

ROTARY CLUB OF NANAIMO

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Friday, February 16, 2018



**Janeane Coutu, Susie Stephens and Lila Tanner were sorting books on Saturday, February 10, 2018.
This upcoming sale is shaping up to be the best ever with respect to number and quality of books.**

Club Meeting Friday at 12:00 p.m.
at the Coast Bastion Inn
CLUB OFFICERS 2017-2018

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May 1, 1920 - Charter Number 43
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MEETING NOTES - 9 February 2018

By John Shillabeer

President Jane opened the meeting and we sang O Canada. Jane introduced this as a teamwork meeting because all the members with pre-assigned tasks were absent. Fortunately others readily stepped into the breach without hesitation.

Wendy Pratt gave a moving, impromptu invocation reflecting on our good fortune to live in peace and plenty and to have the opportunity to serve others through membership in Rotary.

Mike Minhas introduced **Sean Martin** who will shortly become our newest member, while **Brent Barootes** introduced his daughter **Brooklyn**. There were no visiting Rotarians.

There were no motions or notices of motions

Announcements

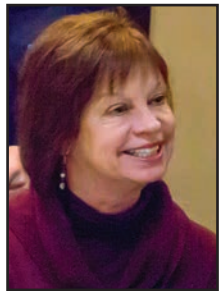
Susie Stephens asked for volunteers



Susie Stephens

there every Saturday morning.

On behalf of the membership committee **Denise Wittkofski** announced two new initiatives:



Denise Wittkofski

- Rotary Happy, Happy Hour at the Minoz bar in the Coast Hotel from 5 to 7 pm starting February 12.
- Enter a boat in the Silly Boat Regatta (David Woodward and Behzad Forghani have volunteered to lead the effort).

Brooklyn Barootes appealed to members to order chocolates and so support her girls hockey team.



John Salem, on behalf of the Foundation Committee, asked members to make a special effort to attend on 23 February to honor our Paul Harris fellows.



Sean Martin

Charles Ramos announced that the Club bylaws are



Charles Ramos

being revised in compliance with the BC Societies Act and will be put to a general vote of the members once they have been approved by the board of directors.

Dave Hammond has tentatively scheduled a meeting of the Centennial Committee for next Friday after Rotary to review the draft plans from the architect. Dave will confirm the venue by email.

Joan Ryan appealed for volunteers with police clearance to come forward to form a car pool for Rotaract members.

Sgt at Arms

Dave Hammond stepped up to the plate to fill this role at the last minute. Even so he caught plenty of mis-



Janeane Coutu & Brooklyn Barootes

creants including **Wendy Pratt** for cell phone indiscretion, **Janeane Coutu** for bragging to the bridge group over her new furniture and **Ed Borisenko** for prematurely returning the Horse's Ass bridge trophy.

Happy and Sad Bucks



Brooklyn & Jason Bradley

Jason Bradley was happy to have taken 14 Rotary exchange students skiing for four days last weekend.

Wendy Pratt was happy to commend Jason for his dedication.

Laurie Bienert was sad to have missed many meetings recently, including her birthday meeting.

Frank Shoemaker was happy that the hotel had provided a fruit plate at lunch and that he was off that afternoon to the RI President's Peace Conference in Vancouver.

Keith McFarlane was happy that the News Bulletin published an excellent obituary of **Bill Horman**.



Ed Borisenko was happy to report that he had a great lunch this week reminiscing with **Dale and Joan Huck** and added \$20.00 to the pot from **Dale**.

Finally we were all happy to sing Happy Birthday in traditional Club (lack of) harmony for

Janeane whose birthday was the following day.

The Draws

Susie Stephens won the table stakes. **Dave Hammond** had the winning ticket for the chase the ace but could only manage the 7 clubs.



Susie Stephens

Dave Hammond

PROGRAM NOTES - February 9, 2018

By Mike Herold

Our Program plans today were changed at the last minute. Instead of **Mikel Knutson** telling us about his trip to London to visit the Queen, **Brent Barootes** gave his Classification Talk to the club a week early.

Brent Barootes is a multiple **Paul Harris** Fellow and is currently Sergeant At Arms Committee Chair.

Brent was born in Regina and at the age of 11-12 was sent to boarding school in Ontario. Brent always thought that he was sent to boarding school because he was a brilliant child. He was wrong.

Brent graduated from Western University and spent several years in sales in Ontario before deciding he did not want to be in sales so he got involved in the Restaurant business including early stints with a Greek Restaurant and Chichis Italian Restaurant before becoming Assistant Manager for Red Lobster in Windsor Ontario. He ended up being involved over an 8 month period opening 41 new Red Lobster Restaurants across Canada.

After the restaurant business, Brent moved to New Brunswick and became involved in the Night Club business. He joined Rotary in New Brunswick to help with his new work endeavour in 1989 and was with the Club for two years before moving to Calgary in 1991-1992.

