

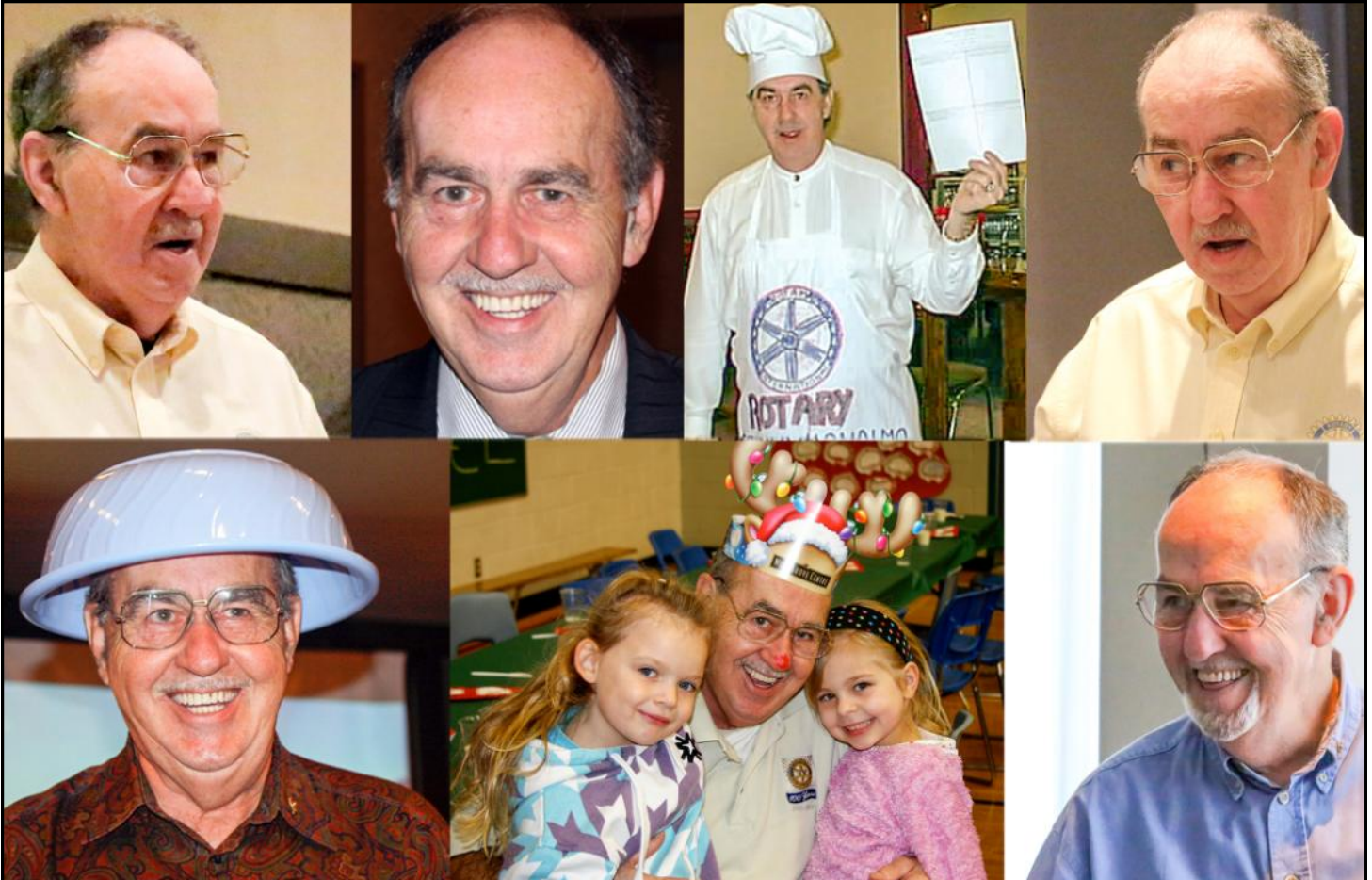
ROTARY CLUB OF NANAIMO

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Friday, February 24, 2017



There isn't another member of our club who has been in COGS pages more than Bob Fenty, and this is because he was always promoting something to do with Rotary.

