

# ROTARY CLUB OF NANAIMO

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Friday, February 26, 2016



Snowdrops at Bowen Park, February 22, 2016—*photo by Ian Williams*

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

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## Meeting Notes from February 19th, 2016

by John Shillabeer



**President Lila** opened the meeting with the singing of O Canada. **Wendy Pratt** gave the invocation expressing thanks for food, fellowship and the opportunities to be of service through Rotary in the local community and overseas.

**Brenda Grice** called for the introduction of guests. **Bruce Gordon** introduced **Mathieu Ennis** from Nanaimo Rotaract. **President Lila** introduced **Patricia Anderson** from the Island Crisis Care Centre. There were no visiting Rotarians.



### Announcements



**Patricia Anderson** briefly spoke about the next day's "Coldest Night of the Year" walk and appealed for support. Members individually donated cash during the meeting. Several had already committed to participate in the walk which was to take place the next

day starting at 5:00 pm. **Bob Janes** announced that he and **Janeane Coutu** were planning to participate in the walk and the members were urged to contribute to their pledge sheet.



**Mathieu Ennis** announced the upcoming Rotaract Beer and Burger event on March 11 at 6:30 pm at the Old City Station Pub. Tickets are \$15.

**President Lila** reminded members of the Nanaimo North Club wine and cheese social event celebrating Paul Harris on February 23

at Lucky's Liquor. Tickets are \$25.

**President Lila** reminded members about the warning from **District Governor Rose Bowman** about an email scam purporting to be from the Chair of the trustees of the Foundation requesting personal information. **Do not respond. It's a scam.**

The District Conference will be in Olympia, WA June 24-26. Registration is now open.



### Sergeant at Arms (Dave Hammond)

Dave had a "This day in history" quiz for the members. On this day in what year did: Dave was assisted by Rotarian **Jane K. Currie**.

The Boeing 747 made its first test flight?	1969
The cartoon Family Circus begin?	1959
When did Mickey Mouse come to China?	1986
Fleetwood Mac debut "Rumours"	1971



For a bonus question, **Sgt-at-Arms Dave** asked the members for the registration number of HMCS Nanaimo which appears in the video as we sing O Canada each week. Fortunately **Bruce Samson** had the answer

(702). Those who failed to provide the right answer paid a fine.

Dave then auctioned off a book on marketing authored by **Brent Barootes**. **Wendy Pratt** won the bidding.

### Happy and Sad Bucks

**Joan Ryan** was happy to announce that tomorrow she would be travelling to Campbell River to help her mother celebrate her 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday.

**Brent Barootes** was happy that he has tickets available to *Anne of Green Gables* production at Aspen Grove School on 26-27 February in which his daughter Brooklyn is playing little Anne.

**Wendy Pratt** was inspired by the articles in this month's Rotarian.

**Susie Stephens** was happy and very proud to announce that her daughter Emily has been accepted to study at Oxford University.

**Janeane Coutu** was happy to thank those who volunteered cooking hot dogs for the Woodlands School reunion last weekend, which was a great success.

**Lila Tanner** was extremely happy because **Chris Coutu** is re-doing her bathroom and she will finally be rid of her purple bathtub (!)



### Card Draw



**Bob Janes** won the table stakes and **David Woodward** won the card draw but only managed the seven of diamonds, so the 50-50 pot will accumulate for another week.



Egon Holzwarth was one of the "happy buck" contributors.

# Membership Committee Report

by Jane K. Currie

**President Lila** invited **Joan Ryan** and **Douglas Anderson** to introduce the planned discussion. Joan used the analogy of “speed dating,” in which four committee reps would each have 5 minutes to give a rundown of committee work to each of 4 tables, one after another. Ideally, our audience should have included some prospective members to hear this; as it turned out, it was mostly insiders talking to insiders. *NEXT TIME!*

The speakers were: **Janeane Coutu** for Community Service; **Brenda Grice** for Rotary Foundation; **Douglas Anderson** for Membership and **Norm Myden**, International Committee.

## Highlights

### 1. Community Service & Grants

Although this is one committee, the service & grants activities are separate

Grants receives requests for funding from various local groups, schools, clubs, etc. and after a review, recommends to the board whether to provide funding.

Amounts greater than \$1K are later announced to the club as a notice of motion, for member approval

Community Service emerged from a past visioning exercise, which identified a need for our club to have more hands-on projects (like the very successful Bayview Christmas Lunch)

Examples include the fence building & painting at Nanaimo Community Hospice, and the volunteer barbecue for Interact.

Upcoming community service projects will support the club’s Centennial, with more news later this summer.



### 2. Rotary Foundation (RF)



Over the years, our club has contributed an accumulated \$530K USD to the Rotary Foundation

Typically, many gifts are made throughout the year, and no amount is too small

Six RF global grants worth \$134K, plus matching have supported our club projects in Ghana & Panama in 2015, the RF contributed \$26 million to the RI Polio program

Independent assessment of Rotary International gives the highest marks for financial management, accountability & transparency, about 96/100.

### 3. Membership

Recruitment, engagement & retention must be ongoing efforts. Our current roster of 63 members is down from about 100, ten years ago.

While there is some regrettable & inevitable loss (death, moving away) we need to prevent any preventable losses such as disengagement.

