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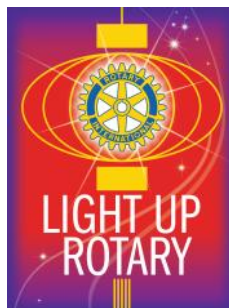


Visiting us for our first meeting of the new year were Matthieu Ennis and Erin Lee of the Rotaract Club, introduced by Janeane Coutu (top left), and AGT Barry Sparkes of the Lantzville Club introduced by John Shillabeer (top right) along with Ellen Ross and Lee Odgers of Nanaimo (bottom right). Lower left photo shows Bob Janes paying a Happy Buck to Sgt-at-Arms assistant Jane Currie for the wonderful rendition of Happy Birthday the club sang for him.

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

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Meeting Notes from Jan 9th

By Janeane Coutu

Our meeting opened with video and singing our national anthem, followed by **Joan Ryan** with invocation.

Bob Janes introduced our visiting Rotarians and guests. We welcomed **Matthieu Ennis** and **Erin Lee** of the Rotaract club, and **Barry Sparkes**, AG from Lantzville Rotary club. Guests included **Lee Odgers** of Nanaimo (former Daybreak club member) and **Ellen Ross**, who is soon to be inducted into our club.



News on the health of the club from **President Bob** we learned that **Doug McMillan** was admitted to hospital over the holidays with pneumonia. **Janeane Coutu** and **Bob** paid him a visit and the 99

year old was sharp as a tack and seemed to be doing well, but sadly today we were informed he has been moved to palliative care.

COGS has learned early this week that Doug McMillan passed away at NRGH shortly after the visit by Bob and Janeane. Doug joined our club in 1981 with the classification of Hospital Administration, having been a Rotarian for 20 years.

A celebration of Life will be held for Doug at Berwick on the Lake on Saturday, January 17, 10 a.m.

Friday was **Bob Janes'** birthday so we sang a wonderfully, horrible version of Happy Birthday to him, led by **Doug Cowling**.

In member announcements, **Carey**



McIver on behalf of International Service informed us of a send-off party Jan 14 6pm at *Piper's Pub* for a team of five from the Lantzville club going to Guatemala.



Lynne Pankratz was asking for feedback on the info sheet submitted in previous weeks outlining costs and meeting our club deficit. Options included dues increase, lunch fee increase,

charge for installation meal, etc. If you haven't submitted your preference, please do so this week and get it to Lynne.



Erin and Matthieu announced the Rotaract club is holding a "Where You Are From" dinner Jan 24th at the *Ecumenical Centre*. Enjoy traditional home-made dishes

from across the globe. Tickets are \$25 for students, \$35 for adults and funds raised will be used for local and international projects.

President Bob reported from the *Festival of Trees* that our tree was voted #3 and raised \$1238.

Dates to remember – Feb 26th is the inter-club meeting at the Nanaimo Golf Course.

Sgt-at-Arms

Sgt-at-Arms Dave Hammond wielded some fines, assisted by **Jane Currie**.

Barb Blinston was fined for inviting a guest and making her sit at the back table while she sat up front.

Suzie Walker was fined for flashing her engagement ring at the Christmas Dinner.

Bob Janes was fined for his "low expectations" comment prior to our singing.



During happy bucks **Donna Hais** was happy about the grand opening of *Millstone Medical Centre* and mentioned the new *Code Brew* coffee shop in the building whose profits support health care in the community. She had an apology buck for leaving early to take her son for shots in preparation for his Spring Break volunteer work trip to Belize.



Bruce Samson happily announced his engagement to **Debbie** is official – there is now "bling" on her finger!

Wayne Anderson was proud and

happy that daughter **Lisa** graduated with a bachelor degree in teaching,



applied for a job, and not only did she get the job, but she is moving out as well (to Prince George) so his food bill should be lower.