A member of our club for 30 years, Bob's enthusiasm and his booming voice as he made one announcement or another promoting the book sale, Sgt-at-Arms fines or auctions

and, of course—his favourite—donations to schools, was evident at almost every meeting. Bob passed away last Saturday after a courageous struggle with cancer.

The family wanted us to know there will be a Celebration of Life on Sunday, March 5th from 1:00 to 3:00 PM at the Coast Hotel. All members of Rotary are invited.

**Club Meeting Friday at 12:00 p.m.
at the Coast Bastion Inn
CLUB OFFICERS 2016-2017**

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Meeting Notes from February 17th, 2017

By John Shillabeer

Past President Lila Tanner chaired the meeting. We sang O Canada and **Donna Hais** gave the invocation.

Introductions

Joan Ryan called for the introduction of visiting Rotarians and guests of Rotarians.

There were no visiting Ro-

tarians. **Fay Laing** introduced **Barbara Livingstone**, executive director of the Nanaimo Conservatory of Music;

Christine Whitelaw, chair of the Concert Planning Committee of the Conservatory and **Dr John Whitelaw**, our guest speaker.

Health of the Club

Ian Williams reported that he had visited **Bob Fenty** and given him a photo album of his time in Rotary. Bob is very frail and receiving palliative care. He tires easily but was very happy to see Ian and to receive the album.

Motion to donate to Literacy

Having previously given notice of the motion, **Janeane Coutu** proposed that the Club donate \$21,000 to Literacy Central Vancouver Island. The amount is 50% of the first weekend's takings at the fall book sale. The motion was seconded by **Bruce Samson** and carried unanimously on a show of hands.

Club members remarked on Janeane's fine appearance and even wondered if it truly was her. Under pressure Janeane confessed to a few days in Mexico, a new hairdo and turning 50. Members lost no time and spontaneously broke into a truly inspiring version of "Happy Birthday".

Announcements

Lila Tanner reminded members to put forward their nominees for service to the community in preparation for the event celebrating the Paul Harris Centenary. Time is running out as the directors must sort through all the nominees and ensure that there are no duplicates between clubs, limit the total to 20 and select two who will become honorary Paul Harris fellows.

Sgt-at-Arms

Sgt Brent Barootes tried to curry favour with the members by first awarding credits to **Joan Ryan** and **Wayne Anderson** for doing double duty at the meeting and then with the rest of us for doing something nice for someone.

However the favourable tone did not last for long and he caught **Bob Janes** for an absence of sandal tan and missing **John Heisterman** during his trip to Maui.

He caught many members for neither attending and open house, nor visiting the city website about the planned Event Centre and upcoming plebiscite.



Bob Wilson contributed his share to the pot this week with his story about hiking in the Lantzville hills and getting lost at about 3:30 pm after 14 km in pouring rain. He discovered the hard way that the compass in his cell phone

did not work in heavy rain. Fortunately the telephone part worked and he and his companion were able to call for help from Search and Rescue. In fact they were not needed as some trail bikers happened along shortly afterwards and were able to guide them out. Bob phoned Search and Rescue who stood down, but even so arranged for an officer of the RCMP to be on hand to greet Bob and his companion and make sure they were OK.

Sgt Brent organized a quick auction of the table centre pieces and made a few more bucks for the pot that way.

Happy and Sad Bucks

John Salem was both sad and happy. He was sad for **Bob Fenty's** condition and happy to be back after his knee surgery and losing 10 lb in the process.

Joan Ryan was happy and looking forwards to having a family gathering for her mother's 93rd birthday.

Wahid Ali was happy to see **Bob Janes** returned from Hawaii and equally happy that we were spared a view of his Speedo tan.

