

# ROTARY CLUB OF NANAIMO

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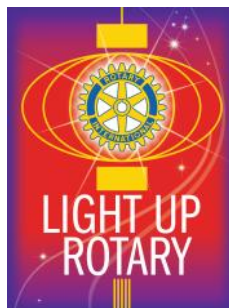


Frank Shoemaker had the pleasure of presenting Paul Harris Fellowship Awards to three of our members last week. Next to Frank is Egon Holzwarth with his fifth PHF, Barbara Blinston who received her second award, and Ian Williams who received his third PHF award.

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

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## Meeting Notes from Jan 23rd

By Janeane Coutu

We celebrated **Robbie Burns Day** which began with a procession of the haggis led by piper **Tamara Cantelon** and included the Coast's Chef and Rotarians wearing their tartan colors.



**Douglas Anderson** performed an excellent reading of "*Address to a Haggis*", a poem by **Robert Burns** followed by a toast with a shot of scotch. We then made our

way to the buffet for a fabulous roast beef lunch, of course with a generous offering of haggis.



**President Elect Lila Tanner** was filling in for the vacationing **Bob Wilson** to chair our meeting (and did a great job). After singing our national anthem acappella, **Joan**

**Ryan** delivered invocation with a **Robbie Burns** grace, sans the Scottish accent.

**Charles Ramos** introduced our two visiting Rotarians, **Vincent Kusi-Kyei** and **Matthieu Ennis** of the Rotaract club.



Kevin Cantelon introduced our piper—and his wife—**Tamara**.

**Kevin Cantelon** introduced as his guest wife **Tamara**, a very accomplished bagpiper whose playing we enjoyed immensely.

**Frank Shoemaker** presented **Paul Harris Fellows** recognition to three members, all of whom achieved multi-



The piper and her crew give the traditional toast to Robbie Burns with some well aged scotch whiskey.

ple PHF levels; **Barb Blinston** (second), **Ian Williams** (third), and **Egon Holzwarth** (fifth). The sapphire pins presented are the Foundation's way of recognizing substantial donations to TFR humanitarian projects.

**Lila Tanner** had a tartan story to share, she admits she is too cheap to buy one, so she uses her Christmas napkins and ties them together – and for those similar minded, they are on sale now!

## Announcements –

**Bob Fenty** had a *Notice of Motion* that the club donate \$2400 each to **Chase River** and **Park Avenue Elementary Schools** for the purchase of four laptop computers per school.

**Susan Gerrand** again requested a member take over for her in February and March at **Travellers Lodge** to organize the lunch day.

**John Shillabeer** delivered an invitation from **NUKO** (Nanaimo Unique Kids Organization) an organization we have supported in the past with funding and books. They are celebrating their 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Feb 27<sup>th</sup> 3:30-5:30pm. If

you interested in attending, contact John.



**Mike Herold** was selling Super Bowl pool squares, \$5 each and will be back next week.

**Matthieu Ennis** of Rotaract had tickets for their dinner event, last chance to purchase as dinner is

Jan 24.

**Douglas Anderson** advised tickets for the Feb 5-club meeting were available at the cashier desk, \$10 each.

**Bob Fenty** announced the **VIU MBA Games** celebration on Feb 11 5:30-7 PM in Building 170: "Shq'aphut: A Gathering Place" on campus. Bob also informed us we have received information from the **Prince George Yellow-head Rotary** club on their *Adventures in Forestry* program May 6-10<sup>th</sup> and will be looking for a student to sponsor.

## Sgt-at-Arms Report

**Sgt-at-Arms Joan Ryan** had some Robbie Burns questions which stumped many, although not **Lucie Gosselin** who knew that the Scottish Bard died at age 37.



**John Shillabeer** has an apology buck for wearing home **Dave Hammond's** jacket last week, complete with car keys in the pocket (poor stranded Dave).

**Lucie** had a happy buck they finally received their building permit in Nanoose and **Brent Stetar** and **Matthieu Coutu** were with **Yvan** today, working hard as the demolition crew (while Lucie was enjoying lunch).

**Douglas Anderson** had a sad buck for wife **Brenda Grice** who is home with a broken bone in her foot.



The table stakes draw was won by our new member **Henry Jiang**, and **Susan Gerrand** drew the Ace of Spades for the big win in the 50-50 draw!



**Susan Gerrand** pulled the Ace of Spades to win the 50-50 pot. This is Susan's second win of the pot.



# Etta Projects in Bolivia



By Mike Herold

Our guest speaker on Friday was **Penny Nixon-West** from **Etta Projects**, introduced by **Dave Hammond**. Penny is the Executive Director of this Washington State based non-profit organization

funded in 2003 that has two principle objectives. The first is to partner with Bolivian Communities to implement sustainable solutions to the challenge of poverty. The second objective is to bring back the knowledge that they have gained from Bolivian communities to educate and inspire young people from North America to make a change.



Penny was here with us today to tell us about the Etta Project in general and their many sanitation projects in Bolivia.

Etta Staff and Volunteers work alongside local Bolivian communities on their sanitation projects. These projects include both hygiene and sanitation along with education to teach and train Bolivians on how to construct and maintain composting latrines.

Etta Projects is also involved in water programs collaborating with local municipalities and families to construct gravity fed water systems.

In 2011 Etta Projects assisted 10 families with new latrines and from



2009 until 2011 Etta Projects implemented gravity fed water systems in 10 rural villages.

A third objectives of Etta Projects is their community health program set up to train local Bolivian health promoters in health prevention and first aid care. This program also includes the distribution of large first aid kits and training program administration and sustainability.

Penny is a vibrant and is a “tells it the way it is” speaker and very hands on in her approach to her work and the work of Etta Projects. She single handedly built a miniature latrine in front of our very eyes and explained the principles of successful composting.

