

ROTARY CLUB OF NANAIMO

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Friday, February 23, 2018



Neck Point path blanketed in snow on February 21, 2018

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

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Meeting Notes for Friday 16 February 2018

By John Shillabeer

President Jane opened the meeting and we sang



Pres. Jane

O Canada. **Mike Herold** gave the invocation expressing horror and sympathy for the families and friends of the seventeen victims of the latest school shooting in the USA. Mike hoped, but doubted, that the widespread revulsion at this latest school killing will lead to an end to the political grid lock over gun control and solutions to the violence. Following the invocation, President Jane observed

that Rotary International has banned clubs from connection to any gun-related events.

Lucie Gosselin called for the introduction of guest and visiting Rotarians. **Guenther Raedler** introduced his guest **Dimitri Popov**, manager of the Nanaimo Mr. Lube. There were no visiting Rotarians.

Announcements



Janeane Coutu

Speaking for **John Salem**, **Janeane Coutu** announced that next week's meeting would be a special one to honour the Foundation and to present the latest Paul Harris awards. She urged all members to make a special effort to attend and to wear their pins.

Janeane also announced that the sign-up sheets for book sale duties will shortly be available on Club Runner.



Dave Hammond

Dave Hammond announced that the Centennial Committee meeting is postponed until following the Rotary lunch on Friday 23 February to give the architects more time.

President Jane reminded members that there will be no Friday lunch meetings during the book sale on 13 and 20 April. Also the meeting on May 4 will be at Eden Gardens.

Sgt-At-Arms



Wendy Pratt

Ed Borisenko

Sgt Brent Barootes caught several members, including **Wendy Pratt** for not wearing their Rotary pins and several more for arriving after 12 o'clock. On the other hand, **Ed Borisenko** earned a \$2 credit for being the only greeter as two colleagues were



Is poverty stricken John Heisterman looking for some more money?

absent, and doing it so well. **John Heisterman** pleaded poverty after his ski trip to France and borrowed money for the doubtful privilege of telling a truly awful old joke. **Sgt Brent** then out did even John with punning questions that only a four year old

would have guessed correctly.

It being Chinese New Year, **Sgt Brent** auctioned off a red envelope containing (he said) money and an opportunity.



Yvan Gosselin made the winning bid. **Yvan** won the card draw with the "opportunity" ticket from his red envelope. Lady Luck was certainly shining on Yvan since he then successfully drew the ace of spades to win the accumulated pot.

Happy and Sad Bucks

Joan Ryan was happy to draw our attention to the upcoming Choral Festival in Nanaimo next weekend.

Douglas Anderson was happy to be back home after he and Brenda spent a very successful holiday in India.



Douglas Anderson

Guenther Raedler

Guenther Raedler was happy to welcome **Lucie** and **Yvan** back from Mesa.

The Draw

Mikel Knutsson won the table stakes.

PROGRAM NOTES FOR February 16, 2018

By Mike Herold

Club member **Wendy Pratt** gave her classification talk today for our program.

Wendy has been with our Rotary Club since 2013 and is Head of the Book Committee. She is also



multiple Paul Harris Fellow and her classification is Non-Profits.

Wendy was born in Harewood and grew up in Nanaimo. She was very fond memories of playing in Bowen Park when she was young and remembers spending 6 weeks each

summer on Protection Island playing and having fun outdoors, while her father rowed back and forth to Nanaimo to work.

Wendy attended Fairview, John Barsby and Nanaimo District Secondary schools and graduated in 1965. She was memories of Princess Margaret coming to Nanaimo in 1958 and the Chinatown fire of 1960.

Wendy's dad was in Kiwanis Club of Nanaimo and she remembers her dad's Kiwanis Club refurbishing the Pioneer Cemetery on Comox Ave.

Wendy's dad was a Kiwanis member all his life and Wendy got her desire of giving from her dad.

Wendy started her working career as a secretary for Nanaimo Realty with her second job working for the Law firm of old time Rotarian Doug Greer.

Wendy's early years growing up in Nanaimo gave her the responsibilities she needed to go forward in life.

Wendy got married at 22 years old and moved to Edmonton where she and her husband had two sons. One son is now a helicopter pilot and the other is a firefighter.

Wendy and her family moved to many different communities including Haida Gwaii, Yellowknife, Victoria and Abbotsford. She worked in the Health Care System and while working in Abbotsford started volunteering for Hospice, where she found her passion in life. She eventually became the Executive Director of Hospice in Abbotsford before moving back to Nanaimo where she also became the Executive Directly for 15 years before retiring.