Egon Holzwarth contributed to the pot in his usual good natured way, but we missed what he paid for.



The draws

Mike Herold won the table stakes and **Brent Barootes** won the card draw. However he failed to pick the Ace of Spades and so the saga of the 50-50 draw will continue for another week.



Nanaimo Music Conservatory

by Jane K. Currie

Jane Currie introduced guest speaker **Dr. John Whitelaw**. Dr. Whitelaw is a retired pathologist from the Nanaimo Regional Hospital, where he also served in a variety of local and provincial medical professional leadership roles, including President of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of BC. He joined the board of the Nanaimo Conservatory of Music, where he is President, in 2012. Dr. Whitelaw was accompanied at lunch by his wife **Christine**, who chairs the VCM concert committee, and also by the ED of the NCM, **Barbara Livingston**.

One of the first tangible results of John's tenure was a new sign on the building, finally identifying the NCM to the community. The NCM is incorporated under the BC Societies Act, and a vital institution for music education in our community – for all ages, all types of music and all instruments. It is governed by a board and is registered to receive charitable donations.

There are 30 professional faculty offering private and group lessons, workshops, recital and ensemble performance experience. The building contains private studios and ensemble rooms that can accommodate 55. Studies show that that music study experiences help develop minds and hearts, preparing young people to excel later in life, and/or bringing joy and a sense of accomplishment to those who are already adults. The development of superior cognitive performance can be measured: one stat that John cited was that 66% of music majors were successful in being admitted to med school, vs. 44% of biochemistry majors!

There is a troubling trend in public education, where resources for music education have seriously diminished. Less than 57% of public schools have a qualified music teacher. In Nanaimo, nearly all school band programs have been abandoned. The NCM is thus a steadfast centre of excellence for music study in the Central Vancouver Island region, with highly educated and experienced faculty.

Students can play in the prelude orchestra, the junior orchestra, or a number of diverse ensembles, including jazz. The Youth Choir has performed in Carnegie Hall.

A unique opportunity for advanced performance students is the chance to attend a master class with a world-class musician when the artist is in Nanaimo (often to perform at the Port Theatre.) The student plays under the watchful eye of the artist, who can then show suggested improvements or corrections, offering the student a second chance to perform the same piece, to learn by doing.

The VCM is developing innovative partnerships with other music performance organizations. VCM has introduced a Music Therapy program, similar to that of the Victoria Conservatory of Music. Music is used as a tool to improve mental, emotional and physical health, often for students with mental challenges (autism, learning difficulties). The VCM's main annual fundraising event is a public concert, held in partnership with the Port Theatre. This year's concert features the brilliant **Sarah Hagen**, who will perform Tuesday Feb. 21. Other artists who have performed (and given master-classes) include **Andre Laplante**, **Janina Fialkowska**, **Krzysztof Jablonski**, and **Angela Hewitt**, all world-class talent.

Wayne Anderson thanked **Dr. Whitelaw** for his work to make the VCM such a fantastic facility. Wayne also reminisced about a certain accordion recital, when he froze and totally blanked out mid-way through his performance. But he was proud and happy that his three high-achiever daughters all took music.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Sunday February 26—Clean Up Day at Nanaimo Women's Centre, 150 Wallace Street from 12 to 2:00 PM

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

March 5—Celebration of Life for Rotarian Bob Fenty, 1:00 to 3:00 PM at the Coast Bastion Inn

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

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

ATTENDANCE

By Bob Janes

Attendance for **Feb 17th** was **52%**.

We missed the following Rotarians:

D. Anderson, Borisenko, Brand, Cowling, Gerrand, Grice, Hammond, Jiang, McIver, Mougeot, Myden, Narver, Parsons, Pratt, Raedler, J. Smith, Tessier, Wittkofski, Woodward, Woychuk

Guests: Barbara Livingstone, Christine & John Whitelaw

Makeups: John Salem, Joan Ryan

Birthdays:

Carmon Henderson on February 27th

Mike Herold, March 2

Spouse Birthdays:

Louise Patrick [Bob] on March 2nd

Club Anniversary:

Norm Myden & Eric Brand, 4 yrs, each on Mar 1

Japanese diplomat earns Rotary alumni award

By Sallyann Price - www.rotary.org

The recipient of this year's Rotary Alumni Global Service Award winner is Dr. Sadako Ogata, a former Ambassadorial Scholar and a past United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.