Penny was thanked by club member **Frank Shoemaker** who has been instrumental in our club’s involvement in sanitation and water projects in Ghana.

## ROTARY WEEK IN NANAIMO

**FEBRUARY 22nd to 28th**

*Raising Rotary flag at City Hall, 10 a.m. on February 23rd*

**Feb. 26—5-club Reception at Golf Club, 5:30-7:30, cost \$10 per person**

Tickets available from the cashiers

## ATTENDANCE

by Janeane Coutu

Attendance for **Jan 23<sup>rd</sup>** was **60%**

### We missed these Rotarians

Borisenko, Brand, Y. Gosselin, Grice, Hais, Heisterman, Janes, Knutsson, Lessan, Lewis, McIver, Myden, Patrick, Raedler, Salem, Stetar, Welch, Wilson

### Guests

Tamara Cantelon (our piper), guest of husband Kevin

## Rotaract “Where You Are From” Dinner



Rotaract members prepared a delicious dinner for visitors and guests.



In addition to the ethnic food there was a selection of wines to choose from.



A silent auction capped off the evening of fine dining and fund-raising for the local members of the Rotaract Club.

**ROTARY DISTRICT 5020  
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### Visiting Rotarians

Vincent Kusi-Kyei and Mathieu Ennis of the Rotaract club

### Makeups

Susie Walker, John Shillabeer, Brent Stetar, Bob Fenty all book sorting

### Birthdays:

Bruce Gordon on February 5th

**Spouse Birthdays:** *None to report*

### Club Anniversary:

Dave Hammond, 29 years, Jan 30th  
Egon Holzwarth, 23 years, Jan 31st

## WEEKLY CLUB PROGRAMS

### Friday, January 30th

|                      |  |
|----------------------|--|
| GREETERS             | Janeane Coutu,<br>Mike Herold, Susie Walker  |
| CASHIERS             | Lila Tanner  |
| SGT-AT-ARMS          | Bruce Samson   |
| INVOCATION           | Charles Ramos  |
| HEAD<br>TABLE        | Vice Pres Brent, El Martel, Brent<br>Stetar, Doug Cowling, Susie Walker,<br>Janeane Coutu, Mike Herold |
| INTRODUCE<br>GUESTS  | Derek Lewis  |
| INTRODUCE<br>SPEAKER | Wayne Anderson   |
| PROGRAM              | <b>PROSTATE CANCER AWARENESS</b><br><i>El Martel</i>   |
| THANK<br>SPEAKER     | John Salem   |

### Friday, February 6th

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

### Friday, February 13th

|                      |   |
|----------------------|---|
| GREETERS             | Richard Finnegan,<br>Gord Hubley, Ian Williams  |
| CASHIERS             | Derek Lewis   |
| SGT-AT-ARMS          | Lila Tanner   |
| INVOCATION           | John Salem  |
| HEAD<br>TABLE        | Vice Pres Brent, John Shillabeer, Bruce<br>Gordon, Doug Cowling, Richard<br>Finnegan, Gord Hubley, Ian Williams |
| INTRODUCE<br>GUESTS  | Keith McFarlane   |
| INTRODUCE<br>SPEAKER | Bruce Gordon  |
| PROGRAM              | <b>MEXICO'S CENOTES</b><br><i>John Shillabeer</i>   |
| THANK<br>SPEAKER     | Doug Cowling  |

## ROTARY RELEASES \$34.8 MILLION FOR POLIO IMMUNIZATION ACTIVITIES WORLDWIDE

Rotary International released an additional \$34.8 million in grants to support polio immunization activities in 10 countries, including Afghanistan, Nigeria, and Pakistan, the three countries where the disease has never been stopped.

The funds, whose release was announced 20 January, will be used by the World Health Organization and UNICEF for polio immunization and surveillance activities in the 10 countries, as well as to provide technical assistance in several other countries in Africa.

The Global Polio Eradication Initiative, in which Rotary is a partner, made significant progress against polio in 2014 in most places. More than half of the world's cases in 2013 were the result of outbreaks in previously polio-free countries, largely caused by instability and conflict in countries including Syria, Iraq, and Somalia. The outbreaks appear to have been stopped last year following special vaccination efforts in 11 countries that reached more than 56 million children.

The grants include \$8.1 million for Nigeria to support its final push to eradicate the disease. Nigeria experienced a nearly 90 percent reduction in cases in 2014 compared with the previous year, and hasn't registered a new case of polio in the last six months.

One less promising spot in the polio eradication fight has been Pakistan, which saw an explosive outbreak totaling more than 300 cases in 2014, the most there in more than a decade. As a result, Pakistan accounted for almost 90 percent of the world's cases last year.

The grants include \$1.1 million in Pakistan, \$6.7 million in Afghanistan, \$7 million in Somalia, \$3.3 million in Democratic Republic of Congo, \$2.8 million in Niger, \$2.5 million in Chad, \$1.6 million in Cameroun, \$1.1 million in Ethiopia, and \$250,000 in Kenya. A total of \$321,000 will provide technical assistance in Africa.

To date, Rotary has contributed more than \$1.3 billion to fight polio. Through 2018, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation will match 2-to-1 every dollar that Rotary commits to polio eradication (up to \$35 million a year). In 2014, there were only 350 confirmed polio cases in the world, down from about 350,000 a year when the initiative began in 1988.

From article by Arnold R. Grahl - *Rotary News* 23-JAN-2015

## DATES TO REMEMBER

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**Feb. 23**—Raising Rotary flag at City Hall, 10 a.m.

**Feb. 26**—5-club Reception at Golf Club, 5:30 to 7:30, cost \$10 per person includes finger food. Tickets available from the cashiers each week. ~ *No Regular Rotary meeting Feb. 27th*



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