

ROTARY CLUB OF NANAIMO

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Friday, February 2, 2018



Susie Stephens presented the *Address to a Haggis* at our meeting on January 26, 2018.

L - R: Susie Stephens, Bruce Samson, Lila Tanner, Carey McIver, Carlene Shaw and Egon Holzworth.

Susie is about to stab the Haggis while reciting

“His knife see rustic Labour dight, An cut you up wi ready slight, Trenching your gushing entrails bright, Like onie ditch; And then, O what a glorious sight, Warm-reekin, rich!”

Club Meeting Friday at 12:00 p.m.
at the Coast Bastion Inn
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MEETING NOTES FOR JANUARY 26, 2018

By Charles Ramos

Today's meeting started with a haggis (in honour of Robbie Burns Day) procession piped in by **Rene Cusson**.



Many of the clubmembers joined the colour guard procession in full Scottish regalia. **Behzad Forghani-Targhi** joined the procession in his own regalia. **Susie Stephens** delivered an "address to the haggis" in authentic Scots dialect.

President **Jane Currie** called the meeting to order and led the singing of the national

anthem.

Dave Hammond delivered a two-part inspiration: first a Celtic Blessing, then a call for Peace in the Nation.

Visiting Rotarians and Guests

David Woodward called for visiting Rotarians and guests. There was one visiting Rotarian, and one guest: Rotarian **Gina** from Cranbrook was introduced by **John Salem**, and guest **Sean Martin**, an investment advisor from RBC and prospective member, joined us for the third week in a row. Sean was introduced by **Brent Barootes**.



Gina Neumann Sean Martin

David thanked our visitors for joining us today.

President's Remarks

President Jane said that the deadline for signing up to join the New Zealand Friendship Exchange is February 17.



Announcements

Janeane Coutu announced that book-sale sorting help is needed and greatly appreciated; come by NNTC any or every Saturday between 9am-2pm.

John Shillabeer announced there will be a COGS committee meeting following the lunch meeting.

Dave Hammond announced he is donating a \$32 check in recognition of his 32 years in Rotary. He said that although he has been a member for many years, there are others of greater longevity; namely **Dave Connolly**, **John Marlow** and **Keith MacFarlane**. Dave remembered several past clubmembers.

Sergeant at Arms

Brent Barootes was today's Sergeant at Arms. He levied many, many fines:

All non-wearers of tartan were fined (the Sgt was included in this)

Wahid Ali was fined \$5 for changing tables prior to lunch

Ian Williams was fined for his long absence due to the flu

Sean Martin and **Rotarian Gina**, prospective member and visiting Rotarian respectively, were fined in order to feel included

All members not wearing a Rotary pin were fined

All who did not stop to greet the greeter were fined

Bruce Samson was fined for failing demonstrate proper kilt modesty

The Sergeant then opened the floor to Happy and Sad bucks:

Jane Currie gave bucks in remembrance of longtime Rotarians we have lost in the last year

John Shillabeer gave bucks to acknowledge **Behzad Forghani-Targhi's** interesting regalia

Wahid Ali gave \$5 happy bucks- first, to mention he's



been collecting books during Bob Wilson's vacation, and greatly enjoys doing it; second to acknowledge his lunch was paid by another clubmember today; and third to say he was close to **Jocko (John Morris)**, and was happy to hear **Dave Hammond** remember him.

Egon Holzwarth was happy bucks to see **Ian Williams** back with us after his flu battle

Brent Stetar thanked **Susie Stephens** for her address to the haggis, and said that he understood at least a quarter of it (he thinks)

Charles Ramos noted that his grandfather immigrated from Venezuela, and since Trinidad is only 14 miles off the coast of Venezuela, there is a very strong possibility, indeed a near certainty, that he and clubmember **Wahid Ali** are related. Wahid acknowledged that this may well be the case, since his great-grandmother was Venezuelan, while his great-grandfather was Syrian... this astonishing revelation prompted **John Salem**, with Syrian ancestry of his own, to admit he's always wondered why both he and Wahid are so strikingly, and similarly, handsome. What other connections will be uncovered? Only time will tell...

Bob Wilson offered a heartfelt apology buck. He had previously gifted fellow Rotarian, Charles, many ties, and was feeling pretty good about it, until hearing somebody last



week say, "Hey Charles... 1987 called- they want their tie back!" This resulted in significant mental anguish for Bob, who had had only the best of intentions. Bob then presented Charles with a brand-new, contemporary tie from Moores.

Wahid Ali interjected that he couldn't help but point out the oxymoron of "contemporary" and "Moores" being used in the same sentence

Behzad Forghani-Targhi was honoured to be the only man at his table

Peggy Richardson gave proud parent bucks for her daughter's volleyball team achieving the second round of playoffs. She's thankful for their excellent coach.

Brent Barootes gave appreciative bucks for Susie's haggis address

Table stakes were won by **Jane Currie**, and **David Woodward's** *Chase the Ace* draw attempt was unsuccessful.

