

# ROTARY CLUB OF NANAIMO

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4798<sup>th</sup> Meeting

Friday, January 5, 2018

## Happy New Year!



**Peter Sinclair received a cheque from Doug Cowling at our meeting Dec. 15, 2017.  
The cheque was for \$2000.00 for Nanaimo Loaves and Fishes Community Food Bank.**

Club Meeting Friday at 12:00 p.m.  
at the Coast Bastion Inn  
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## Rotary Meeting Notes - Dec. 15, 2017

By Joyce Smith

President **Jane Currie** called the meeting to order early with the national anthem. Our inspiration today was delivered by **Joyce Smith** who reminded us that Christmas is a time to be thankful. The speaker's program was next on our program to accommodate the speaker-Ian Kalina from the Boys and Girls Club.

### Visiting Rotarians and Guests

**Doug Cowling** introduced his Guest **Peter Sinclair** of **Nanaimo Loaves and Fishes**. Recently the Rotary Club donated \$2,000 to the society and Peter asked to give Rotarians a quick presentation and update of Loaves and Fishes. In 2012, Loaves and Fishes went through a transition of viewing fund raising from a place of scarcity to a place of abundance. The directors looked at the issue of food waste—was it a problem or



an opportunity? They determined it was an opportunity—1/2 of the food produced is thrown out, this equals 185 kg of food per person per year or \$87,000,000. So Loaves and Fishes agreed to accept all food regardless of the quality to avoid generating food waste. This food would be categorized first the best quality for people, second quality for animals, third quality for composting and finally quality for landfill. In Nanaimo, Thrifty's, Country Grocer and Super Store participate in the food recovery program. The program started in 2012 and this year well over \$4,000,000 of food will be recovered in this program. There are eleven depots throughout the city and people can receive unlimited produce six days per week and it is open on Saturday. In 2015, they started to operate in a 6,000-square foot warehouse. The recent donation of \$2,000 to Loaves and Fishes will access additional storage by using space previously unused with their 26-foot-high warehouse. The money will be used for additional racking and an upgrade to the Forklift. In Nanaimo, 50 other societies access the food

bank. How can individual Rotarians support the society? – you can drop all recycling bottles off at any one of their depots or buy Hockey Tickets for the Hockey Game scheduled in February. **Doug Cowling** thanked Peter for the update.

Following this quick and informative presentation, **Jane Curry** asked **Brent Stetar** to introduce other Guests and Visiting Rotarians. Guests- **Brent Barootes** introduced **Barbara Dobbyn** and **Joan Ryan** introduced our current MBA intern **Yoshiko Ohashi**.



Barbara Dobbyn



Yoshiko Ohashi

### Announcements

Today is the last Rotary Club meeting of 2017. December 21<sup>st</sup> is our Christmas party at Coast Bastion at 6:00 pm.

**John Heisterman** reminded everyone about the Bayview lunch this next Thursday December 21<sup>st</sup> lunch starting at 11:00 a.m. because of a scheduled school concert at 1:00 pm. For those Rotarians who are helping please come around 9:00 to 9:30 am on Thursday to get set up. Also, a reminder that for the Christmas lunch on Thursday those Rotarians who are bringing cookies please remember no nuts.

**Lila Tanner** had three announcements. First, five cards are being circulated to thank suppliers of the food for the Bayview lunch on Thursday. She asked Rotarians to please sign the cards. Lila also circulated pictures of **Mrs. Fenty** making a presentation on behalf of **Bob Fenty** at the School District scholarship awards. Finally, she asked people to buy Cambodia scarfs to help support students. She read a thank you letter for the previous help of supporting 10 students. Buying scarfs helped a lot. **Quinn Balicki**- Interact President was here to sell scarves.

**Doug Anderson** announced that there are business cards on each table with the five Rotary clubs of Nanaimo contact information, please use the cards when you are talking to people about joining Rotary.

**Dave Hammond** announced that Centennial Committee





Marie Fenty presented the Bob Fenty Award and Lila Tanner presented the Rotary awards at the School District Ceremony will be meeting after the Rotary meeting on January 5<sup>th</sup>. The architect from the City will be there as well as other City members. The intention is to come back to the Rotarians on March 9, 2018 to discuss the project.

**Dave Hammond** was Sargent of Arms.

**Joan Ryan** paid for having a senior's moment when she forgot her grandson's name and a happy dollar for a successful family breakfast and theatre night, **Wendy Pratt** is happy to have sons here for Xmas, **Douglas Anderson** is happy for **Denise Wittkofski** taking over Membership and PR committee. **Peter Bartok** was lost in the hall and was happy he got found. **Lila** was happy she is joining her girls for Christmas. **John Heisterman** thanked everyone in Rotary that pushed through the donation proposed by Community Grants committee. He is taking a cheque of \$750 to John Barsby for their Food Safe program and it is nice that it was done before Christmas.

