

ROTARY CLUB OF NANAIMO

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Good day for a swim? Ian took this photo when a couple of brave scuba divers decided to try out the waters surrounding Neck Point on the weekend.

—Photos by Ian Williams

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

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Meeting Notes from February 3rd, 2017

By John Shillabeer

President Debbie, chauffeured by husband **Doug** and along with members and guests, ploughed through inclement snow and ice to preside over the meeting. We began on time with O Canada and the invocation by **Brenda Grice**.



President Debbie then asked us to observe a minute silence in memory of **Mathieu Ennis** who was killed recently in a road accident. Mathieu was an active member of Rotaract and a very willing helper at the Book Sale and Rotary generally. Debbie suggested that we name a scholarship in memory of Mathieu. She will take this up with the community grants committee and directors.

Introductions

Bruce Samson called for the introduction of visiting Rotarians and guests.

Janeane Coutu introduced **Derek Rickwood** from the North Club, who would shortly address the Club. **Douglas Anderson** introduced his guest **Marion Powall**, who was here from Australia to ski. He then introduced **Charlotte Mougeot** and her husband **Steve Morison**. Charlotte was about to become the newest member of the Club.



Induction



Douglas Anderson introduced **Charlotte Mougeot** who has been in Nanaimo for about 18 months, having previously lived almost everywhere in Canada. Her profession is environmental consulting, permitting and project management. She is now semi-retired.

Brenda Grice performed the induction, presenting Charlotte with her membership certificate and Rotary pin. **Lila Tanner** will be Charlotte's mentor.

Announcements



Derek Rickwood spoke about the upcoming celebration of the **Rotary Foundation Centennial** being organised by the five Nanaimo clubs. It will be held on 1 April at Beban Park starting at 6:30 pm. Highlights will include awards of ten Paul Harris Fellowships, a special birthday cake prepared by the Coast Bastion Chef, a raffle of five special books and displays by each of the five clubs. Capacity will be up to 300 and a good turnout is expected including local dignitaries, movers and shakers as well as club members. The organising committee is currently looking for sponsors and volunteers.

Wayne Anderson will be hosting Bridge this Wednesday night and it will be offered as a training session for new players.

Sergeant at Arms



Sgt-at-Arms

Wayne Anderson thought he might be on a winner by asking for anyone who still had summer tires on their vehicle to own up. He found out we

are all responsible drivers with our winter tires in place, so he collected nothing for the pot. He scored better by asking each table in turn a question about those all-too-familiar pictures we see every week while singing the National Anthem. It turned out that we are a very unobservant lot since no one correctly answered any of his questions, so suddenly the pot was heavier with dollars flowing in from all sides.

Happy and Sad Bucks

Janeane Coutu was sad at Mathieu's passing, but happy that she won't be around to hear us "sing" Happy Birthday for her.

Behzad Targhi was very happy because he had just been awarded Recruit of the Year by his employer, Sun Life Financial.

Derek Rickwood was happy to be present at the induction of a new member.

Mike Herold was happy to have made his wife happy because he now has hearing aids, even though he doesn't use them.

The draw

Lynne Pankratz won the table stakes and **John Shillabeer** had the winning ticket for the 50-50 card draw, but failed to pick the ace of spades.

Adventure to the Arctic on an Icebreaker

By John Shillabeer



Bob Wilson introduced **Maxime “Mat” Therrien** who is a grade 12 student at NDSS. This past fall he spent two weeks on the Canadian icebreaker *Amundsen* travelling through the Arctic. He was sponsored on the trip by Rotary.

Mat was one of nine students on the trip selected from across Canada.

He found life on the icebreaker frenzied. This was because time available for many the competing scientific projects is limited. So every minute must be made to count. Days were very full, starting early and finishing late.

Mat helped with several scientific projects. He helped launch weather balloons, sectioned sludge cores from the ocean floor and boxed them for storage, filtered water samples and helped to deploy and operate a rosette water sampling system. He also had opportunities to discuss the work and its implications with leading scientists on the voyage. Topics included the extent of annual sea ice changes, sea water acidification and carbon dioxide absorption in sea water, together with periodic changes in the jet stream over the Arctic as it relates to the climate.

The *Amundsen* stopped at Pond Inlet (aka Mittimatalik in Inuktitut) on the north coast of Baffin Island and the students had an opportunity to explore the area and meet some of the local residents. They were shocked at the prices of goods in the local store. Even with federal government subsidies for healthy foods, prices are about three times higher than in Nanaimo. Fresh food is flown in weekly. The reminder is brought in by barge once a year and must be ordered twelve

months in advance. Even so it is very costly.

