

# ROTARY CLUB OF NANAIMO

# “C O G S”

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Friday, February 17, 2017



Even though the attendance wasn't great, due to the inclement weather, the meeting was enjoyed by members and visitors in one of the smaller rooms at the Coast Bastion Inn.

—Photos by Ian Williams

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

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May 1, 1920 - Charter Number 43**

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## Meeting Notes from February 10th, 2017



By John Shillabeer

**President Debbie Narver** opened the meeting; we sang O Canada and **Barb Blinston** gave the invocation. Barb was newly returned and looking good after her sick leave.

### Introductions

**Charles Ramos** called for the introduction of visiting Rotarians and guest of Rotarians. He began by introducing **Ramon Ramirez** from Courtenay Rotary. Ramon's classification is commercial banking.

**Behzad Targhi** introduced **Holger Hertland** and **Cara Light** from Duncan Daybreak Rotary Club who were present to



Ramon Ramirez

publicize their *Duncan Whiskey Fest*.

We were privileged to welcome two Rotary daughters. **Behzad** introduced his daughter **Saba** and **Brent Barootes** introduced his daughter **Brooklyn**.



### Health of the Club

**President Debbie** gave an update on the health of **Bob Fenty**. He is not doing well and is heavily medicated. Debbie plans to personally deliver his *Honorary Membership* award, but must choose her time carefully as Bob sleeps a lot because of the heavy medication.

### Presentations

**Frank Shoemaker** was pleased to present a **Paul Harris** pin to **Brooklyn Barootes**. She also accepted a pin on behalf of her mother, **Coryna**. These were the fourth awards for both ladies.



### Announcements

**President Debbie** reminded directors of the upcoming Board meeting on February 21.



**Holger** and **Cara** from Duncan Daybreak spoke about the Whiskey Fest to be held on 4 March. Tickets are \$85 and available on line.

**Lila Tanner** spoke about the planned celebration of the *Rotary Foundation Centenary*. She and the committee would like members to nominate outstanding individuals from the community to be invited to the event and two who will be presented with Paul Harris pins. Lila is also looking for volunteers to help run the event.

### Motion

On behalf of the Community Service Committee, **Lila** proposed that the Club authorise the award of four scholarships valued at \$1,000 each within the School District. Nominees will be required to meet a number of criteria (including at least 100 hours of community service, preferably outside the school system) and the committee will ensure that the criteria are strictly applied. **Joan Ryan** seconded the motion which was carried on a show of hands.



### Sgt-at-Arms Report



**John Heisterman**, freshly returned to Nanaimo from Hawaii, complained excessively of his "sandal tan". He also boasted about looking at Nanaimo's snowy traffic cams using his telephone while sitting in bare feet (no sandals?) each morning on his lanai. He did, however, find time to congratulate Ian for his *COGS* cover picture of the two scuba divers in the snow storm.

John then picked on **Brent Barootes** for making Brooklyn shovel the driveway (unpaid). **Charles Ramos**, ever the honest Rotarian, also owned up to similarly (mis)using his daughter in the same way.



John then made another buck for the pot by picking on **Jane Currie** for leaving a luxury chocolate on the floor.



Finally, hoping to get back in our good books, John tried educating us on the history of St Valentine's Day. He said it was originally a pagan Roman festival honoring the God of Fertility. After first condemning it, the early Roman Catholic Church recognised a good thing, named a saint and made the festival its own.

### Happy and Sad Bucks

**Joan Ryan** was happy to report she had recently undergone cataract surgery which was a success. She was also happy to have spent her lunch sitting next to a fellow Newfoundlander (our guest speaker).

**Frank Shoemaker** was happy to congratulate Lila for doing such a great job replacing him on the *Foundation Fund Centenary Committee*.

**Jane Currie** was happy to report that as part of her volunteering in palliative care at the hospital, her recent short piece on "respect" is so well thought of that it is being incorporated into many teaching resources.





## The Draw

Our guest from Courtenay, **Ramon**, won the table stakes and **Lila Tanner** had the correct ticket but failed to find the ace of spades in the 50-50 card draw.



## Membership Proposal

Unless written objection is received by the Secretary within the mandatory seven [7] days, the following applicants will be invited to join the Rotary Club of Nanaimo:

GEOFF CLAY

Classification: Online Marketing/Project Management

PEGGY RICHARDSON

Classification: Writer/Marketing

Proposed by: Susan Gerrand

## Social Media for Sceptics

by Jane K. Currie

**Wayne Anderson** introduced our guest speaker. **Don Power** is a professional media consultant, originally from St. John's Newfoundland. He has gradually migrated west, working in Toronto and now Nanaimo. He has 3 children in school. Don's clients are all over the world, - a unique advantage of his profession.



Don introduced his talk with appreciation for the invitation and warm reception. Social media is all about connection and thus has potential to help Rotary. *Facebook* (FB) has traditionally for family and friends, but is now evolving to serve professional networks. *Linked In* is designed for professional networking and is a way to share one's comprehensive resume

with the world. *Twitter* is more like "the bar at the conference."

Don shared a recent personal experience where he was able to help a total stranger do some global good. There is a culture of "quid pro quo", where if you help someone, that contact may someday return the favour. Don saw that a journalist in the UK was requesting contact info for the Haitian health ministry to do a story about the earthquake disaster.

Don, in Nanaimo, went to *Linked In* (where he had a strong professional profile already established) and found someone in the Haitian President's office, who was able to help the writer get the contacts and information she needed. The article was later published in *Time*, addressing the challenges of mental health issues after the earthquake.



Don illustrated some of these potential connections with live online access. Using Rotary as a keyword, search functions in *Linked In* delivered interesting results and some of our members showed up! In fact, about 41K hits came up for Rotary. Those could each be a Rotarian somewhere that might know someone or something that could help us do something!

