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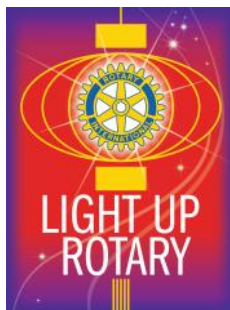


New Rotarians and their Sponsors and Mentors: [l-r] Wayne Anderson, mentor for Ellen Ross; Brenda Grice, induction officer; new Rotarians Ellen Ross and [at rear] Henry Jiang; Barbara Blinston, sponsor of Ellen Ross; Ian Williams, mentor for Henry Jiang; and Douglas Anderson, sponsor of Henry.

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

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Meeting Notes from Jan 16th

By Janeane Coutu

After singing the national anthem to start the meeting, **Wendy Pratt** led us in invocation. **President Bob** then gave a short eulogy for long-time member **Doug McMillan** who passed away January 9th, followed by a moment of silence in honour of Doug.

Bill King introduced visiting Rotarians and guests.

Brenda Grice then inducted two new members into the club. **Barb Blinston** introduced **Ellen Ross** who recently moved to Nanaimo after 25 years in public health and geriatric dentistry in Ontario. Ellen is working part time at VIU as a clinical instructor with the dentistry program. She is married to Don, and they have two grown boys.

Douglas Anderson introduced **Henry (Shan) Jiang** who owns an import/export business and runs a children's clothing factory in China with ties to a factory in Quebec. In September 2014 he moved to Canada with his young son who attends grade 7 at Frank Ney Elementary School. Brenda did a wonderful job of inducting our newest members, she had assistance from Douglas in handing out the Rotary pins, name badge and other Rotary materials – including a copy of our 75-year history book. Brenda explained the new member initiative where each will have a mentor and introduced **Ian Williams** to Henry and **Wayne Anderson** to Ellen, and invited members to welcome them to our club after the meeting.

Announcements

Erin Lee and **Matthieu Ennis** were selling tickets to the "Where You are From Dinner" being held Sat Jan 25th at 6pm. Traditional foods from **Rotaract** members ethnic backgrounds will be prepared, everyone is welcome and they hope to sell 100 tickets.

Bob Fenty, representing Community Grants committee, presented 3 notices of motion;

► **\$2100 to Bayview School** for "Good Fit" books (\$300 class) to help students struggling with literacy. The student is expected to read

the book themselves, and then read to another person.

► **\$1125 to Fairview School** for "Daily Five" reading kits (25 sets x \$45) that help students develop the daily habits of reading, writing, and working independently that will lead to a lifetime of literacy independence.

► **\$2000 to Georgia Avenue School** for science equipment, First Nations reading materials and to assist with their student leadership program.



Lynne Pankratz reminded us to please fill out the meals/dues cost survey she distributed and turn it in, member input is very important. A survey will be sent out by email, you can respond to it rather than the paper survey, but please DO NOT fill out both.

Lynne also was distributing receipts from **The Rotary Foundation** for donations made via the club for the period April–Dec 2014. Receipts for Jan–Apr were sent directly to members, as were any donations made online.

Doug Cowling called for a meeting of the Community Grants committee directly after lunch.



Wendy Pratt announced that the International Service committee has released budgeted funds of \$1000 each to **Disaster Aid Canada** and **Shelter Box Canada**.

Douglas Anderson announced **Rotary Week** is Feb 21-27 with a flag raising at City Hall on Monday Feb 23, and the joint 5-Club meeting is set for Thursday Feb 26th 5:30-7:30pm at the **Nanaimo Golf Club**. This will replace our Friday meeting and finger food will be served with a no host bar. Tickets are being sold in advance for \$10 each,



guests and potential Rotarians are encouraged to attend.

Carey McIver announced for **Bev Hilton** there is a Jan 30th information meeting at her house regarding the next Rotary trip to

Ghana. Carey has been on the trip and says it was a fantastic experience which she would gladly repeat. Rotarians will visit all the humanitarian projects that have been sponsored in **Sunyani, Ghana**.



Brenda Grice brought forward a message from **PDG Judy Byron** regarding the "Watch and Learn" program where three interns from **Russia** are coming to Vancouver Island and are seeking an unpaid internship week in early July on Vancouver Island. The business student has completed 3 years of study. If you are able to billet for a week and/or offer an internship, please contact Brenda.

Susan Gerrand will be away during February and March and is looking for someone to take over her duty in organizing lunch events at **Travellers Lodge** during her absence.

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Membership Committee initiative – Corporate Membership

At the club assembly on Nov 14th the membership clearly stated they would support a corporate membership category. The committee

addressed this request and presented to the Board who has approved the initiative which is presented today to the general membership. This will be a trial period of 3 years at which time the club will evaluation results against goals and expectations.

There were specific goals identified including; engage professionals who will be active in Rotary, reach a wider base of membership, extend community engagement & involvement, encourage participation by those who could not meet attendance requirements of a regular membership, overall increase in membership.

Expectations are that a corporate membership will be held in the company name and include 2 or 3 named

individuals, but will count as a single member for attendance and participation, and will be granted only one vote. They will be excluded from key roles of the Executive as these cannot be shared. A maximum of 10 corporate memberships will be allowed.

Recommended fees; single entry fee of \$150 (standard membership is \$50), and annual dues fee at 150% of regular member fee.

Our bylaws will be amended accordingly and will be subject to club approval at a vote.

Comments or questions from the floor.....

Question the commitment or engagement of an individual – are they coming because their boss made them? The traditional membership is a personal choice to be a Rotarian.

Could it cause an issue for an individual who may want to join if they have the same classification? <Not likely, we have the provision for up to 10% of members holding the same classification already>

This proposal is enabling change which is supported, the Board has the option of granting or rescinding a membership application.

