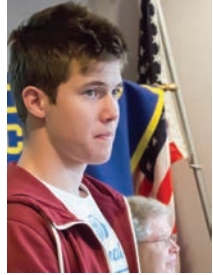
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Meeting notes for December 1, 2017

by Denise Wittkofski

President **Jane** opened the meeting a bit early in anticipation of the special Christmas choir concert. **Joan Ryan** offered a lovely inspiration for all.

Joyce Smith welcomed visiting Rotarians and guests to our meeting. **Joan Ryan** introduced **Peter Bartok** from Brazil and **Coco (Pin-Chen Lee)** from Taiwan. **Susie Stephens** presented future District Governor Elect **Craig Gillis** and District Youth Protection Officer **Ron Fisher**.



Peter Bartok



Coco Lee

Nanaimo North Rotary member **Frank Allen** was visiting to attend his son-in-law **Jason Bradley**'s induction to our club today.

Today's guests included **Egon Holzwarth**'s daughter **Lisa** and granddaughter **Tara**, **Goeff Clay** and **Peggy**



Tara

Egon

Lisa



Kerry Bradley

Richardson's daughter **Elizabeth** and **Jason Bradley's** wife **Kerry**.

Announcements included **Janeane Coutu** asking for Salvation Army donations. **Mikel Knutsson** reminded us of the Loaves and Fishes donation.

Joan Ryan prompted everyone to check the three sign-up sheets circulating for Theatre Night, the Christmas Dinner and Family Christmas Breakfast.

Lila Tanner reminded everyone about the Bayview Elementary Christmas lunch December 21. She also reminded us about the Rotary Foundation Nov-Dec. annual fund campaign. The Club will match a members donation to the Foundation up to a maximum of 200



Paul Harris points towards their next Paul Harris award. **Lynne P** added that Friday was the last day to give her a cheque but that we could continue to donate on-line until December 31. Remember to get your donation in by December 30 if a

receipt is needed for 2017.

The Board hopes this recognition will encourage participation and convey our appreciation to all donors."

Frank Shoemaker called for a motion to approve our \$2000 US Los Aleas Mexico school improvement proj-



Egon Holzwarth



Norm Myden

ect. **Bruce Sampson** seconded the motion and the vote carried unanimously.

Norm Myden called for a motion to approve a \$1000US Guatemala Literacy Project. **Lila Tanner** seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Egon Holzwarth asked for volunteers to handle cash at the front desk at future meetings.

Dave Hammond was happy to announce that we after a year and have we received approval from Nanaimo City Council to move forward with our Centennial project. **Christy McDonald** from the city's Parks and Recreation will attend a meeting in the New Year to discuss details of the planning process, which will involve the centennial committee and club as a whole. The project will be located on the waterfront on corner of the Millstone River and Harbour. We will also be talking to the Child Development Center for improvements to a playground.

President **Jane** moved the meeting to the induction of new member **Jason Bradley**. His sponsor **Wendy Pratt** introduced Jason and his wife **Kerry**, who have been married for 19 years. She also mentioned their children **Jack**, 18 and **Grace**, 16, who is on a Rotary exchange in Larvik Norway. Jason and Kerry were also hosting **Peter**, an exchange student from Hungary, who also attended our meeting, Jason joined the Nanaimo Fire and Rescue 25 years ago and is currently the captain of Informatics and Communication. He manages the 911-dispatch center and all the technology in the fire department. Jason's grandfather, **Gunner Magnuson** was a long time Rotarian at Nanaimo North and his father in law, **Frank Allen**, is a member of Nanaimo North as well. Jason is very involved with youth and contributes so much of his time to youth involvement. He looks forward to getting involved with youth in the Rotary.

Past President **Debby Narver** conducted Jason's induction and announced that in accordance with the bylaws of our club, the membership committee has ap-



Wendy Pratt, Lila Tanner, Jason Bradley, Debbie Narver

proved Jason's membership. After the formal induction, Debbie presented Jason with his official membership badge and an information package and Wendy placed the pin on his shirt. We all welcome Jason to our club.

Speaker Notes for December 1, 2017

Reported by Joyce Smith



Joyce Smith

What a great way to ease back into being a reporter by having a program like the one this week.

Christmas Carols were the program for this week. Janeane Coutu introduced the singers from the Aspen Grove School. The school is a private school which offers the International Baccalaureate program teaching Grades 3 to 12 children. The twenty-two students singing were from grades 4 to 7 and the chorus was led by **Catherine Gunn**.

The first piece was "Dona Nobis Pacem" –which in English means Give Us Peace; followed by "Child of Peace" composed by David Wagner a Canadian Composer; "Silent Night" partnered with a song "All of a Silent Night" and "Finally Something About Xmas Time" a Brian Adam's song. It was a real pleasure listening to the children singing and watching even the shy ones getting involved.