Egon Holzwarth had an apology buck for **Barb**, claiming it was his fault she didn't sit with her guest since he maligned **Barb** to work up at the front desk. (**Ellen** had an apology



buck too for getting **Barb** in trouble)

Charles Ramos mentioned he was soon getting **Ex-change Student Bas** so could **Wayne** please pass on the extra food.

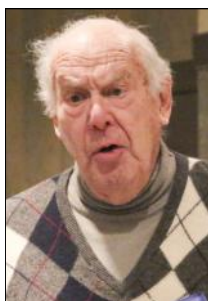
Keith McFarlane said all three McFarlane women were together for the first time in a while over the holidays and they were all talking (and listening?) at the same time to his amazement.

President Bob, **PE Lila Tanner** and **VP Brent Stetar** attended an RI webinar and were impressed with

what they learned and the vast information available to all on the RI website. Bob also mentioned in another week he was off to New Zealand for a month.

Wayne Anderson had the lucky table ticket, **John Salem** tried for the Ace but no luck.

Honorary Rotarian Bill Horman joined us last week on the occasion of his and **Zorka's** 58th Wedding Anniversary. We all wished the couple well!



Youth Protection

By Charles Ramos

The programme today was Rotary Youth Protection, presented by **Joan Ryan**.



Jane Currie introduced **Joan** as today's presenter. Joan has been a Rotarian since 2003 and has been very active in that time, including a year as club president, during

which she became famous for her handmade 'Newfie' bookmarks, which were distributed weekly during her term. Joan is involved in a number of humanitarian causes, and works with the full spectrum of ages; from seniors and elders with Lifeline, to youth as the Rotaract and Interact coordinator. Joan is the club's Youth Protection Officer, and is here to discuss this aspect of the Rotary Youth programs.

Program

The Rotary Youth Protection Pro-

gram mandate is to provide a safe environment for youths participating in Rotary and Rotary-sponsored activities, and includes a code of conduct in regards to adult involvement with youths that covers all Rotary programs that work with youth, including the following:

- Rotary Youth Exchange
- Rotary Youth Leadership Awards
- Rotaract
- Interact

The program has been instituted in order to provide guidelines for both youths and Rotarians, to ensure clarification is given for a variety of scenarios. In addition to standard criminal record check certifications, the program also identifies the level of volunteer involvement that would either require or not require the full criminal record check procedure. Rotary International has a number of online documents in regards to Youth Protection, and has a detailed checklist that each club president is required to complete and sign off to verify the club's compliance.

Online criminal record check verification has been set up to simplify the approval process for volunteer Rotarians, and club training sessions such as today's program are now being offered to provide the resources for volunteers.

One action that the Nanaimo North Club has done is to prepare a number of signs identifying drivers and their vehicles as Rotarians when picking up youth for events.

President Bob Wilson thanked



the speaker for her work on this challenging and complex subject, and further mentioned that he is personally very appreciative of Joan's knowledge and work in ensuring the club's compliance when he was required to sign our club's compliance document.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Saturday, Jan 17—Celebration of Life for Doug McMillan, 10 a.m. at Berwick on the Lake.

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Thursday, Feb 26—Rotary Inter-Club meeting at Nanaimo Golf Club. All five local clubs will be participating.

ATTENDANCE

By Bob Janes

Attendance for January 9th was **60%**

We missed these Rotarians

D. Anderson, Borisenko, Brand, Cantelon, Finnegan, Gerrand, L. & Y. Gosselin, Grice, Heisterman, Knutsson, Lewis, Myden, Narver, Patrick, Raedler, J. Smith, Tanner, Welch

Visiting Rotarians:

Barry Sparkes, of Rotary Lantzville
Mathieu Ennis, Erin Lee of Rotaract

Guests: Lee Odgers and Ellen Ross

Birthdays:

None to report

Spouse Birthdays:

