

# ROTARY CLUB OF NANAIMO

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Friday, January 27, 2017



Frank Shoemaker and Brenda Grice had the honour of presenting three of our club members with new Paul Harris Fellowships in addition to the ones they already hold: Douglas Cowling, Dave Hammond and Carey McIver.

—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 20th, 2017

By Mike Herold

Today is our annual celebration of **Robbie Burns Day** and club member **Susie Stevens** carried on our club tradition of the Toast to the Haggis and what a great job she did. Recent previous club members who had this honour are **Douglas Anderson**, and the late **Basil Hobbs** and **Jocko Morris**.

The haggis was piped in by our Piper **Tamara Cameron** representing the Pacific Gaol who has been our Piper for the past four years.



**President Debbie Narver** thanked **Douglas Anderson** for organizing today's events.



There was no new news on the Health of the Club. **Carey McIver** introduced visiting Rotarians and we had one guest, **Majid Safahani**, who was a guest of **Behzad Forghani**.

### Committee Reports

**Frank Shoemaker** updated the club on our donations to the Foundation to date of \$547,000. with funds going to local and international projects such as our work in Ghana.

**Brenda Grice** and **Frank Shoemaker** had the honour of presenting three of our club members with new **Paul Harris Fellowships: Carey McIver (PH+4), Douglas Cowling (PH+7) and Dave Hammond**



(PH+5). [see cover photo]

**Douglas Anderson** thanked **Tamara** again for piping in the haggis and Tamara said that their youth band has increased to 20 members.

### Notice of Motion

**Janeane Coutu** with a **Notice of Motion** of a donation of \$21,000 from Book Sale money to **Literacy Nanaimo** which will come to the club for voting in two weeks.



**Lila Tanner** said that there will be an evening celebration on April 1<sup>st</sup> from 6:30-8:30 celebrating 100 years of the **Rotary Foundation**, and **Jane Currie** reminded club members of the five club meeting on Tuesday, July 25<sup>th</sup>

**Dave Hammond** reminded Centennial Committee members of a meeting after next weeks lunch meeting.

### Sgt-at-Arms Report



**Sergeant-At-Arms Bruce Samson** started by nailing anyone not wearing tartan with a fine. Fines were also leveled at **Susie Steven** for not introducing our Piper **Tamara**, **Brent Stetar** for not telling the truth and the table of all ladies.

Happy bucks included **Brent Stetar** happy to daughter **Abigail** back home, **Behzad Forghani** for his second anniversary of landing in Canada from Iran, **Donna Hais** had a happy buck that the end of the year is passed and that her father **Bob Wall** has recovered from his surgery; **Wendy Pratt** thanked **Douglas** for his organizing Robbie Burns Day and that she is going to Mexico soon for three weeks; and many other bucks from **Carey McIver**, **Jane Currie**, **Lila Tanner**, **Joan Ryan**, **Dave Hammond** and **David Woodward**.



### Club Draws

The table stakes were won by **Dave Hammond** and the 50-50 card draw was won by **Bob Wilson** but Bob failed to get even close to the Ace of Spades. Better luck next time!



**Dave Hammond** then auctioned off two tickets for music events, for **Carlo Hunez** on Pipe music and Cape Breton music at Simon Holt. **Douglas Anderson** and **Charles Ramos** duelled it out with Douglas finally winning with a bid of \$80.



# Club Program/Reports

By Charles Ramos

Today's program was an informational session about our own club's activities. Two committees were tasked to present their committees' plans, goals, interests, and ongoing projects. The session was organized with one member of each committee visiting the club tables, and then rotating on to the next.

**Doug Cowling** presented on the Community Grants committee. He discussed a number of recent local projects our club funded at *Eden Gardens*, the schools, the *Rotary Bowl*, the skate park, etc. He explained the procedures the club applies for matching grants from Rotary International, and the donation guidelines that must be followed for the grant application to be successful. In our club, **Ross White** and **Wayne Anderson** are the only two who have undergone the required training in order to submit grants.

**Jane Currie** presented on the Membership Committee, and their efforts to boost membership and club engagement. There is an ongoing outreach effort to find



and interest new members. There is a danger in becoming too complacent and not continually enhancing the membership, since we could cause us to be out of touch with current trends and demographics. Some of the initiatives that have proven successful are great speakers, fireside chats, corporate memberships, and modifications to the historical Rotary attendance criteria.

A club discussion was held after the sessions, and a number of comments were fielded from members by **Joan Ryan**. Questions included several ideas for the program committee which were fielded by **Charles Ramos**.