Questions and answers afterwards included types of access and security. One needs to send a "connect request" that is accepted, before being granted access to message someone in *Linked In*. Higher levels of search functions with more selective filters are also available, for a price.

For example, a quick search using the keyword "dirt farmers in BC" had 57 hits. So **John Heisterman** could have all sorts of new friends! As in anything internet, one needs to be cautious about viruses and malware; this means assessing the source of a link or attached file before opening it. However the positives greatly outweigh the negatives. Don keeps his family life separate from his professional online presence.

**President Debbie** thanked our guest speaker, citing an example where a *Linked In* connection with a Rotary club in Colombia led to several projects being done there; the contact remains friendly to this day.

## ATTENDANCE

By Lynne Pankratz

Attendance for **Feb 10th** was **39.5%**.

### We missed Rotarians:

Ali, D. Anderson, Beinert, Brand, Coutu, Cowling, Gerrand, Grice, Hais, Hammond, Janes, Jiang, Knutsson, Lessan, McIver, Myden, Parsons, Pratt, Raedler, Salem, J. Smith, Stephens, Tessier, Wittkofski, Woychuk

### Visiting Rotarians;

Holger Hertland and Casa Light, Duncan Daybreak; Ramon Ramirez, Courtenay

### Guests;

Saba Forghani Targhi was the guest of her dad Behzad Brooklyn Barootes was the guest of her dad Brent

### Makeups:

Joan Ryan, District Council, Brent Stetar, Ed Borisenko, John Shillabeer all at NNTC book sort

### Spouse Birthdays:

Barbara Myden [Norm] on February 21st

Gayle Anderson [Wayne] on February 22nd

### Club Anniversary:

Bob Fenty, 30 years on February 23rd

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

**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](http://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](http://www.rotary5020.org)

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

## Rotary bringing the world to Atlanta in June

### Bill Gates to keynote convention

ATLANTA, Ga. (Feb. 14, 2017) – Rotary’s 108th annual [international convention](#) June 10–14 is expected to attract 40,000 Rotary club members from over 160 countries, and will inject an estimated \$52.3 million into Atlanta’s economy.

Bill Gates will speak at this year's Rotary International Convention.

Often described as a “mini-United Nations”, Rotary’s third convention in Atlanta will transform the Georgia World Congress Center into a cultural kaleidoscope as the organization’s global network of volunteers gather to exchange ideas on how to improve lives and bring positive, lasting change to communities around the world.

Registrants will engage in workshops and hear from a lineup of world-class speakers, including Bill Gates, co-chair, of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. The Gates Foundation and Rotary International have an ongoing match of 2:1 to support polio eradication efforts up to \$35 million a year. Today in [Bill and Melinda Gates’ Annual Letter](#) they reaffirmed the important role Rotary has played in polio eradication.

“Rotary and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation have been working together on polio eradication for a long time, and our strong partnership will continue through the final years of the effort,” said Rotary International President John Germ. “With the most effective resources in place, it’s possible that we will soon see the last case of polio in history. At the convention, Bill will say more about how we can — and will — end polio.”

Organized by Rotary International in conjunction with the [Atlanta Host Organizing Committee](#) of local Rotary members, registrants of the convention will also get to experience

Atlanta’s southern charm with visits to the World of Coca-Cola, the College Football Hall of Fame and an Atlanta Braves game.

“The Rotary International Convention provides an exceptional opportunity to bring together more than 40,000 civic and business community leaders from throughout the world to Atlanta to enjoy our unique brand of southern hospitality,” said William Pate, president and CEO of the Atlanta Convention and Visitors Bureau. “The addition of Microsoft founder Bill Gates as a keynote speaker reflects the importance and good work that Rotary does worldwide.”

The global eradication of polio has been Rotary’s top priority since 1985. Through the [Global Polio Eradication Initiative](#) – a public-private partnership that includes Rotary, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the World Health Organization (WHO) and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) – the incidence of polio has plummeted by more than 99.9 percent, from about 350,000 cases a year in 1988 to just 37 confirmed in 2016. Rotary, including matching funds from the Gates Foundation, has donated \$1.6 billion to polio eradication.

Atlanta’s first Rotary convention took place 100 years ago, when [The Rotary Foundation](#) was established with its first contribution of \$26.50. The Rotary Foundation’s assets have grown to approximately \$1 billion, and more than \$3 billion have been spent on projects and scholarships that promote [peace](#), fight [disease](#), provide [clean water](#), support [education](#), save [mothers and children](#), and grow [local economies](#).



## WEEKLY CLUB PROGRAMS & MEMBER DUTIES

MEETING DATE	February 17th, 2017	February 24th, 2017	March 3rd, 2017
GREETERS	John Heisterman, Wayne Anderson, Joan Ryan	Carmon Henderson, Brent Barootes, John Salem	Laurie Beinert, Bruce Samson, Mike Herold
CASHIER	Wahid Ali	Wahid Ali	Henry Jiang
SGT-AT-ARMS	Brent Barootes	Bruce Samson	Wayne Anderson
INVOCATION	Donna Hais	Wayne Anderson	Brent Barootes
HEAD TABLE	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	Pres Debbie, GUEST SPEAKER, John Salem, Bob Fenty., Bruce Samson, Laurie Beinert
INTRO GUESTS	Joan Ryan	John Salem	Bruce Samson
INTRO SPEAKER	Jane Currie	Doug Cowling	—
PROGRAM	<b>Nanaimo Conservatory of Music</b> <i>John Whitelaw</i>	<b>V.I. DENTAL PROGRAM</b> <i>Marianne Roden, VIU</i>	<b>T.B.A.</b> <i>X</i>
THANK SPEAKER	Wayne Anderson	Yvan Gosselin	—