While ashore, the students met with

locals and learned about local problems. These included garbage disposal, dump burning, difficulty of getting spares for vehicle repairs, disposal of cigarette butts and that the airstrip is in the centre of town. De-icing fluid sprayed on the aircraft is a known carcinogen.

In answer to a question from the floor, Mat said that as a result of the trip he has changed his mind about his future. He wants to be an engineer helping to solve problems of the north instead of a scientist doing northern studies.

The voyage ended at Quebec City. Mat concluded by thanking Rotary for giving him the opportunity to make the voyage on the *Amundsen*.



Lila Tanner

thanked Mat for his excellent talk, gave him a Rotary pen and said she felt that Canada's future would be in good hands with young people like Mat.



DATES TO REMEMBER

February 11—Rotary Leadership Training to be held in Nanaimo. More info contact Richard Clarke 137clarke@gmail.com

March 4—Duncan Rotary Whisky Festival, Beverly Corners Liquor Store. \$85 per ticket. "Sample over 50 distinctive whiskies from around the world." Tickets & info: cvwhiskyfest.ca

April 1—Celebrating 100 years of the Rotary Foundation

April 21 to 30—Rotary Used Book Sale, Nanaimo North Town Centre

May 4, 5, 6, 2017—Spirit of Rotary DTA & Conference, Suquamish, WA. More details at www.rotary5020.org

May 13—Oceanside Rotary Janes Bond Night, 007 *Moonraker*. Beban Auditorium. Dinner, auction, dancing. Tickets \$125/ea.

ATTENDANCE

By Janeane Coutu

Attendance for **Feb 3rd** was **32%**.

We missed Rotarians;

Ali, Barootes, Bienert, Borisenko, Brand, Cowling, Currie, Gerrand, Hais, Hammond, Holzwarth, Janes, Jiang, Knutsson, Laing, Lessan, McIver, Myden, Parsons, Pratt, Raedler, Ryan, Salem, J. Smith, Stephens, Stetar, Tessier, Wittkofski, Woodward, Woychuk

Visiting Rotarians;

Derek Rickwood from Nanaimo North

Guests;

Doug Narver, guest of wife President Debbie

Charlotte Mougeot and Steve Morison, guests of Douglas Anderson

Marion Powell, guest of Douglas Anderson

Birthdays:

Janeane Coutu, Feb 10th

Nattalie Tessier, Feb 15

Wedding Anniversary:

Doug & Janet Cowling, 37 years on February 16th

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President Debbie added pizzazz with her slide at the induction of Charlotte Mougeot into our Club. Left to Right - Steve Morison (Charlotte's husband), Charlotte Mougeot and Douglas Anderson who gave a short biography on Charlotte to our Club.

WEEKLY CLUB PROGRAMS & MEMBER DUTIES

MEETING DATE	February 10th, 2017	February 17th, 2017	February 24th, 2017
GREETERS	Nattalie Tessier, Ed Borisenko, Charles Ramos	John Heisterman, Wayne Anderson, Joan Ryan	Carmon Henderson, Brent Barootes, John Salem
CASHIER	Wahid Ali	Wahid Ali	Wahid Ali
SGT-AT-ARMS	John Heisterman	Brent Barootes	Bruce Samson
INVOCATION	Wahid Ali	Donna Hais	Wayne Anderson
HEAD TABLE	President Debbie, Don Power, Janeane Coutu, Nattalie Tessier, John Heisterman, Henry Jiang	PPres Lila, John Whitelaw, Jane Currie, Wayne Anderson, John Heisterman, Wahid Ali, Joan Ryan	Pres Debbie, Marianne Roden, Doug Cowling, Carmon Henderson, Mike Herold, Yvan Gosselin
INTRO GUESTS	Charles Ramos	Joan Ryan	John Salem
INTRO SPEAKER	Wayne Anderson	Jane Currie	Doug Cowling
PROGRAM	SOCIAL MEDIA FOR SKEPTICS <i>Don Power</i>	Nanaimo Conservatory of Music <i>John Whitelaw</i>	V.I. DENTAL PROGRAM <i>Marianne Roden, VIU</i>
THANK SPEAKER	President Debbie	Wayne Anderson	Yvan Gosselin