Why 3 years for the trial? Seems long, how about 2-years.

Are other clubs doing this? Answer: Yes, 4 or 5 in our district have alternate membership programs, think 2 have corporate membership.

This is taking away the ethical piece that is a core characteristic of Rotary. Forcing participation is not a good thing. You are allowing a Corporation to decide who comes. (Committee member **Kevin Cantelon** spoke up to say

that nominees will be made by the Corporation, but the individuals will go through the same scrutiny as membership applications do now.)

Human passionate issue is different than a corporate issue.



Many companies have offers of membership in service organizations to employees and are seen as a training and community service opportunity.

Have we considered co-membership (where 2 share a membership?) Answer: No, not under consideration.



This corporate membership is built in such a way that there are checks and balances in place while we try this 3-year trial.

President Bob Wilson announced that the estate of **Martin Weideman** donated

\$150,000 to *The Rotary Foundation*. An amazing contribution and Bob noted there are other Rotarians in our club with similar estate plans.

Program

Our guest speaker was not able to attend which provided ample opportunity to discuss the corporate membership initiative. As **President Bob** said, he is probably the first President to run overtime without having a program speaker!

Sgt-at-Arms Report

Sgt at Arms Dave Hammond levied some fines and there were many happy bucks but this scribe was tuckered out from all of the meeting notes and editor Gord says there wouldn't be enough room to print it all anyway!



OBITUARY

DOUG McMILLAN



Doug McMillan passed away peacefully on January 9, 2015 at the age of 99 with his family by his side. He is survived by children Jane, Margaret, Bill and

Jack, and was predeceased by wife Joan in 2003.

In 1941 Doug volunteered for the RCAF and while overseas, he met his wife Jean Moore whom he married in 1945. Doug spent most of his career as a Hospital Administrator at Saskatoon City Hospital and North Bay Psychiatric Hospital. He volunteered for many community organizations and was a founding member of the Nanaimo Hospice Society and the MS Society in both North Bay and Nanaimo.

Doug first joined Rotary in 1961 in Saskatchewan, 1971 North Bay Ontario club, and became a member of our club in 1981. He was already retired when he joined our club and was active as a cashier for many years. Doug always had a welcoming smile, he was a gentleman and a dedicated Rotarian for 53 years.

It is important to have club input and hear discussion on important issues – great meeting!

Personally I am always ready to learn, although I do not always like being taught.

WINSTON CHURCHILL

ATTENDANCE

by Janeane Coutu

We missed these Rotarians

Borisenko, Brand, Y. Gosselin, Hais, Heisterman, Janes, Lessan, Lewis, Myden, Patrick, Ryan, Salem, Walker, Welch

Visiting Rotarians

Erin Lee and Matthieu Ennis, Rotaract **Guests :**

Doug Narver, guest of wife Debbie

Birthdays:

Yvan Gosselin on January 27

Spouse Birthdays:

Kim Lewis [Derek] on January 25th

Yvan Gosselin [Lucie] on January 27

Wedding Anniversaries:

Eric Brand & Ashley Nadeau, 1 year on January 25th

Bill and Marie King, 49 years on January 28th

Club Anniversary:

Wahid Ali, 10 years, January 23rd

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WEEKLY CLUB PROGRAMS

Friday, January 23rd

GREETERS	Carmon Henderson, Dave Connolly, Art Vanidour
CASHIERS	Barbara Blinston
SGT-AT-ARMS	Joan Ryan
INVOCATION	Guenter Raedler
HEAD TABLE	PE Lila, Pennye Nixon-West, Piper Tamara Cantelon, Kevin Cantelon, Brenda Grice, Dave Hammond
INTRODUCE GUESTS	Moe Lessan
INTRODUCE SPEAKER	Dave Hammond
PROGRAM	ETTA PROJECTS: Pennye Nixon-West ROBBIE BURNS TRIBUTE
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, Brent Stetar, Doug Cowling, Susie Walker, Janeane Coutu, Mike Herold
INTRODUCE GUESTS	Derek Lewis
INTRODUCE SPEAKER	Wayne Anderson
PROGRAM	PROSTATE CANCER AWARENESS El Martel
THANK SPEAKER	John Salem

Friday, February 6th

GREETERS	Egon Holzwarth, Doug Cowling, Sharon Welch
CASHIERS	Derek Lewis
SGT-AT-ARMS	John Shillabeer
INVOCATION	Joan Ryan
HEAD TABLE	Vice Pres Brent, Tony Grove, Douglas Anderson, Janeane Coutu, Egon Holzwarth, Gord Hubley
INTRODUCE GUESTS	Mike Knutsson
INTRODUCE SPEAKER	Douglas Anderson
PROGRAM	RESTORING WOODEN SHIP DOROTHY Tony Grove
THANK SPEAKER	Charles Ramos

Have you considered a Makeup?



Snowbirds from our club. Left - Right Alan Smith, Iris Boresenko, Kathy Smith, Brenda Grice and Ed Boresenko.

Photo - Douglas Anderson

Makeups can be an important part of your Rotary experience.

A Makeup will broaden your understanding of Rotary, whether you visit clubs in your area or clubs during your travels worldwide.

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<https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/search/club-finder>

DATES TO REMEMBER

Saturday, Jan 24th—Rotaract club is holding a “Where You Are From” dinner Jan 24th at the *Ecumenical Centre*. Enjoy traditional homemade dishes from across the globe. Tickets are \$25 for students, \$35 for adults and funds raised will be used for local and international projects.

Thursday, Feb 26—Rotary Inter-Club meeting at Nanaimo Golf Club. All five local clubs will be participating. \$10.00



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