

ROTARY CLUB OF NANAIMO

“COGS”

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Friday, January 29, 2016



Winter walk at Buttertubs Marsh — from the left, Gordon Hartman (fisheries scientist, ret) Barb Williams, Charlie Lyons (fish and wildlife, ret) and Bill Merilees (naturalist). *Photo by Ian Williams*

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

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The meeting opened with the traditional piping in of the haggis in honour of Robbie Burns Day. Piper was Tamara Cameron, Pipe Major with Pacific Gael. This was followed by the Address to the Haggis, very ably performed by Susie Stephens in a fine Scottish accent. Well done Susie!

Meeting Notes from January 22nd, 2016

by Derek Lewis



President Lila Tanner asked the Club to please stand for the singing of our National anthem, O'Canada, after which we heard some heart-felt applause from the group meeting in the next room. In honour of Robbie Burns Day, for the invocation, **Mikel Knutsson** read the *Selkirk Grace*.

Egon Holzwarth called for the introduction of visiting Rotarians and guests. Egon then introduced the two visiting Rotarians from the Rotary Club of Winnipeg-Assiniboine, **Fran Coulter** and **Barry Rawley**. **Bruce Samson** welcomed back his fiancée, **Debbie Marshall**, as our only guest this week.



The only Club birthday this week was **Yvan Gosselin**, January 27th. Wedding anniversaries: **Eric Brand** and **Ashley Nadeau**, 2 years on January 25th and **Bill** and **Marie King**, 50 years on January 28th. Club anniversaries: **Wahid Ali**, 12 years on January 23rd.

President's Remarks:



President Lila asked **Frank Shoemaker** to come up and present **Debbie Narver** with the Paul Harris Fellow in recognition of her contributions to the Rotary International Foundation. Frank noted that it would be the Foundation's centennial next year, which will coincide with

Debbie being President of our Club.

Frank then shared that the Club had received a letter of thanks from Tembo, Kenya for our \$2,200 contribution towards a toilet block for their community. This was a joint effort with the *Rotary Club of Victoria*, whose members, the Crosleys, spend half of each year working in Kenya.

Sergeant-At-Arms:

The SAA this week was **Bruce Samson** with the assistance of **Mikel Knutsson**. Bruce started off by pointing out that the **President Lila** had indicated it was **Wahid Ali's** 12 year anniversary with our Club, but that the *COGS* stated it was the 11th year. He proceeded to fine **President Lila**, **Bruce Gordon** (editor of *COGs*), and **Wahid** a dollar each for the discrepancy. Bruce noted that he gets his fact directly from the *ClubRunner*, so if it is in there wrong, that is on the secretary of the Club, **Bob Janes**. In the spirit of fairness, **Wahid** stepped up and paid everyone's fine in order to restore tranquility.



Next, in the spirit of **Robbie Burns Day**, the Sgt-at-Arms fined all attendees not wearing tartan.

Bruce then had a Robbie Burns quiz, with a question for each table:

What song is Robbie Burns famous for writing?

Auld Lang Syne.

Bonus question: What other famous songs did Robbie Burns compose?

Happy Birthday and For He's a Jolly Good Fellow

What did Robbie Burns do besides write poetry?

Tax Collector.

1959 marked the 160th anniversary of Robbie Burns' death. What country honoured the occasion with a Robbie Burns postage stamp?

Russia

How many children did Robbie Burns sire?

Sixteen.

The Sgt-at-Arms finished off by fining **Bob Wilson** a dollar for being overly vocal. In the spirit of Robbie Burns Day, pipe down Bob.

Happy/Sad Bucks:

President Lila had a dollar to inform the Club that during our singing of O'Canada to start off the meeting, the representatives of Kal Tire that were meeting next door stood and sang along with us and the applause we heard at the end of the anthem was from them.

Joan Ryan had a dollar to point out an error in this week's *COGs* pointing out that it was the installation of the Interact executive, not their first meeting of the year.

John Salem had a couple of dollars in memory of both **John Morris** and **Basil Hobbs**.

Wahid Ali had a dollar to express his pleasure from being a member of our Club for the last 12 years.





Ian Williams had a dollar to thank **Mike Herold** for taking the pictures for *COGS* last week.

Club Draws:

Susie Stephens won table stakes and **Bob Janes** had a chance for the 50/50, but pulled the ten of hearts, so the pot grows.

History of B.C. Community Pipe Bands

By Mike Herold

We celebrated *Robbie Burns Day* at the meeting today and what better speaker could we have found than **Tamara Cameron**, our Pipe Major who piped in the haggis for our lunch time meal. Tamara is the spouse of former club member **Kevin Cantelon** and has had the honours of piping in the haggis in past years.



Bruce Samson in full Scottish regalia introduced Tamara and said that her daily job is a business consultant involved in teaching people how to start a business. Tamara is a

Pipe Major in the Pacific Gael Pipe Band and during her talk she presented a power point presentation with a series of historic British Columbia Pipe Band photos.