SPEAKER RECAP – FRIDAY JANUARY 26, 2018

Submitted by Brent Barootes

It was the celebration of Robbie Burns Day and rather than the stuffy old history on Robbie Burns we were entertained by **Carolyn Phillips-Cusson** and Bag Piper **Rene Cusson** (her husband and also this year's bag piper who piped in the haggis to our meeting)!



The couple were introduced by David Woodward and thanked by Wendy Pratt. Carolyn is a certified management coach and Rene a retired school teacher from Nanaimo. The two are very involved in the Celtic community and produce Celtic events including the once annual week long CeltFest Vancouver Island Summer School and Concert. On this day they regaled us with a presentation called Celtic Caper: Coast to Coast to Coast".

The presentation provided some interesting information as well as a terrific tour on their Celtic Crusades. They first educated us with a Celtic 101 session that let us know that there are many Celtic nations in the world... not just Scotland as many of us thought. These include Scotland, Ireland, Brittany, Cornwall, Wales, Isle of Man and Galicia.

They then took us on their travels and the work they delivered for CultFest here in the Island and explained the new phenomenon of Experiential Cultural Tourism which they are such a large part of. They have attended many events and conferences and performed to crowds of 50 to 50,000 and with local folks and those of stature like Sir Paul McCartney! They have been involved also with events like Nova Scotia Celtic Colors Festival, Nova Scotia Music Week, Eastern Canada Music Awards and many Export Conferences including an exciting experience in Scotland with the Celtic Events Conference.

Rene and Carolyn wrapped up their presentation with a delivery of singing Auld Lang Sign with us singing (sort of) the chorus.



Bill Horman 1928 - 2018



circa 1969

June 18, 2004

Where do you begin to list the accomplishments of a man who has dedicated so much of his time to Rotary?

Bill joined our Rotary club with

the classification of Men's clothing in January of 1955 and attained 53 years of perfect attendance. He was President of our club from 1976-1977, proud member of the Paul Harris community and became an Honorary Rotarian with unanimous board approval when his health made it difficult to attend on a regular basis.

Bill chaired pretty well every committee within our Rotary Club, but for many many years chaired his two favourite committees, Fellowship and Sgt at Arms. He had a strong passion for fun and fellowship.

Bill arranged and emceed our installation at the end of June each year. Also, Bill, along with wife Zorka and the fellowship committee, hosted the incoming President's breakfast in early July for 110 to 120 Rotarians, spouses, significant others and guests in their back yard.

Organized and emceed "Oldtimer's Day" where pioneers of our community were hosted by our Rotary Club to a luncheon and informal mention of their work history and contributions to our community. It was an event that so many of Nanaimo's finest citizen's looked forward to each year.

Along with his best buddy, Dale Huck, organized the Children's Christmas Party at the Bowen Park clubhouse, complete with pancakes, bacon, sausage, fruit platters and much more and let's not forget to mention the Bayview Christmas luncheon, which still today, is a very popular and

worthwhile event organized by our Rotary Club.

Bill loved to smile, joke and have a good laugh, but, more than anything, loved to see and put a smile on everyone else's face, especially the children at the Christmas Family breakfast and Bayview luncheon.

We've had a lot of great Rotarians and continue to have a lot of great Rotarians in our Rotary club, but to me, his dedication and contributions to our club are second to none.

Keith McFarlane

Grant Management training session 2018.

This training session will qualify you for the 2018-2019 Rotary year.

DATE: Saturday, February 10, 2018

TIME: 10:00 AM - 2:30 PM (Doors open at 9:30)

PLACE: Royal Arbutus Room, VI University

COST: No cost to participants

REGISTRATION: Please email Doug Pearson at: dougmail@telus.net

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Member Birthdays

Bruce Gordon, Feb 05

Egon Holzwarth, Feb 07

Club Anniversaries

John Salem, 25 years Feb 04

Carmon Henderson, 21 years Feb 07

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 23-27 2018, Rotary International Conference

Meeting Date	February 2, 2018	February 9, 2018	February 16, 2018
Greeters	Laurie Bienert, Joan Ryan, Norman Myden	Moe Lessan, Barbara Blinston, John Salem	Keith McFarlane, Ed Borisenko, Bruce Samson
Cashier	Wendy Pratt	Wendy Pratt	Wendy Pratt
Sgt at Arms	Bruce Samson	Wayne Anderson	Wahid Ali
Inspiration	John Heisterman	Carmon Henderson	Mike Herold
Head Table	Pres. Jane, Ewen Moir, Donna Hais	Pres. Jane, Mikel Knutsson, Charles Ramos	Pres. Jane, Brent Barootes, Wendy Pratt
Intro Guests	Denise Wittkofski	Mike Minhas	Wahid Ali
Intro Speaker	Donna Hais	Charles Ramos	Pres. Jane
Program	Economic & Social Benefits of Trade and Ports Ewan Moir, CEO Nanaimo Port Authority	To London to visit the Queen - Mikel Knutsson	Classification Talks - Brent Barootes, Wendy Pratt
Thank Speaker	David Woodward	Bruce Samson	Pres. Jane