

# ROTARY CLUB OF NANAIMO

# “C O G S”

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Friday, February 12, 2016



Mikel prepares to taste the Limburger cheese that Egon brought to Rotary.

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

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## Meeting Notes from February 5th, 2016

by Bob Janes



**President Lila** opened the meeting by inviting us to sing our National Anthem. The invocation was delivered by our **Vice President Janeane Coutu**, who gave thanks for the wonderful meal being enjoyed, and our ability to help others through Rotary.

**President Lila** then opened the floor for announcements. Janeane reminded us that our Rotary Club has offered to provide BBQ services at the Woodland School 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event next Saturday between 12 – 4 pm. Volunteers are still needed.

Lila announced that we have received a thank you letter for our \$1,000 donation to the Special Olympics. She also reminded Board Members of our upcoming meeting this Tuesday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:50 pm at the offices of *Herold Engineering*. It was also announced that the Nanaimo North Club will be hosting a Wine and cheese tasting event on February 23<sup>rd</sup>. all Rotarians welcome.



Visitors Brooklyn Barootes, with dad Brent, Kara Wilson, with her dad Bob, and Dave Brown, visiting from Saskatoon.

### Sergeant At Arms

**Bob Fenty** called upon **Mikel Knutsson** to introduce our Guests and Visiting Rotarians. **Dave Brown** was visiting from the Saskatoon North Club and our two guests were both daughters of our members. **Brooklyn Barootes** accompanied her father **Brent**, and **Kara Wilson** joined her father **Bob** at this meeting!



And then came the fines: **Dave Hammond** was welcomed back from Hawaii with a today's first fine. This was followed by a berating fine to **Bruce Samson** for requesting sour cream for his cabbage rolls when they were in tomato sauce. What was he thinking! **Sgt-at-Arms Bob** then gave praise to VIU staff for their excellent response to a possible gunman on Campus this week. Bob then asked how many of us read this month's Rotarian magazine. Their were great articles about Rotary and Universities. Of note was an article that included an Ambassadorial Scholar from Nanaimo attending University in the UK.



### Happy Bucks

**John Salem** gave \$2. The first was a fine and the second took so long to get out I couldn't tell what it was for!

**Egon Holzwarth** gave a happy buck to have lived another year! Happy Birthday Egon! He also brought some Limburger cheese for **Mikel Knutsson** to taste, hoping it would be available at *Thrifty Foods* in the future. Judging by Mikel's face (*see cover photo*), I am guessing it stays off the purchase orders!

**Frank Shoemaker** gave \$3, most notable was that the *District Newsletter* included an article about our club, and that he attended a make up in Vancouver at the Mt Pleasant Club and there were five attendees at the meeting!



**Joan Ryan** gave a dollar on behalf of **Keith McFarlane** who's son-in-law was the arresting RCME officer in the La Loche tragedy in Northern Saskatchewan recently.

**Dave Hammond** had a happy buck to announce that he had dinner with **Doug** and **Janet Cowling** and **Douglas Anderson** and **Brenda Grice** when they were in Hawaii.



### Club Draws

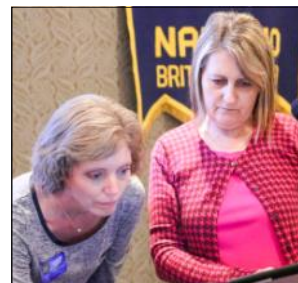
**Yvan Gosselin** won the table stakes and **Mikel Knutsson** won the card draw. Well, he won the chance to pull a card. For his efforts he took home the 7 of spades!

## Island Crisis Care Society

by Janeane Coutu

**Bob Janes** introduced our guest speaker, **Violet Hayes** who is the Executive Director of **Island Crisis Care Society (ICCS)**, a non-profit society that helps people in crisis stabilize and then find the support, resources, and services they need to recover and be well. ICCS provides many services including emergency housing for women.