With spring just around the corner, many pipe bands are contemplating the many events that they will participate in over the summer and she is wondering if the types of events today will be the same as the events that took place 50, 75 and 100 years ago.

When Tamara was young and first started playing in the pipe band she was overwhelmed with the number of summer events that she participated in from parades every weekend to our of town band tattoos and Canadian Pipe Championships across Canada.

Pipe Band venues have changed significantly since Tamara started and today they tend to be individual band events rather than parades and multi-band events. Outdoor Band Festivals are now far and few between. Tamara believes that this change is due to the extensive amount of organization required by a small group of volunteers.

Tamara's goal is to foster the recognition of bands, particularly pipe bands in this part of the world as serious musical organizations.

Tamara believes that the primary role of current Pipe Bands is to provide a regular recreational outlet for those who love to make pipe music. Pipe bands today are needing to find out what attracts audiences and fills the seats so that their music can be shared by many. They would also like to know what they can do to attract and motivate younger people to join bands.

Tamara has decided to start a Highland Dance Team where the dancers are members of the Pipe Band. This is

similar to what the White Spot Junior Band does in Vancouver.

The goals of Tamara's group is to define their goals for events and the longer term goals for the Band. Their four goals are 1) make music with like minded friends 2) entertain an appreciative audience 3) acquaint the community with the Bands record over the years and 4) make the community and City Council aware of the Bands need to attract a younger population and the need for funding to cover their costs.

The current Pipe Band members are older and youth recruitment is paramount in order for the Band to be sustainable.

Tamara said that there has been a Pipe Band in Nanaimo for over 100 years and wondered what product the Band is trying to sell – is it the same product as the Bands sold 100 years ago. One hundred years ago there was no television or radio and the pipe bands were considered entertainment. It is not the same today.

Tamara feels that she needs to cultivate and nourish the community and City Council that the Pipe Band is a valued organization in the City. Without their support, the Band's very existence could be in jeopardy. She feels that today's Bands need to take their audience on a journey.

In the region of King James III of England in the 1600's, drums were used to "Beat the Retreat" which was a means of recalling the armies at the end of days fighting.

Tamara asked the club for our thoughts on how she could reach her goals for a successful Pipe Band in today's market. Many good ideas came from the floor and Tamara was thanked for her great talk by **Joan Ryan**.



ATTENDANCE

By Bob Janes

Attendance for **January 22nd** was 50%

We missed these Rotarians

D. Anderson, Barootes, Blinston, Borisenko Cowl-
ing, Currie, Fenty Gerrand,
L & Y Gosselin, Grice,
Hais, Hammond, King, Les-
san, McIver, Myden, Pat-
rick, Pratt, Raedler, Ramos,

Ross, Stetar, Tessier, Wood-
ward

Visiting Rotarians:

Fran Coulter, Barry Row-
ley: Winnipeg - Assiniboine

Guests: Debbie Marshall

Make ups: Debbie Narver

Club Anniversaries:

Dave Hammond, 30 years
on January 30th

Egon Holzwarth, 24 years
on January 31st

2016 Rotary International Assembly



Korean incoming DGs and spouses perform a Korean dance.



Denmark attendees wave the Danish Flag during the Grand March



Attendees listen to Usha Saboo, spouse of Past RI president Rajendra K. Saboo relating lessons learned as spouse of RI leader



Nigerian DG-elect Patrick Ijehon Ikiheloa and his spouse, Zainab, lead their delegation during the Grand March.

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	January 29th, 2016	February 5th, 2016	February 12th, 2016
GREETERS	Dave Hammond, Bright Zhang, Christine Parsons	John Heisterman, Wahid Ali, Bob Patrick	Carmon Henderson, Brent Barootes, Wendy Pratt
CASHIER	Egon Holzwarth	Christine Parsons	Christine Parsons
SGT-AT-ARMS	John Shillabeer	Bob Fenty	Wayne Anderson
INVOCATION	Keith McFarlane	Carey McIver	Norm Myden
HEAD TABLE	Pres Lila, Peggy Lake, Dave Hammond, Ed Borisenko, Christine Parsons, John Shillabeer	Pres Lila, Violet Hayes, Bob Janes, Bruce Gordon, Egon Holzwarth, Janeane Coutu	Pres Lila, Martin Drakely, Bob Janes, Bruce Gordon, Egon Holzwarth, Janeane Coutu
INTRO GUESTS	Bob Wilson	John Heisterman	John Woychuk
INTRO SPEAKER	Lila Tanner	Bob Janes	Bob Fenty
PROGRAM	SKATE YOUTH PARK <i>Peggy Lake</i>	ISLAND CRISIS CARE SOCIETY <i>Violet Hayes</i>	Fire-Rescue AED Demo & Talk <i>Martin Drakely</i>
THANK SPEAKER	John Heisterman	Brent Barootes	Jane Currie