

# ROTARY CLUB OF NANAIMO

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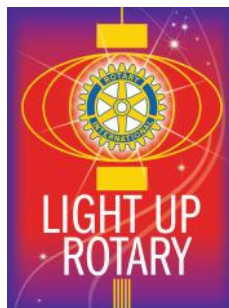
*The many hands who prepared and served the Christmas meal to some of the parents and all the children of Bayview School in December in what has become an annual tradition for our Rotary Club. If there ever was a 'feel good' project for our Rotary club this is it, and organizers have no problems getting volunteers to come out and help.*



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

## CLUB OFFICERS 2014-2015

President ..... Bob Wilson  
Vice President ..... Brent Stetar  
Secretary ..... Bob Janes  
Treasurer ..... Lynne Pankratz  
President Elect ..... Lila Tanner  
Immediate Past President ..... Douglas Anderson



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## Meeting Notes from Dec 12th

By Lucie Gosselin

**President Bob Wilson** opened the meeting, **Ian Williams** led O'Canada and **Norm Myden** gave an invocation focused on the Rotary Theme of the year Light Up Rotary.

**Lila Tanner** asked for the introduction of guests and visiting Rotarians.



**Susie Walker** introduced **Bob Buchanan** from Okotoks, Alberta and former member of our club; **John Heisterman** introduced **Derek Rickwood**

from Nanaimo North and **Kevin Cantelon** introduced **Branden Ouellet**, the manager of Kal Tire as his guest.



**Derek Rickwood** promoted the citrus sale fundraiser from Nanaimo North. He reminded everyone they can purchase a case and have it delivered to families in

need. **Bob Wilson** gave his market report comparing the price of these oranges to those in the supermarket with a conclusion that this was a great deal for the quality.

**Bob Fenty**, on behalf of the community service committee, announced that the club is again giving two \$1,000 scholarships to VIU students.



**Wendy Pratt** announced that the members of the club donated over \$1,500 to the Salvation Army during this week's and last week's meetings.

**Joan Ryan** reminded everyone to buy their tickets in advance for the Christmas dinner coming up on Thursday the 18<sup>th</sup>.

**John Heisterman** reminded everyone that he will be at the school as early as 9:30 and wants help in setting up for the lunch. Every child will receive a goodie bag containing a book, gloves, a toothbrush and toothpaste at a minimum.



**Sergeant-at-Arms Lila Tanner** fined everyone at **Joan Ryan's** table because she had done such a great job organizing the children's party last Sunday. She

thanked and fined those sitting with cooks **Bob Janes**, **Wayne Anderson**, **Keith McFarlane** and **Dave Hammond**. She fined **Bill King** and **Helen Blackmore** for talking while speakers are at the podium; **Lucie Gosselin** for not signing in and **Douglas Anderson** for being disrespectful to **Janeane Coutu** with a comment about her arrival time. She finished her fundraising by doing a Christmas quiz around the room.

Various people paid happy and sad bucks to give tid bits of news. **Ian Williams** was happy to get rid of a 6 foot container which was in his drive for past several weeks; **Janeane Coutu** paid to tell a cute story about her 9 year old niece; **Bob Buchanan** brought Seasons' Greetings from his club; **Susie Walker** announced her engagement to Chris Stephens; **Wendy Pratt** had a happy buck because **Bob Buchanan**

has joined the board of the Hospice Society in Okotoks;



**Douglas Anderson** was happy for the 4 days of skiing in Whistler and another buck to tell **Bob Wilson** that he obviously has too much time on his hands if he goes around weighing oranges; **Kevin Cantelon** was happy to see the picture of his little girl on the cover of the COGS; **John Heisterman** paid three times as much because his 3 grandkids were also on there; and **Brenda Grice** thanked **John Shillabeer** for the book sale report which she was able to share with a Rotary Club she visited in the US.

**Mikel Knutsson** won the table stakes and **Douglas Anderson** won the chance to pull the Ace of Spades .... but luck was not on his side.

## Annual General Meeting

By John Shillabeer



President Bob conducted the AGM

The Club Annual General Meeting, followed by the Charitable Society Annual General Meeting were conducted following the Happy and Sad bucks and the card draws. Formal minutes of the AGM and C.S. AGM were recorded separately, but some points of note are as follows:

The minutes of the previous AGMs and the financial statements of both organisations were approved unanimously on a show of hands. The slate of officers proposed by the nominating committee to serve the Club and the Charitable Society was also approved unanimously on a show of hands. There were no nominations from the floor.

<b>President</b>	<b>Lila Tanner</b>
<b>Vice President</b>	<b>Janeane Coutu</b>
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<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Bob Janes</b>
<b>Directors: 2 years</b>	<b>Norm Myden</b> <b>Kevin Cantelon</b> <b>Charles Ramos</b>
<b>Directors: 1 year</b>	<b>Bob Fenty</b> <b>Bob Patrick</b> <b>Bruce Samson</b>

### Business Meeting

Members were then asked to consider the Clubs financial status and budget.