Brent then became involved in the Calgary Flames organization with their radio station and was involved in different revenue sources to help the Flames Hockey Club. He was with the Flames for 10 years in the marketing of sponsorships for the club. Brent acknowledged that he was not much of a sports fan and admitted that he did not know who Lanny McDonald

was even though he was Captain of the Flames when they won the Stanley Cup.

Brent joined the Rotary Club of Calgary Olympics which was chartered in 1988 and had a total of 20 people in the club.

In 2001 Brent formed the Partnership Group to help organizations sell partnerships and is still working for this group as a sole employee.

Brent first found out about Nanaimo when his vacation to Mexico was cancelled due to 911 and he ended up taking a vacation to Vancouver Island, and in 2002 they knew that one day they would move to the Island.

In 2005, daughter **Brooklyn** who is a Paul Harris Fellow was born and each year they spent 4-6 weeks vacationing on the Island.

In August 2015 Brent and his family moved to Nanaimo



Brent Barootes

and thankfully picked our club to join.

Proposed club member **Sean Martin** thanked **Brent** for his talk and said he would like to see a Red Lobster here in Nanaimo.

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE - February 2018

Rotary's February Theme is Peace and Conflict Resolution.

Conflict and violence displace millions of people each year. Half of those killed in conflict are children, and 90 percent are civilians. We refuse to accept conflict as a way of life. Rotary projects provide training that fosters understanding and provides communities with the skills to resolve conflicts. Through our service projects, peace fellowships, and scholarships, our members are taking action to address the underlying causes of conflict, including poverty, inequality, ethnic tension, lack of access to education, and unequal distribution of resources. Rotary makes amazing things happen, like:

- Improving quality of life. Rotary members founded the People for People Foundation, which has helped 10,000 families afford food, clothing, rent, utilities, medications, and other necessities.
- Raising awareness of bullying. Rotaract clubs in the Philippines conduct anti-bullying campaigns in schools to teach children how to handle conflict peacefully from an early age.
- Protecting domestic violence survivors and their families. The U.S. state of Louisiana has the fourth highest incidence of death caused by domestic violence. Rotary members met this issue by helping a shelter provide food, clothing, legal advocacy, and counseling to over 500 women in one year.

Two New Rotary Clubs! The Rotary E-Club of District 5020 was chartered in January, and a new club in the Comox Valley of Vancouver Island likely will charter in February. Chartering new Rotary clubs is one way to ensure we are offering the Rotary experience in new and different ways. The key is flexibility. Rotary is a membership organization; only through attracting new members will we increase our service to the world.

District 5020 Interact Club Wins Global Video Competition! Selected over 140 Interact clubs representing 28 countries, the Mark R. Isfeld Interact

Rotary Leadership Institute training

RLI (Rotary Leadership Institute training) has a proposed date of Sat. March 3 for the next level 1 and level 2 training.

Cost is \$85 per member and lunch included. Approx 5 hours. Please advise President Jane Currie **asap** if you wish to attend.

Club from Courtenay, BC won the highly competitive award with their video, "People of Action". [Watch it.](#)

Rotary Happy Happy Hour!

Join us for a fun evening of social networking. Get to know new members and build ties with all.

When: Monday, March 12, 5-7pm

Where: Minnoz Bar, Coast Bastion Hotel

Who: All members, spouses, guests

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Member Birthdays

Minhas, Mike Feb 18

Spouse Birthdays

Barbara Myden, Norman Feb 21

Gayle Anderson, Wayne Feb 22

Anniversaries

Doug and Janet Cowling, 38 yrs Feb 16

Date Joined Rotary

Bob McDougall, 56 yrs Feb 16

DATES TO REMEMBER

February 17 - deadline to sign up for New Zealand Friendship Exchange

April 13-22 2018, ROTARY USED BOOK SALE

May 4-5 2018, District Training and Conference

June 22 - Installation - noon Coast Bastion Inn

June 23-27 2018, Rotary International Conference

WEEKLY CLUB PROGRAMS AND MEMBER DUTIES

Meeting Date	February 16, 2018	February 23, 2018	March 2, 2018
Greeters	Keith McFarlane, Ed Borisenko, Bruce Samson	Carey McIver, Geoff Clay, John Shillabeer	Mike Minhas, Dave Connolly, Carlene Shaw
Cashier	Wendy Pratt	Wendy Pratt	Ed Borisenko
Sgt at Arms	Wahid Ali	Joan Ryan	Dave Hammond
Inspiration	Mike Herold	Peggy Richardson	Bob Janes
Head Table	Pres. Jane, Brent Barootes, Wendy Pratt	Pres. Jane	Pres Jane, Lynne Pankratz, Bob Janes
Intro Guests	Wahid Ali	Douglas Anderson	Brent Barootes
Intro Speaker	Pres. Jane		Pres. Jane
Program	Classification Talks - Wendy Pratt	Rotary Foundation - PHF awards	Club Business Meeting
Thank Speaker	Pres. Jane		Pres. Jane