

ROTARY CLUB OF NANAIMO

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4,712th Meeting

Friday, February 5, 2016



A Canucks fan at Cowichan Bay marina.

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

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Meeting Notes from January 29th, 2016

by Derek Lewis

President Lila Tanner asked the Club to join her in the signing of our National anthem. The invocation was provided by **Wahid Ali**, who gave thanks for Rotary, the food we just enjoyed for lunch, and fellowship.

Wendy Pratt called for the introduction of visiting Rotarians and guests. We had several visiting Rotarians this week: **Charles Ramos** introduced **Fran Coulter** and **Barry Rawley** from the Rotary Club of Winnipeg-Assiniboine who had joined us the week before too; Charles also introduced **Russell Skalesky** from the Rotary Club of Selkirk, Manitoba, and his spouse **Theda Skalesky**; **Donna Hais**

introduced her father and business partner, **Bob Wall**

from the Day

Break Club; and **Brent Stetar** introduced **Suzy Depledge** from the Nanaimo North Club. **Carey McIver** introduced our only guest this week, her partner and repeat guest, **An-nabel Kirby**.

President's Remarks:

President Lila was looking for volunteers to take part in the RILA interviews. She thought the date was February 24th and **Joan Ryan** said she would confirm. Please contact **Rob Waive** of the North Club if interested, 250-734-2236.

President Lila also encourage all Club members to complete the Rotary International Leadership Survey on the Rotary International website.

Notice of Motion:

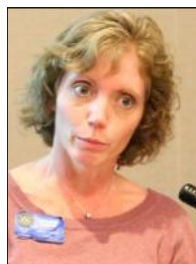
Bob Fenty on behalf of the Community Grants Committee gave two weeks' notice on a \$2,000 grant for the Chase River Elementary School to purchase new non-fiction books for kindergarteners to grade 4's for the school's Learning in Depth Program.

Announcements:



John Shillabeer advised the preparations for the next book sale were going well and that we've had a good instream of donations to date. While there is no backlog of books to be sorted, he did request more volunteers for sorting the books, particularly on the weekends, in the sorting room next to the Lotto kiosk at *Nanaimo North Town Centre*. **Brent Stetar** piped up

that there are many categories that could be organized, if there's one in particular that interests you.



Janeane Coutu announced that Woodlands Secondary School will be hosting a 60th anniversary open house on February 12th and 13th. She is looking for volunteers to run a BBQ on Saturday, February 13th to support the event. Please let Janeane know if you are interested.

Finally,

President Lila recognized **Bob Fenty** as her *Rotary Rock Star* for January 2016 for all of his contributions to Rotary. Bob was humble and said the recognition was unnecessary, but he was still thankful.



Sergeant-At-Arms:

The SAA this week was **John Shillabeer** with the assistance of **Bob Janes** as his collector. John started off by asking **Bob Fenty** and **John Salem** to please stand. Apparently Bob received a telephone call from a friend telling him that there was an obituary in the daily paper for **John Salem**. Well imagine the surprise Bob got when he called John's office and John answered the phone. Apparently the obituary was for a John Salmon, not John Salem. The Sergeant-at-Arms fined Bob \$1 for not checking the obituary himself before calling.

In keeping with his usually tradition, John had questions about a new and interesting topic. This week it was "toasting":



Salem—alive and well!



John advised the toasting is believed to have evolved from concerns about poisoning as a common way of getting rid of a rival. By tapping

glasses in a toast, any poison from one glass would splash into the other glass, effectively poisoning both parties. Another theory is that toasting resulted from the custom in the 17th century of flavouring drinks with spiced toast.

~What "group" in England is allowed to toast sitting down?

The lawyers of Lincoln's Inn traditionally take the toast sitting down, commemorating an occasion when King Charles II dined at the inn and the entire company was too drunk to stand up.

~Why is the Royal Navy also allowed to toast sitting down?

On old wooden warships there was not enough head room to stand below decks.