Draws—the speaker won the draw to pull a card but did not win. Table draw was won by ticket number 223.

The president thanked everyone for a great meeting and she cannot wait for 2018 to start with great programs and speakers and proposed a toast to Rotary.

### Program Notes For December 15, 2017

By Charles Ramos

The Executive Director of Boys and Girls Club, Central Vancouver Island (BGCCVI), **Ian Kalina**, was introduced by **Frank Shoemaker**. Mr. Kalina has had an accomplished career leading various humanitarian organizations over the last 25 years. He has held his current position with the BGCCVI for 13 years. Mr. Kalina has held a number of executive positions throughout British Columbia, and sits on councils with the United Way and Child Youth Committee, among others. He brought a goal of creating mergers for capacity to his role.

Today's program outlined the history, significance, activities, and future plans of the BGCCVI. The club has been in existence on Vancouver Island since 1971, with 13 locations on the Island. Last year, 1896 volunteer

hours were amassed by club supporters. Rotary is one of these supporters. A recent event of importance was Lieutenant Governor Judith Guichon's opening of a new library for the Write2Read program at the local Boys and Girls Club on 5th Street. Several representatives from our club attended the opening.

The 4 goals of the Boys and Girls Club are to:

1. Provide high quality community services
2. Build a strong community
3. Build strategic partnerships, and
4. Grow their services

Within the mid-island region, the club has been very successful building partnerships with Nanaimo Aboriginal Centre, Metis Nation, Loaves and Fishes, Haven Society, and the City of Nanaimo. They recently partnered with the Town of Ladysmith to build a \$5.4 Million campus of Community Services, with an early years hub, and 89 licensed childcare spaces.

The club is the largest licensed childcare provider on Vancouver Island. They provide a safe space for children, youth, and parents to gain education and healthy socialization. Active participation is strongly encour-



aged. Programs and qualities supported by the club include: social and life skills, parenting education, homework help, self-sufficiency and independence, education support, financial literacy, cultural diversity, emotional regulation, a strong sense of self, and leadership.

Following the presentation, there were several questions from the club about future plans in town, cultural awareness, affordable housing partners, and cooperation between various groups. **Brenda Grice** thanked **Ian Kalina** on behalf of our club, and presented him with a pen, handmade by Allan Smith.



Rotarians served a full turkey dinner to about 160 students at Bayview Elementary school on Dec.21, 2017. Guenther Raedler provided funds, Thrifty Foods provided a discount, Barsby School cooked the turkeys and Mrs Riches cooked the vegetables.



Rotarians were encouraged to sing along with the Rotary Choir at our Xmas dinner on Dec. 21, 2017. Dave Hammond congratulated the choir - best in 2017 (only one in 2017).

## DATES TO REMEMBER

**Jan 5, 2018, Centennial Committee - after meeting**

**May 4-5 2018, District Training and Conference**

**June 23-27 2018, Rotary International Conference**

## VISITING ROTARIANS

**Peter Bartok** - exchange student from Hungry.

**Quinn Balicki** - INTERACT Rotarian

**Devon Schroter** - INTERACT Rotarian.

## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

### *Birthdays*

Ali, Wahid Jan 05

Janes, Bob Jan 09

### *Spouse Birthdays*

Raedler, Rita - Raedler, Guenter Jan 08

### *Club Anniversaries*

Tessier, Nattalle 2 years Jan 08 2016

Woodward, David 2 years Jan 08 2016

Ramos, Charles 9 years 1 Jan 09 2009

Gordon, Bruce 38 years Jan 11 1980

Smith, Allan 10 years Jan 11 2008

Meeting Date	January 5, 2018	January 12, 2018	January 19, 2018
Greeters	Wahid Ali , Bob Janes, Wendy Pratt	Henry Jiang , Doug Anderson, Peggy Richardson	Mike Knutsson, Wayne Anderson, Charles Ramos
Cashier	Lila Tanner	Lila Tanner	Lila Tanner
Sgt at Arms	Guenther Raedler	John Heisterman	Dave Hammond
Inspiration	Yvan Gosselin	Brenda Grice	Donna Hais
Head Table	Pres Jane, Charles Ramos, Sari Saunders	Pres Jane, Robert Grose	Pres Jane, Dr. Ralph Nilson
Intro Guests	Ross White	Ian Williams	Bob Wilson
Intro Speaker	Mike Herold	Denise Wittkofski	Charles Ramos
Program	<b>Galapagos Island -Charles Ramos &amp; Sari Saunders</b>	<b>Membership Forum - Denise Wittkofski</b>	<b>VIU Update - Dr Ralph Nilson, pres. VIU</b>
Thank Speaker	John Heisterman	Pers Jane	Dave Hammond