Wendy loved her job at Hospice and her interaction with patients, families, volunteers and staff.

At the encouraging of club member **Dave Hammond**, **Wendy** ran for Councillor for the City of Nanaimo and won and stayed on Council for three years before stepping down.



Wendy was presented with a Rotary 75th anniversary history book and thanked by President **Jane** for her great talk.

Paul Percy Harris (1868 – 1947)

It was 2 July 1910 in Chicago that Harris married **Jean Thomson**, a Scotswoman whom he had met at a local nature club. Jean traveled the world with Harris in support of Rotary. She helped to make women an important part of Rotary, eventually leading to all Rotary Clubs

Harris began his law practice in 1896 in Chicago's main business district. He would be active in this practice for the next forty years. After establishing his law practice, Harris began to consider the benefits of forming a social organization for local professionals. In 1905, Harris organized the first Rotary Club "in fellowship and friendship" with three clients and local businessmen, Silvester Schele, Gustavus Loehr, and Hiram Shorey. His initial goal was solely to create a club of professional and business men for friendship and fellowship. Soon, Harris realized that Rotary needed a greater purpose.

When Harris was elected as third president of the Chicago Rotary Club in 1907, the club initiated its first public service project, the construction of public toilets in Chicago. This step transformed Rotary into the world's first Service Club. This action was facilitated by the formation of the Executive Committee (now Ways and Means Committee). This Committee was open to all members and their noon meetings began tradition of club luncheon meetings. Harris had great ambitions for Rotary's growth, and very early in the organization's history new clubs were started, first on the west coast, and then all over the US and in Europe. By 1910, at least 15 new clubs had begun in major cities. That August, the existing 16 Rotary Clubs held a national convention in Chicago. There they unanimously chose to unify as the National Association of Rotary Clubs. Eventually, the organization became the International Association of Rotary Clubs, helping to realize Harris'

dream worldwide. Through his work with the Rotary Club, Harris received awards from numerous national governments. Death and legacy In his later life, Harris reduced his involvement in both the Rotary Club and his legal practice, but continued to write. He often spent his winters in Alabama with his wife. In early 1946, while vacationing with his wife in Alabama, Harris grew ill. He returned to Beverly, Illinois, but never recovered fully. He died on 27 January 1947 at the age of 78. He was interred at the now-controversial Mount Hope Cemetery in Chicago's Morgan Park neighborhood. His autobiography, "My Road to Rotary" was published the following year

Rotary International

By the time of Harris' death, Rotary International had grown to more than 200,000 members in 75 countries. While the club provides a venue for both business and social networking, the primary focus is on local and international service projects. Rotary currently numbers 35,000 + clubs with 1.2 million members worldwide.

Paul Harris Fellow



Individuals who have contributed more than \$1000 to the Annual Program Fund, the Polio Plus Fund or the Humanitarian Grants Program of the Rotary Foundation are recognized as Paul Harris Fellows. Additionally, individual Rotary clubs may from time to time honor individuals as Paul Harris Fellows. These honorees are individuals who meet high professional and personal standards set forth by Paul Harris. Paul Harris recognition is not limited to Rotarians

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

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.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Member Birthdays

Wittkofski, Denise Feb 26

Henderson, Carmon Feb 27

Date Joined Rotary

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DATES TO REMEMBER

April 13-22 2018, ROTARY USED BOOK SALE

May 4 - Meeting at Eden Gardens

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 23, 2018	March 2, 2018	March 9, 2018
Greeters	Carey McIver, Geoff Clay, John Shillabeer	Mike Minhas, Dave Connolly, Carlene Shaw	Janeane Coutu, Frank Shoemaker, Sean Martin
Cashier	Wendy Pratt	Ed Borisenko	Ed Borisenko
Sgt at Arms	Joan Ryan	Dave Hammond	John Heisterman
Inspiration	Peggy Richardson	Bob Janes	Lila Tanner
Head Table	Pres. Jane	Pres Jane, Lynne Pankratz, Bob Janes	Pres. Jane, Bob Mueller, Jason Bradley
Intro Guests	Douglas Anderson	Brent Barootes	Laurie Beinert
Intro Speaker		Pres. Jane	David Woodward
Program	Rotary Foundation - PHF awards	Club Business Meeting	Finding your Butkis Bob Mueller
Thank Speaker		Pres. Jane	Jason Bradley