The organization started in the mid-80's and first provided shelter for women that are homeless in 1986. The Society formed in 1989 and now operates 7 facilities as well as provides rent subsidies for women taking the next steps to independence. They housed 340 women in 2013 and that number grew to 462 in 2014, with housing stays range from 30 days to 2-years. ICCS has 45 front line support and outreach workers, 4 program managers, 4 Executives and 1 data processing clerk on staff.



A regular event at our meetings sees Janeane helping our speaker with equipment set-up.



## Event at Indian Racetrack nets \$350,000 for Service Projects

Rotary members in India selected a popular racecourse in Mumbai to promote Rotary to the tens of thousands of racing aficionados who gather there daily, raising more than \$350,000 for club service projects in the process.

And between races, spectators at the Mahalaxmi Race Course were also treated to the Rotary members' attempt at a Guinness World Record as 650 members, 75 of them dressed in white and 575 in black, formed the shape of a horse—with the Rotary wheel as its eye—on the lawn of the members' area.

Leading up to race day, each club had raised at least \$50,000 for the projects, which support literacy, children's health, and education, among other causes. Betting on the races was left up to the Rotary members but was not promoted as part of the event.

More than 6,000 Rotary members attended the Race for Humanity event, and club leaders distributed 1,500 membership kits to race goers. In addition, Rotary colors and flags lined the paths to the complex, banners hung in every available location, and a five-minute Rotary public service video was shown throughout the event as well as on video feeds to other racing sites throughout the country.

—Rotary Newsbasket

Women accessing services receive shelter, 3 meals a day, clothing and emotional support for a minimum of 30 days. Originally **Samaritan House** was a 20-bed emergency shelter for men and women, but the **Salvation Army's Hope Centre** serves men so now Samaritan House is for women only.



The programs operated by ICCS;

Samaritan house – 14 emergency shelter beds for women

- **Martha's Place** – 8 supportive housing beds for women at Samaritan House, no limit on length of stay
- **Mary's Place** – 5 transitional units for women in a home near Woodgrove mall, shared accommodation living and the residents pay rent, stays range 30 days to 2 or 3 years
- **5 Rent Subsidies** – \$250 in subsidy is provided to those that go out on their own
- **Crescent House** – 6 crisis stabilization beds in Nanaimo provides assisted living for adults with mental illness
- **Hirst House** – 6 crisis stabilization beds in Oceanside, modelled after Crescent House
- **Safe Harbour House** - 5 crisis stabilization beds for adults experiencing a psychiatric crisis, exclusive use of Nanaimo Mental Health
- **The Bridge** – 6 supportive recovery beds for those in addiction recovery, extended stays

What's next? ICCS has purchased the lot next door to Samaritan House with the goal of expanding their services and is currently working on rezoning with the City of Nanaimo.



Violet also talked about their major fundraiser, "**The Coldest Night of the Year**" on February 20<sup>th</sup> which is a 2, 5 or 10k walk to raise money to support the homeless and hurting in communities across Canada. Although a national campaign, each community keeps the funds raised locally. Violet noted that the **Ballenas Interact Club** has signed up and encouraged our Rotary Club to sign up online as well and participate in the walk, or come out and help as a route volunteer.

**Brent Barootes** thanked Violet for sharing the story of Island Crisis Care Society and congratulated her and the staff on the growth and expansion of services from Nanaimo to Parksville. He presented Violet with a hand-carved pen and hoped she'd get good use signing up walkers for the fundraiser.



## ATTENDANCE

By Bob Janes

Attendance for February 5th was **60%**

### We missed these Rotarians

D. Anderson, Blinston, Cowling, Currie, Gerrand, L Gosselin, Grice, Heisterman, King, McIver, Myden, Patrick, Pratt, Raedler, Ramos, Ross, Shillabeer, Stetar, Tessier, Woodward, Woychuk

**Make Ups:** Bob Janes

### Visiting Rotarians:

Dave Brown from Saskatoon North Rotary

### Guests:

Brooklyn Barootes and Kara Wilson

**Birthdays:** none

### Wedding Anniversaries:

Doug and Janet Cowling, 36 years on February 16th

### Club Anniversaries:

Bob McDougall, 54 years on February 16th

## Presidential conference explores routes to peace

On 2 December, a terrorist attack killed 14 people and wounded more than 20 in San Bernardino, California.