Born in Japan to a family of diplomats, Ogata was drawn to studying international relations after Japan's defeat in World War II. When she began graduate studies at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., USA, in 1951, she was part of the second class of Rotary Scholars from Japan.

"During that period, I also learned about the importance of community service and broadened my perspectives and experiences thanks to various exchanges with Rotarians," she says. "The Rotary motto of Service Above Self has left a deep impression and has guided me ever since."

After completing her doctorate at the University of California, Berkeley, Ogata returned to Japan to teach at International Christian University, which now hosts a Rotary Peace Center, and Sophia University, where she taught until accepting the post of United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (head of UNHCR, the United Nations refugee agency) in 1991. She also represented Japan at the UN General Assembly, served at the Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations, and chaired the UNICEF executive board.

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During her decade-long tenure with UNHCR, Ogata helped refugees who fled the Gulf War, the ethnic conflicts in Rwanda and the former Yugoslavia, and Cold War-era strife in Afghanistan and former Soviet satellites. She has been

credited with expanding UNHCR's budget and staff and strengthening its relations with the UN Security Council by emphasizing the link between refugees and international security.

"Protecting refugees is — by its nature — controversial," Ogata has said. "Carrying out this dynamic and action-oriented function requires us to challenge the sovereign preserve of states to deal with non-citizens and, in some instances, their own people."

Since leaving UNHCR in 2000, she has remained active in government and international affairs, serving as co-chair of the UN Human Security Commission and as a special representative of the Japanese government in Afghanistan. She led the Japanese International Cooperation Agency for two terms and advised then-Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi.

Her government work has shown her the power of private citizens and civic groups to effect change.

"We live in a rapidly changing world," Ogata says. "As the world is confronted with threats more complex than ever before, the role of civil society and the linkages among people has become more important than ever."

The award for Rotary Alumni Association of the Year went to the **Alumni Association of Rotary District 1210** in England. These alumni regularly visit club meetings and district events, and they lead a project to provide children's books to homes across the district.



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WEEKLY CLUB PROGRAMS & MEMBER DUTIES

MEETING DATE	February 24th, 2017	March 3rd, 2017	March 10th, 2017
GREETERS	Carmon Henderson, Brent Barootes, John Salem	Laurie Beinert, Bruce Samson, Mike Herold	Barbara Blinston, John Salem, Egon Holzwarth
CASHIER	Wahid Ali	Henry Jiang	Henry Jiang
SGT-AT-ARMS	Bruce Samson	Wayne Anderson	Wahid Ali
INVOCATION	Wayne Anderson	Brent Barootes	Laurie Beinert
HEAD TABLE	Pres Debbie, Marianne Roden, Doug Cowling, Carmon Henderson, Mike Herold, Dave Hammond	Pres Debbie, Kim Smythe, Brent Barootes, John Salem, Mike Herold, Bruce Samson, Laurie Beinert	Pres Debbie, Bernie Dumas, Mike Herold, Barbara Blinston, Egon Holzwarth, John Shillabeer,
INTRO GUESTS	John Shillabeer	Bruce Samson	John Salem
INTRO SPEAKER	Doug Cowling	Brent Barootes	Mike Herold
PROGRAM	V.I. DENTAL PROGRAM <i>Marianne Roden, VIU</i>	TODAY'S CHAMBER <i>CEO Kim Smythe</i>	NANAIMO AIRPORT AUTHORITY <i>CEO Bernie Dumas</i>
THANK SPEAKER	Dave Hammond	Dave Hammond	Donna Hais