Zorka Horman [Bill] on January 16th
Bruce Ryan [Joan] on January 18th

**ROTARY DISTRICT 5020
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Conference Centre, Nanaimo**



WEEKLY CLUB PROGRAMS

Friday, January 16th

GREETERS John Heisterman,
Kevin Cantelon, Dave Hammond

CASHIERS Lila Tanner

SGT-AT-ARMS John Heisterman

INVOCATION Wendy Pratt

HEAD TABLE Pres Bob, Chris Beaton, Bob Janes,
John Heisterman, Kevin Cantelon,
Dave Hammond, Bill King

INTRODUCE GUESTS Bill King

INTRODUCE SPEAKER Bob Janes

PROGRAM **NAN. ABORIGINAL CENTRE**
Chris Beaton

THANK SPEAKER Doug Cowling

Friday, January 23rd

GREETERS Carmon Henderson,
Dave Connolly, Art Vanidour

CASHIERS Lila Tanner

SGT-AT-ARMS Joan Ryan

INVOCATION Guenter Raedler

HEAD TABLE Pres Bob, Pennye Nixon-West, Carey
McIver, Yvan Gosselin, Art Vanidour,
Carmon Henderson, Dave Connolly

INTRODUCE GUESTS Moe Lessan

INTRODUCE SPEAKER Carey McIver

PROGRAM **ETTA PROJECTS**
Pennye Nixon-West

THANK SPEAKER Frank Shoemaker

Friday, January 30th

GREETERS Janeane Coutu,
Mike Herold, Susie Walker

CASHIERS Lila Tanner

SGT-AT-ARMS Bruce Samson

INVOCATION Charles Ramos

HEAD TABLE Vice Pres Brent, El Martel,
Doug Cowling, Susie Walker,
Janeane Coutu, Mike Herold

INTRODUCE GUESTS Derek Lewis

INTRODUCE SPEAKER Doug Cowling

PROGRAM **PROSTATE CANCER AWARE**
El Martel

THANK SPEAKER John Salem

District Governor Michael Proctor's January 2015 message

It is amazing how time flies when you are having fun. I have just completed my first six busy and extremely enjoyable months as your District Governor.

The hottest topic at virtually every club has been **membership**. Many clubs say that they are having trouble meeting their membership growth objectives. Why is this? Usually it is lack of awareness of the diversity of Rotary's contributions both locally and internationally.

My firm belief is that the best way to recruit new members to Rotary clubs is to let them know what Rotary does. Unfortunately the great work that we do, both in our communities and internationally, is far too often a well-kept secret.

Our Rotary International President, Gary Huang, has requested that all Rotary clubs in the world celebrate "ROTARY DAYS" to make everybody in our communities far more aware of what Rotary does in the world. This is especially true as we start a new calendar year, as that is why January has been designated as **Rotary Awareness Month**.



In President Huang's letter in the January issue of Rotarian magazine he says, "How you do this is something I am leaving up to you. It can be a full day or just a few hours; it can be a service project, a festival, or any kind of event you want. As

long as it's open to the community, embraces the whole family of Rotary, and is fun, it's a ROTARY DAY."

I have heard of many exciting ROTARY DAY projects in our district during the past six months, and I encourage all of the 88 Rotary clubs in our district to continue with this theme in as many ways as possible for the remainder of this Rotary year.

In addition to a Rotary Day event, it is important for clubs to create visibility in their communities. Some club websites do an excellent job of listing all the projects that they support and the dollar amounts dedicated to each project. Some also show the total dollars spent in their community over the past 10 or 12 years which can amount to several hundred thousand dollars, a figure that amazes nonmembers when they see it. Many clubs also have a large poster board on display at every club function and project.

At a recent club board meeting I attended in Puyallup, I met a young woman who had been a Rotary member for only two years. I asked her why she chose to join Rotary. She said that she had some extra time available and wanted to do some volunteer work. She went on to say that her uncle, a longtime member of Kiwanis, suggested that she consider joining that organization. She decided to look at other groups and when she reviewed Rotary online, she was so impressed with what she saw that she made the decision to join. It proved the point that I have been stressing throughout the district..."Let people know what we do".

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