Many ideas are circulating in our district and RI, as this situation is not unique to our club. Efforts in programs, fellowship & service have merit.

Clarity in recruitment interviews, to ensure the candidate has a clear understanding of financial and time commitments, could also help.

Our great book sale is a opportunity for outreach

One-on-one mentorship could also benefit from more active implementation.



### 4. International Service



Most international projects fall in one of four key RI objectives for humanitarian service:

- Water & Sanitation
- Disease Prevention
- Education & Literacy
- Maternal Health
- On Vancouver Island, nearly 2 dozen Rotary clubs cooperate on international projects for greater

clout (in funding & matching requests) and effectiveness (in implementation).

Examples of aid we have provided are in Africa [clean water supply projects in Ghana & Kenya], [artificial limbs in Zimbabwe]; Mexico [Project Amigo, where Rotarians are most welcome to come and take part]; Central & South America [literacy in Guatemala, Etta projects in Bolivia], and many others [malaria nets for Sleeping Children Around the World], Shelter Box and Disaster Aid, Mercy Ships [for travelling healthcare].

### Conclusion

Never shy, members had vigorous feedback on this blitz experience. The fast pace did not allow for discussion, ideas and Q&A, which came up at every table at every presentation. Although the intent of the exercise was to help attract/recruit new members, many felt the format was too compressed and overwhelming for that audience: Too much noise with everyone talking at once! On the other hand, the format could really liven up future club assembly meetings. One of the last remarks was very telling – the best feedback we get from guests happens when a meeting is humorous and light-hearted, with great speakers. The upcoming DLTA, April 1-3 in Victoria, will also feature seminars and workshops on membership, and is recommended as a very worthwhile experience.





Last week's program was a round-table discussion about membership in Rotary and our Four Avenues of Service:

### DATES TO REMEMBER

**Feb 23**—Nanaimo North Rotary will be hosting a Wine & Cheese Event at Lucky's in Country Club. Tickets are \$25 each. All are welcome!

**March 5**—Duncan Daybreak Rotary 5th Annual Whisky Festival at Silver-bridge Travelodge. Samples of 50 whiskeys, appetizers, silent auction. Tickets \$85, see <cvwhiskyfest.ca> for more information.

**March 11**—Rotaract Beer & Burger Night at Old Station Pub at 6:30 pm Come out for some fun, meet Rotaract members and support their fundraising. Tickets are \$15 each.

**April 1-3**—District Leadership Training Assembly, Victoria. For more info go to <Rotary5020.org>

**June 24-25**—District 5020 Conference in Olympia Washington. District Governor Rose Bowman and the Rotary District Committee at the Red Lion Hotel in Olympia to celebrate Rotary!

### ATTENDANCE

*By Bob Janes*

Attendance for February 19<sup>th</sup> was **55%**

#### We missed the following:

Ali, W. Anderson, Cowling, Fenty, Gerrand, L & Y Gosselin, Heisterman, Henderson, King, Knutsson, Lesan, McIver, Narver, Patrick, Raedler, Ramos, Salem, Stetar, Tessier, Woychuk, Zhang

#### Visiting Rotarians:

Mathieu Ennis. Rotaract

**Guests:** Patricia Anderson

#### Makeups:

David Woodward x 2 – Oceanside Rotary  
Susie Stephens – Book sort

#### Birthdays:

Carmon Henderson, Feb 27  
Mike Herold, March 2

#### Spouse Birthdays:

Louise Patrick (Bob) on March 2nd

#### Club Anniversaries:

Eric Brand, 3 yrs, March 1  
Norm Myden, 3 yrs, Mar 1  
Helen Blackmore, 9 years on March 2nd

## WEEKLY CLUB PROGRAMS & MEMBER DUTIES

MEETING DATE	February 26th, 2016	March 4th, 2016	March 11th, 2016
GREETERS	Egon Holzwarth, Brent Barootes, Charles Ramos	Barbara Blinston, Bob Janes, Ellen Ross	Ed Borisenko, Joan Ryan, Henry Jiang
CASHIER	Christine Parsons	Henry Jiang	Henry Jiang
SGT-AT-ARMS	John Heisterman	Joan Ryan	Bruce Samson
INVOCATION	Carmon Henderson	Mike Herold	Egon Holzwarth
HEAD TABLE	Pres Lila, Gail Adrienne, Dave Hammond, Carmon Henderson, Mike Herold, Brent Barootes	Pres Lila, Kix Citton, Bob Wilson, John Salem, Bob Fenty, Bob Janes, Barbara Blinston, Ellen Ross	Pres Lila, Randy O'Donnel, Wayne Anderson, Ed Borisenko, Joan Ryan, Henry Jhang
INTRO GUESTS	Wahid Ali	Douglas Anderson	Wayne Anderson
INTRO SPEAKER	Barbara Blinston	Bob Wilson	Wayne Anderson
PROGRAM	<b>NANAIMO AREA LAND TRUST</b> <i>Gail Adrienne</i>	<b>Nanaimo Brain Injury Society</b> <i>Kix Citton</i>	<b>PHOTOGRAPHY TECHNIQUES</b> <i>Randy O'Donnell</i>
THANK SPEAKER	Wayne Anderson	Debbie Narver	Wahid Ali