~Our Club breaks established etiquette every week when we toast Rotary and the Queen at the end of each meeting. How?

1. *The first toast after eating should be to the Queen.*
2. *The toast should only be to the Queen.*
3. *The toast should be alcoholic.*

~The Black Watch of Canada have a particular privilege when it comes to toasting. What is it?

They stand on their chairs with one foot on the table during toasts.

Happy/Sad Bucks:

John Salem had a couple of dollars that he was happy to be alive, but a bit concerned about his wife's call to the insurance office after "hearing" about his death.

Donna Hais had a dollar to thank Joan and Bruce for filling in for her last week when she was away for a surgery.



Wahid Ali had a dollar to announce that it was National Curmudgeon Day yesterday and he thought it was relevant based on some of the members of our Club.

Carey McIver had both a happy dollar and a sad dollar. The happy dollar was for her pending vacation to Mexico, but the sad dollar was that she would be out of town for four weeks upon her return.

Egon Holzwarth had a dollar to state that he was happy he grew up in a country (Germany), with uncomplicated rules for toasting.



David Woodward had a dollar to announce that VIU was having its Convocation Ceremony at the Port Theatre today for the recent graduates from the university.



Jane Currie had a happy dollar that she tried on her ski pants and they still fit for her upcoming ski weekend in Whistler.

Card Draws:

Bruce Skalesky, our guest, won the table stakes. **John Salem** had a chance for the 50/50 and was close when he pulled the two of spades.



Youth Skate Park Project

By Janeane Coutu

President Lila introduced our speaker **Peggy Lake** who was the creator of the Children's Clothes Exchange, a Rainbows facilitator, and developer of Lice Patrol in the schools. Originally hailing from Nova Scotia, Peggy has called Nanaimo home for the



last 28-years. She has been very active with the **Harewood Neighborhood Association** whose initiatives include the free day programs in **Centennial**

Park (behind John Barsby school) in summer, **Harewood Miner's Community Water Park**, and creating the **Official Neighborhood Plan**. Their current project is the expansion of Centennial Park to create a new skate park and BMX track.

The skate park is currently in the design phase and plans should be ready in February. There is 12,000sq feet of space to work with and plan to have a cement oval (aka bowl) as the main feature. They want a cover for the skate park which is fairly unique, and this will allow it to be used year-round. The Association has \$50,000 for the project at this time, and estimate overall cost at about \$300-350,000 for the grounds phase and an additional \$130,000 for the cover.

Check out these videos created by Shaw TV that are posted on **YouTube**; (search for titles at youtube.com)

Harewood Centennial Park Improvement Plan

Take it to the Park Skate Competition

Centennial Park Playground

The current park has a new playground that was built by **Nanaimo Parks and Recreation** and busloads of children visit during the summer to enjoy the playground and water park. There are plans to have walking paths constructed around the park and a bike path. Parks & Rec and the HW Neighborhood Assoc. are revamping the lacrosse box and bathrooms, this will be funded by the **City of Nanaimo**.

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ATTENDANCE

By Bob Janes

Attendance for January 29nd was **52%**

We missed these Rotarians

D. Anderson, W. Anderson, Cowling, Currie, Fenty Gerand, L & Y Gosselin, Grice, Hammond, Heisterman, Henderson, Jiang, King, Knuts-son, Lessan, Myden, Narver, Raedler, Ross, Stephens, Zhang

Visiting Rotarians:

Russell Skalesky, Barry Rowley, Fran Coulter and

Bob Wall of Nanaimo Day-break

Mathieu Ennis of Rotaract
Suzy Depledge from
Nanaimo North

Guests: Theda Skalesky, Annabel Kirby, Peggy Lake

Make ups: Stetar x 2

Birthdays:

Bruce Gordon, Feb 5th
Egon Holzwarth, Feb 7th
Janeane Coutu, Feb 11th

Spouse Birthday:

Valerie Marlow, Feb 6th

Club Anniversaries:

Carmon Henderson, 19 yrs
on February 7th

Peggy said she was here today to ask for financial help and hoped that the Rotary Club would consider a donation to this project as we were involved in funding the skate park in North Nanaimo on Dover Road.