The singing started to go downhill when Catherine Gunn challenged the Rotarians to join the chorus for the last three songs. The first "Jingle Bells Rock" was a bit Rocky but by the time we sang "Frosty the Snowman" and "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer" we were all on a roll and ready for Christmas. Bob Janes thanked the Aspen Grove Singers for bringing their Joy to the club.

After the lovely choral group presentation, Sergeant At Arms **Dave Hammond** noted that **Mikel Knutsson**

had the choice of being his assistance or be fined for his Christmas sweater and Mikel chose the latter, or easy way out. **Dave** started by fining **Brett Barootes** for showing up at the meeting where he was actually supposed to serve as Sergeant, **Frank Allen** as a current Sergeant at Arms for coming to the meeting to honour his son-in-law, and **Joyce Smith** for sporting what should be a February 28 tan.

All members who had their Christmas tree or Christmas lights up were fined \$1.

Happy bucks started with **Dave** offering a happy buck for **Egon Holzwarth's** return.

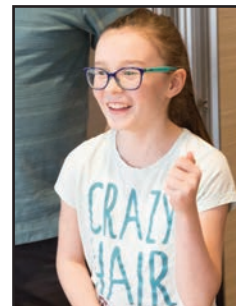


Mikel Knutsson collects happy bucks from Ron Fisher, District Youth Protection and Craig Gillis, DG 2018 - 2019

Joan Ryan gave a happy \$1 for visiting with the Lantzville club and \$1 for the visiting exchange students who hoped to go skiing and horseback riding while in Nanaimo.

Lucie Gosselin happily gave \$1 for the Air Canada announcement offering direct non-stop flights between Nanaimo and Toronto four times a week starting June 21. It's the first wide body plane to fly out of our modest airport.

More happy bucks included **Ron Fisher** for Jason's induction, **Goeff Clay** and **Peggy Richardson's** daughter **Elizabeth** for getting the day off from school, and **Peggy Richardson** for getting to spend the day with her daughter. Dad **Goeff** gave a sad buck for having to travel next week to the US.



Brian gave a happy buck for our exchange students, and **Suzie** echoed Elizabeth's happy buck for not having to go to work today or any day,

Egon Holzwarth offering a heartfelt happy \$5 for his family and for everyone's support these past few weeks.

Wendy celebrated her son's 45th birthday with a happy buck.

Table stakes were won by Debbie Narver.

Peggy and Goeff's daughter **Elizabeth** won the chance to draw for the Ace of Spades, but no luck.

Rotary's December Theme is Disease Prevention and Treatment.

by District Governor Tom Carrol



Our health is everything. Yet 400 million people in the world can't afford or don't have access to basic health care. We believe good health care is everyone's right. Disease results in misery, pain, and poverty for millions of people worldwide. That's why treating and preventing disease is so important

to us. We lead efforts both large and small. We set up temporary clinics, blood donation centers, and training facilities in underserved communities struggling with outbreaks and health care access. We design and build infrastructure that allows doctors, patients, and governments to work together. Our members combat diseases like malaria, HIV/AIDS, Alzheimer's, multiple sclerosis, diabetes, and polio. Prevention is important, which is why we also focus on health education and bringing people routine hearing, vision, and dental care. Rotary makes amazing things happen, like:

Providing clean water: Rotary has worked with partners to provide more than 80 percent of Ghana's people with clean water to fight Guinea worm disease.

Reducing HIV infection: In Liberia, Rotary members are helping women get tested for HIV early in their pregnancies. They used prenatal care to reduce new HIV infections in children by 95 percent.

Ending polio: Rotary members have played a key role in bringing the world to the brink of polio eradication. Their efforts have not only ended polio in 122 countries but also created a system for tackling a myriad other health priorities, such as Ebola.

Paul Harris said -

In the clashes between ignorance and intelligence, ignorance is generally the aggressor.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

Smith, Allan	Dec 12
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

Anniversaries

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

Club Anniversaries

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

DATES TO REMEMBER

Dec. 09, Clothing Drive 595 Townsite Rd

Dec. 10, Family Christmas Breakfast

Bowen Park ClubHouse

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 8 2017	December 15 2017	December 21, 2017
Greeters	John Heisterman, Norm Myden, Donna Hais	Carmon Henderson, Debbie Narver, David Woodward	
Cashier	Christine Parsons	Christine Parsons	
Sgt at Arms	Bruce Samson	Wayne Anderson	
Inspiration	Doug Cowling	Behzad Forghani	
Head Table	Pres Jane, Dr. Mike Flesher, Charles Ramos	Pres Jane, Ian Kalina, Frank Shoemaker	
Intro Guests	Susie Stephens	Brent Stetar	
Intro Speaker	Charles Ramos	Frank Shoemaker	
Program	Coordination of Medical Response for International Disasters - Dr. Mike Flesher	Boys and Girls Club of Nanaimo and Central Vancouver Island - Ian Kalina	
Thank Speaker	Frank Shoemaker	Allan Smith	

**ROTARY CHRISTMAS
DINNER**