

ROTARY CLUB OF NANAIMO

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4,757th Meeting

Friday, February 3, 2017



Dave Hammond and members of the club's Centennial Committee met with Rob Lawrence from the City of Nanaimo last Friday to discuss possible projects that the city could participate in for our 100th anniversary in 2020.

—Photos by Ian Williams

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

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Meeting Notes from January 27th, 2017

By Lucie Gosselin



President **Debbie Narver** opened the meeting by wishing everyone a happy Chinese New Year and **Jane Currie** led a very inspirational invocation. **Yvan Gosselin** introduced guests and visiting Rotarians. We had the pleasure of hosting four prospective members as guests.

The club, led by **Doug Cowling**, sang happy birthday to **Yvan Gosselin** who in turn paid \$20 to make sure we did not give an encore. In fact he said we sounded like the Sea Lions in Northwest Bay.

Yvan gave a report on the health of club members. He reported that **Bill Horman** was in good spirits this morning but has good days and bad days. **Bob Fenty** is having some struggles. Doctors are changing his treatments again. **Barb Blinston** who had a stroke has been left with vision problems. She sends her thanks for the flowers. She said they came just at the right time when she was having a bad day. **Frank Shoemaker** added that former member **Ralph Hagen** is not well.



Frank Shoemaker had the honour of presenting a **Paul Harris Fellowship** pin to **Henry Jiang**.

President Debbie read a message from **Joyce Smith** who is in Mexico.



We need more host families for the Australian Rotary Friendship Exchange in May. Volunteers should contact either **Debbie** or **Joyce**.

Oceanside club sent a message to say that **James Bond Night** is back. It will be held on May 13th and is back at Beban Park this year.



Doug Cowling gave a **Notice of Motion** to increase the scholarship donations from \$2,000 per year to \$4,000 as long as funds permit. Successful recipients will be expected to show community service and/or international service. We will let the School Foundation committee have some flexibility each year on

whether to give 4 scholarships of \$1,000 each or 1 of \$2,000 and 2 or \$1,000. This notice is subject to Board approval which is expected in early February. Time is

of the essence to meet the Foundation's timelines. The motion is expected to be brought to the club on February 17th.

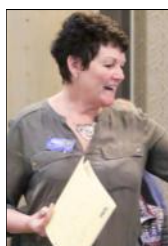


Another table is stumped by the Sgt-at-Arms' 1986 quiz questions.

Dave Hammond was **Sergeant at Arms**, assisted by **Keith McFarlane**. He had a quiz regarding events of 1986 which is the year he joined Rotary. Needless to say that no one answered the questions correctly and it cost us all.



Happy and sad bucks were abundant including **Carmon Henderson** announcing the marriage of daughter Carla, and **Bob Janes** announcing the birth of his first grandchild. **Henry Jiang** said Happy New Year in both Cantonese "*Gong xi fa cai*" and in Mandarin "*xin nian hao*". The club responded with an applause.



Susie Stephens won the table stakes while **Dave Connolly** had the chance to pull the Ace of Spades for the 50-50 prize but that ace eluded him. The pot continues to grow.

Tragic News

The club has learned this week that a young Rotaractor (2014-16) and supporter of Rotary and our club, Mathieu Ennis has been killed in a car accident early Sunday morning just west of Parkville. No further details are available at press time.

Mathieu was a welcome visitor at our club meetings. He was a positive force at our book sale, helping sort books, setting up and tearing down.

Service will be at Yates Memorial Services, 1000 Allsbrook Road, Parkville, Friday February 3. Viewing 10-12, Service at 12 noon.



Mathieu Ennis
1989 - 2017

Shuguy Project— Shoes for the Homeless

By Charles Ramos

Today's program was from **Will Chambers**. Will is a local registered nurse with 20 years of experience who is married and the father of two daughters. He has taken part in two medical missions to Haiti, and is the founder of the local "Shuguy Project", which provides footwear to the homeless.



Will was introduced by **Susie**



Stephens, who noted that he epitomizes the Rotary ideal of identifying a problem, solving the problem, and communicating the solution to others.

The Shuguy Project idea was first planted when Will and his wife interacted with a homeless man, and after noticing the sad state of his footwear, provided him with a functional pair of shoes. This put an idea in Will's head. Will contemplated the idea for several months, then decided to act, and the Shuguy Project

was born.

The mission of the project is to provide used and new footwear to the homeless. Will built the project team from family and close acquaintances, and expended much time and energy in setting it up as a charitable organization, building a board of directors, and soliciting volunteer help and donations from local businesses and residents. The volunteer support received has been enormous, both from individuals and firms. A large portion of the new and used footwear comes from Frontrunners and New Balance.