Questions from the floor ...

-Would the skate park be used by both girls and boys? and the answer was a resounding YES, -girls are very active in skate and BMX sports.

Is the City providing funding? not confirmed but likely matching funds will be available

-Our Rotarian visitor from Manitoba told us their club built such a facility in their town, raising \$1m for the project. He encouraged us to participate saying it was a wonderful project, great for the kids, community, and business (keeps skateboarders off the streets and out of parking lots).

President Lila invited Peggy to return and show us the drawing when they have a final plan.

John Salem thanked our speaker, mentioning that his son was heavily involved in getting the skate park built in the North which was not supported by the City of Nanaimo at that time but they persevered and built a great facility that is well used. He encouraged Peggy to keep going, work hard to get the support from the community and businesses. He also suggested she bring a skater along when speaking so the audience can hear from a user what this project means to them. John then presented a hand-crafted pen as a memento of her visit to our club.



FEBRUARY

Peace and Conflict Resolution Month

If there is ever a time in the history of the world to maintaining our diligence for Rotary's Peace program at is now.

The Peace Scholar program has been a part of our Foundation program for many years. If you know an outstanding student who has obtained their Bachelor's Degree and would like to apply for a two-year Master's Degree in Peace and Conflict resolution, please encourage them to apply.

The forms are on the district website. If you have questions, please reach out to **Bill McCarthy** our Foundation Chair or to **Victoria Pitt**, our Foundation Scholarship chair. Phone (250) 383-8390 or email at

Victoria@salmondashurst.com

Speaking of Foundation, one year from now in 2017 our **Rotary International Foundation** will be 100 years old.

While members are the key to the success of Rotary in the world, our members would not have the infrastructure to do the projects and programs we do without the Foundation.

We especially would not have had the infrastructure to take on the challenge of eliminating Polio in this world. Thank you Rotary and thank you **Arch Klump** for making it happen. It is not too early to plan a celebration including fundraising in your club or your area. It can be very powerful if multiple clubs come together to celebrate as already happens in many areas of the district. The Greater Victoria area and the Olympia area come to mind.

Rose Bowman, District Governor

DATES TO REMEMBER

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.

WEEKLY CLUB PROGRAMS & MEMBER DUTIES

| MEETING DATE | February 5th, 2016 | February 12th, 2016 | February 19th, 2016 |
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| GREETERS | John Heisterman, Wahid Ali, Bob Patrick | Carmon Henderson, Brent Barootes, Wendy Pratt | Guenter Raedler, Wayne Anderson, Mike Herold |
| CASHIER | Christine Parsons | Christine Parsons | Christine Parsons |
| SGT-AT-ARMS | Bob Fenty | Wayne Anderson | Dave Hammond |
| INVOCATION | Carey McIver | Norm Myden | John Heisterman |
| HEAD TABLE | President Lila, Violet Hayes, Bob Janes, Bruce Gordon, Egon Holzwarth, Janeane Coutu | Pres Lila, Martin Drakely, Bob Fenty, Carmon Henderson, Brent Barootes, Wendy Pratt | President Lila, Douglas Anderson, Joan Ryan, Guenter Raedler, Mike Herold, Wayne Anderson |
| INTRO GUESTS | John Heisterman | John Woychuk | Bright Zhang |
| INTRO SPEAKER | Bob Janes | Bob Fenty | — |
| PROGRAM | ISLAND CRISIS CARE SOCIETY <i>Violet Hayes</i> | Fire-Rescue AED Demo & Talk <i>Martin Drakely</i> | MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE <i>Douglas Anderson, Joan Ryan</i> |
| THANK SPEAKER | Brent Barootes | Jane Currie | — |