**President Debbie** then thanked the speakers, a toast was held to Rotary and the queen, and the meeting was adjourned.



Happy Friday



7pm - 10pm

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The traditional Toast to Robbie Burns followed the parade of bringing in the haggis at the opening of our meeting.

## ATTENDANCE

By Bob Janes

Attendance for January 13th was **49%**

**We missed the following Rotarians:**

Ali, W. Anderson, Barootes, Borisenko, Brand, Gerrand, Henderson, Knuts-son, Laing, Lessan, Myden, Parsons, Raedler, Salem, J. Smith, Tessier, Wittkofski, Woychuk

**Visiting Rotarians:** None

**Guests:** Majid Safahani, Tamara Cameron

**Makeups:** Joyce Smith

**Birthdays:**

Yvan Gosselin, Jan 27th

**Wedding Anniversary:**

Bill & Marie King, 52 years on January 28th

**Club Anniversary:**

Dave Hammond, 31 years on January 30th

Egon Holzwarth, 25 years on January 31st

**Rotary announces \$35 million to support a polio-free world**  
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**EVANSTON, Ill. (17 January 2017)** — Rotary today announced \$35 million in grants to support the global effort to end polio, bringing the humanitarian service organization's contribution to \$140 million since January 2016.

Nearly half of the funds Rotary announced today (\$16.15 million) will support the emergency response campaigns in Nigeria and the Lake Chad Basin (Chad, northern Cameroon, southern Niger and Central African Republic). Four cases of polio were detected in Nigeria in 2016, which had previously not seen a case since July 2014.

With these cases, funding is needed to support rapid response plans in Nigeria and surrounding countries to stop the outbreak.

While significant strides have been made against the paralyzing disease, with just 35 cases reported in 2016, polio remains a threat in hard-to-reach and underserved areas, and conflict zones. To sustain this progress, and protect all children from polio, experts say \$1.5 billion is needed.

In addition to supporting the response in the Lake Chad Basin region, funding has been allocated to support polio eradication efforts in Afghanistan (\$7.15 million), Pakistan (\$4.2 million), Somalia (\$4.64 million), and South Sudan (\$2.19 million). A final grant in the

amount of \$666,845 will support technical assistance in UNICEF's West and Central Africa Regional Office.

Rotary has contributed more than \$1.6 billion, including matching funds from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, and countless volunteer hours since launching its polio immunization program, PolioPlus, in 1985. In 1988, Rotary became a spearheading partner in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative with the World Health Organization (WHO), UNICEF, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and was later joined by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Since the initiative launched, the incidence of polio has plummeted by more than 99.9 percent, from about 350,000 cases a year to 35 confirmed in 2016, and no cases in 2017.

#### DATES TO REMEMBER

**January 27**—Centennial Committee meeting after our regular meeting

**February 11**—Rotary Leadership Training to be held in Nanaimo. More info contact Richard Clarke [137clarke@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://www.rotary5020.org)

*If you have any Rotary event you would like to advertise, please contact a COGS committee member*

### WEEKLY CLUB PROGRAMS & MEMBER DUTIES

MEETING DATE	January 27th, 2017	February 3rd, 2017	February 10th, 2017
GREETERS	Laurie Beinert, Mike Knutsson, Wendy Pratt	Guenter Raedler, Wahid Ali, Donna Hais	David Hammond, Douglas Anderson, Charles Ramos
CASHIER	Lila Tanner	Henry Jiang	Henry Jiang
SGT-AT-ARMS	Dave Hammond	Wayne Anderson	John Heisterman
INVOCATION	Jane Currie	David Woodward	Wahid Ali
HEAD TABLE	Pres Debbie, Will Chambers, Susie Stephens, Yvan Gosselin, Laurie Beinert, Mike Knutsson	Pres Debbie, Maxime Therrien, Bob Janes, Bruce Gordon, Egon Holzwarth, Dave Connolly	President Debbie, Don Power, Janeane Coutu, Nattalie Tessier, John Heisterman, Henry Jiang
INTRO GUESTS	Joyce Smith	Guenter Raedler	Charles Ramos
INTRO SPEAKER	Susie Stephens	Bob Janes	Janeane Coutu
PROGRAM	<b>Shuguy Project—Shoes for the Homeless ... Will Chambers</b>	<b>Travels to the Arctic on an Icebreaker ... Maxime Therrien</b>	<b>SOCIAL MEDIA FOR SKEPTICS Don Power</b>
THANK SPEAKER	Wendy Pratt	Lila Tanner	President Debbie