Less than two months later, an event nearby focused on peace: the Rotary World Peace Conference. The two-day meeting on 15-16 January brought together experts from around the world to explore ideas and solutions to violence and conflict. The conference was the first of five Rotary presidential conferences planned for this year.

San Bernardino County official Janice Rutherford, a member of the Rotary Club of Fontana, California, said **“Now more than ever, we need to come together and create peace and reduce human suffering,”** said Rutherford, who declared 15 January 2016 Rotary World Peace Day and a Day of Peace for San Bernardino County. **“We appreciate your commitment to exploring these options and taking them back to your community and the rest of the world.”**

More than 150 leaders in the fields of peace, education, business, law, and health care led over 100 breakout sessions and workshops. Topics ranged from how to achieve peace through education to combating human trafficking to the role media has in eliminating conflict.

Hosted by Rotary districts in California and attended by more than 1,500 people, the conference is an example of how Rotary members are taking peace into their own hands, said RI President K.R. Ravindran.

**“We can’t wait for governments to build peace, or the United Nations. We can’t expect peace to be handed to us on a platter,”** said Ravindran. **“We have to build peace from the bottom, from the foundation of our society. The valuable information you leave with at the end of this conference will aid you in managing conflict in**

**your personal lives, local communities, and potentially around the world.”**

Actress and humanitarian Sharon Stone urged conference attendees to find tolerance within themselves as a way to develop compassion and understanding for others.

**Noting that today’s technology makes it easy to learn about diverse cultures and beliefs,** Stone encouraged Rotary members to embrace differences while learning about others’ work.

**“The more we understand the darkness of our enemies, the better we know what to do, how to respond and behave,”** said Stone.

Attend one of four remaining presidential conferences  
Support the Rotary Peace Centers

Learn more about Rotary Peace Fellowships

Story and photo by Ryan Hyland -*Rotary News*

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[To read the full story click here](#)



**Actress Sharon Stone gives peace sign at conference.**

## DATES TO REMEMBER

**Feb 23**—Nanaimo North Rotary will be hosting a Wine & Cheese Event. All are welcome!

**March 5**—Duncan Daybreak Rotary 5th Annual Whisky Festival at Silver-bridge Travelodge. Samples of 50 whiskeys, appetizers, silent auction. Tickets \$85, see <cvwhiskyfest.ca> for more information.

## WEEKLY CLUB PROGRAMS & MEMBER DUTIES

MEETING DATE	February 12th, 2016	February 19th, 2016	February 26th, 2016
GREETERS	Carmon Henderson, Brent Barootes, Wendy Pratt	Guenter Raedler, Wayne Anderson, Mike Herold	Egon Holzwarth, Brent Barootes, Charles Ramos
CASHIER	Christine Parsons	Christine Parsons	Christine Parsons
SGT-AT-ARMS	Wayne Anderson	Dave Hammond	John Heisterman
INVOCATION	Norm Myden	John Heisterman	Carmon Henderson
HEAD TABLE	Pres Lila, Martin Drakely, Bob Fenty, Carmon Henderson, Brent Barootes, Wendy Pratt	President Lila, Douglas Anderson, Joan Ryan, Guenter Raedler, Mike Herold, Wayne Anderson	Pres Lila, Gail Adrienne, Dave Hammond, Carmon Henderson, Mike Herold, Brent Barootes
INTRO GUESTS	John Woychuk	Bright Zhang	Wahid Ali
INTRO SPEAKER	Bob Fenty	—	Barbara Blinston
PROGRAM	<b>Fire-Rescue AED Demo &amp; Talk Martin Drakely</b>	<b>MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE Douglas Anderson, Joan Ryan</b>	<b>NANAIMO AREA LAND TRUST Gail Adrienne</b>
THANK SPEAKER	Jane Currie	—	Dave Hammond