Meal pricing options explained by Lynne Pankratz.

Club operations are consistently showing a deficit (projected at about \$7,300 this year) which is depleting our cash reserves. The cause is that the weekly cost of lunches exceeds what we pay. A committee of the board of directors has identified

five options for completely or partly eliminating the deficit.

The options are: →

- Increasing the price of meals
- Increasing membership dues
- Reducing certain other club costs
- Allocating entertainment type meal costs to other budget lines
- Charging for installation

A sheet summarising the choices was distributed to those present and it was noted that a combination of options could work.

Members made several clarifying points:

**John Heisterman** wanted to confirm that some meal costs could be allocated to another budget line and that whatever we do would not impact the money we collect for helping others.



**Brenda Grice** asked about charging for installation and **Joan Ryan** responded that we charged in the past, but made it “free” because of low turnout.

**Joan Ryan** volunteered that of our total annual dues of about C\$18,000, some US\$8,000 are remitted to Rotary International. She also pointed out that the first three options (meal prices, dues and charging certain expenses) would be tax deductible for those with their own businesses.



**Janeane Coutu** said that the committee developed their projections assuming at least one free meal for a visitor per weekly meeting. She also said that there has been no indication from the

hotel that they may increase their charges.

Members were asked to consider the options and to be prepared to come to a decision in January.

**In conclusion :** The meeting closed with one of President Bob’s baloneys: “People who enjoy AGMs should not be in charge of anything”.

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## Travellers Tea

**Bob Janes** was one of the several Rotary volunteers who attended Tea at Travellers Lodge, organized by **Susan Gerrand**.

The residents of the lodge always enjoy it when visitors come.



## Christmas Dinner

Social highlight of our Rotary year is always our Christmas dinner, this year held at the Coast Hotel.

Photo below shows the talented Christmas choir conducted by either **Joan Ryan** or **John Heisterman** (it was hard to tell who was in charge!). A delicious buffet meal was enjoyed by all who attended.



## ATTENDANCE

*By Bob Janes*

Attendance for December 12 was **72%**  
*Attendance at the Christmas Dinner  
was not recorded*

### We missed the following Rotarians:

W. Anderson, Brand, Gerrand, Hais, Henderson, King, Lessan, Narver, Raedler, Ramos, Salem, Walker, Welch.

**Visiting Rotarians:** Derek Rickwood, from Nanaimo North

Bob Buchanan from Okotoks, AB

**Guests:** Branden Ouellet of Nanaimo

### Birthdays:

Bob Janes on January 9—today!

Ian Williams on January 13th

### Wedding Anniversaries:

Bill and Zorka Horman, 58 years, on January 14th

## WEEKLY CLUB PROGRAMS

### Friday, January 9th, 2015

GREETERS	Barbara Blinston, Ed Borisenko, Brent Stetar
CASHIERS	Lila Tanner
SGT-AT-ARMS	Dave Hammond
INVOCATION	Bob Patrick
HEAD TABLE	Pres Bob, Joan Ryan, Jane Currie, Bob Janes, Ian Williams, Barbara Blinston, Ed Borisenko, Brent Stetar
INTRODUCE GUESTS	Bob Janes
INTRODUCE SPEAKER	Jane Currie
PROGRAM	<b>YOUTH PROTECTION</b> <i>Joan Ryan</i>
THANK SPEAKER	Guenter Raedler

### Friday, January 16th

GREETERS	John Heisterman, Kevin Cantelon, Dave Hammond
CASHIERS	Lila Tanner
SGT-AT-ARMS	John Heisterman
INVOCATION	Wendy Pratt
HEAD TABLE	Pres Bob, Chris Beaton, Bob Janes, John Heisterman, Kevin Cantelon, Dave Hammond, Bill King
INTRODUCE GUESTS	Bill King
INTRODUCE SPEAKER	Bob Janes
PROGRAM	<b>NAN. ABORIGINAL CENTRE</b> <i>Chris Beaton</i>
THANK SPEAKER	Doug Cowling

### Friday, January 23rd

GREETERS	Carmon Henderson, Dave Connolly, Art Vanidour
CASHIERS	Lila Tanner
SGT-AT-ARMS	Joan Ryan
INVOCATION	Guenter Raedler
HEAD TABLE	Pres Bob, Penny Nixon-West, Carey McIver, Yvan Gosselin, Art Vanidour, Carmon Henderson, Dave Connolly
INTRODUCE GUESTS	Moe Lessan
INTRODUCE SPEAKER	Carey McIver
PROGRAM	<b>ETTA PROJECTS</b> <i>Penny Nixon-West</i>
THANK SPEAKER	Frank Shoemaker



## DATES TO REMEMBER

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



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