The project recently completed its first full year of operation. They are averaging between 100-150 pairs of footwear distributed each month. The operational labour and organization is mostly donated, with monthly operational costs between \$200-250. In the beginning, in order to find the locations of most need, Will's group began teaming with the Salvation Army. This led to connections with Mustard Seed, Oceanside Homeless, and Manna Mobile.

Wendy Pratt thanked Mr. Chambers for his heartfelt presentation, and said his work shows great empathy for those in need. She then presented him with the coveted Rotary pen, handmade by **Allan Smith**.





7pm - 10pm

6TH ANNUAL

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Saturday, March 4th, 2017

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ATTENDANCE

By Bob Janes

Attendance for January 27th was **46%**

We missed the following Rotarians:

Ali, D. Anderson, Barootes, Borisenko, Brand, Forghani Targhi, Gerrand, Grice, Laing, Lessan, McIver, Myden, Raedler, Salem, Samson, Shillabeer, J. Smith, Stetar, Tessier, Wilson, Woodward, Woychuck

Visiting Rotarians: Peggy Richardson, Geoff Clay

Guests: Will Chambers, Rob Lawrence, Mike Minhas, Sunny Hothi

Makeups: Pratt, Currie, W. Anderson

Birthdays:

Bruce Gordon, Feb 5th
Egon Holzwarth, Feb 7th

Spouse Birthdays:

Valerie Marlow [John] on February 6th

Club Anniversary:

John Salem, 24 years on February 4th
Carmon Henderson, 20 years on February 7th

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Rotary announces new chief philanthropy officer

Evanston, Ill. (Jan. 25, 2017) — Rotary taps fundraising expert, Eric Schmelling, to manage philanthropy and fundraising for the humanitarian service organization's \$1 billion charitable arm – **The Rotary Foundation**.

Eric Schmelling, General Manager and Chief Philanthropy Officer

As the Chief Philanthropy Officer, Schmelling will lead the area responsible for facilitating contributions to The Rotary Foundation. The foundation, celebrating its **centennial**, has a one-year fundraising goal of \$300 million. It grants over \$200 million annually to eradicate polio and funds projects and scholarships in communities worldwide.

"With over 20 years at Rotary, Eric brings a deep understanding to this role," said John Hewko, general secretary of Rotary. "Under Eric's guidance in his previous roles, we have seen tremendous growth in overall contributions, including in our effort to end polio. We look forward to continued success under Eric's leadership."

Schmelling began his career at Rotary in 1995 and has held several positions, including director of planned and major gifts. "It is truly an honor to work for an organization dedicated to making the world a better place," said Schmelling. "I have invested much of my career here because I believe in

Rotary's mission to end polio and provide those in need with access to clean water, education, peace, healthcare and economic opportunities. As chief philanthropy officer, I am excited to help lead the organization's efforts to make sure we have the financial resources to continue improving communities worldwide."

Schmelling is an alumnus of Beloit College in Wisconsin and received his M.A. from Central European University in Hungary. He is a member of the Rotary Club of Evanston Lighthouse.



DATES TO REMEMBER

February 11—Rotary Leadership Training to be held in Nanaimo. More info contact Richard Clarke 137clarke@gmail.com

April 1—Celebrating 100 years of the Rotary Foundation, 6:30-8:30 pm.

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.

WEEKLY CLUB PROGRAMS & MEMBER DUTIES

MEETING DATE	February 3rd, 2017	February 10th, 2017	February 17th, 2017
GREETERS	Guenter Raedler, Wahid Ali, Donna Hais	David Hammond, Douglas Anderson, Charles Ramos	John Heisterman, Wayne Anderson, Joan Ryan
CASHIER	Wahid Ali	Wahid Ali	Wahid Ali
SGT-AT-ARMS	Wayne Anderson	John Heisterman	Brent Barootes
INVOCATION	David Woodward	Wahid Ali	Douglas Anderson
HEAD TABLE	Pres Debbie, Maxime Therrien, Bob Janes, Bruce Gordon, Egon Holzwarth, Dave Connolly	President Debbie, Don Power, Janeane Coutu, Nattalie Tessier, John Heisterman, Henry Jiang	Pres Debbie, John Whitelaw, Jane Currie, Wayne Anderson, John Heisterman, Wahid Ali, Joan Ryan
INTRO GUESTS	Guenter Raedler	Charles Ramos	Joan Ryan
INTRO SPEAKER	Bob Janes	Janeane Coutu	Jane Currie
PROGRAM	Travels to the Arctic on an Icebreaker ... Maxime Therrien	SOCIAL MEDIA FOR SKEPTICS Don Power	Nanaimo Conservatory of Music John Whitelaw
THANK SPEAKER	Lila Tanner	President Debbie	Wayne Anderson