

# ROTARY CLUB OF NANAIMO

# “C O G S”

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Friday, July 10, 2015



**Cooking at the Mall:** Assisting the Nanaimo North Town Centre with their Child Development Centre Hot Dog Sale were two shifts of Rotarians: (top) Wayne Anderson, Bruce Gordon, Brent Stetar and Bob Fenty; second shift were Doug Cowling, Ross White, Bob Wilson and Brent Stetar—way at the back is John Shillabeer. - *Photos by Ian Williams*

**Club Meeting Friday at 12:00 p.m.  
at the Coast Bastion Inn  
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## Meeting Notes from July 3rd

Reporter: Kathy Smith



**Lila Tanner** was so excited on her first day as president that she jumped to the microphone and started the meeting early. Kathy Smith said invocation.

**Wahid Ali** was not able to introduce guests as there were none and there was no news on the health of the club nor were there any notices of motion. **President Lila** congratulated Bob **Patrick** on his upcoming birthday.

**Announcements:** **President Lila** is starting her year with a new tradition. There are small pink pieces of paper on each table. If you feel you would like to recognize a fellow member, please put their name on a slip on place it in the beautiful gift box. Each month Lila will recognize a member who has been nominated for recognition.

**Joan Ryan** informed all that the *Summer Picnic* will be August 23 at the park in Lantzville. She also updated members on **Samuel** from Sunyani, Ghana. Prior to coming to Canada for a visit, Samuel was in a bus accident and had a broken leg. The surgery in Ghana was done incorrectly and so a local surgeon will re-operate on the leg this Saturday (pro bono).



**Frank Shoemaker** advised the club that the International Water Project in Guatemala has been completed. The 16 km. pipeline with two reservoirs is fully functional and filled with water. Our \$2200 went a long way with 3 to 1 matching grants.

**Sgt-at-Arms** – with very short notice, **Joan Ryan** stepped in. She started by fining **Wahid Ali** for asking **Art Vanidour** if he was growing marijuana with his hydroponics! **Kathy Smith** had a happy couple bucks for husband Allan's help in efficiently moving her mom from New Westminster to Nanaimo Seniors Village. **Wahid** had a couple of bucks – he hasn't been here for a while as he has been busy watching his boys grow up.



**Mike Herold** had \$5 to congratulate **President Lila** as our new president and to announce that *Travellers Lodge* has received their building permit!

**Dave Hammond** had a happy 25 cents to welcome **Wahid** back and a happy buck thanking **Frank Shoemaker** on the great job he did at District conference.



**Egon Holzwarth** is happy to be Canadian. It was 60 years ago that he arrived in Canada with \$5 in his pocket. It was noted that he was on the same ship as **Guenther Raedler** and **Barry Sparks**! Small world! **Wendy Pratt** had a happy, happy, happy and sad fund—great conference, happy for **President Lila**, happy her grandson is coming to visit but sad that she won't

make it to bridge as she has to keep her grandson occupied.

**President Lila** had a thank you to **Keith McFarlane** for his great job as MC of installation. **Dave Hammond** had a late announcement about the upcoming bridge day.

**Ellen Ross** was recently in Fort Nelson and saw signs of Rotary work throughout the city parks and in the new sports complex.



**Frank Shoemaker** thanked those who acknowledged his work at the District Conference but also commented on what a pleasure it was to work with Rotarians from so many clubs doing amazing international service projects. We just don't understand the scope and breadth of the work being done by the clubs in our district.

**Dave Hammond** won the table stakes and **Mike Herold** tried his luck at the card draw but pulled the wrong card, so the 50-50 pot continues to build. Only \$1 gets you a chance to win!!



## Science & Sustainability Society

Reporter: Ellen Ross

On Friday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, **Frank Shoemaker**, on behalf of Rotary, welcomed **Morgan Atwell** from the Nanaimo Sci-



ence and Sustainability Society (NSS). Morgan is the coordinator for this organization that started five years ago in Nanaimo. Morgan has a science background, (Bachelor of Science) from Vancouver Island University and decided to join NSS in 2012. NSS is

a mission based not for profit which is committed to “Hands on Science Learning”. Currently the organization is housed in the Eco School in Departure Bay utilizing one of the classrooms as a home base. One of the goals of this organization is to get children into nature and help them understand what nature is and why we need to protect it.

Some of the science projects that currently are available are: Science on the Move – a mobile science van, Spooktacular Race, PI day, Early Years program, Citizen Science Program and Community Science Day. These are just a few of the ongoing events. Morgan wants her young students to become “Science Rock Stars”.

Her students come from all different walks of life and this organization tries to offer frequent free events for families that could otherwise not afford to attend the programs. There events draw large and small crowds. One recent event was the *Trash to Treasures* program which saw children collect items from the beach and make it into an art treasure. She hopes to run this for grade 6 children next year.



The Science and Sustainability Society is partnered with Vancouver Island University and frequently brings in faculty to teach the children and also utilizes university students and VIU resources to enhance and enrich programs.

Morgan also has a research component to her classes. At present she and some of her students are following the life of the Varnish Clam and are mapping and grafting what is happening with the invasive (non-indigenous) species.

The organization recently won the SE Catalysts Award and has multiple community partners that support this not for profit. NSS welcomes volunteers and donations and the Long term goal of the organization is to have an indoor-outdoor science centre for Nanaimo.



Morgan was thanked for her presentation by **Kevin Canteion**, who presented her with the coveted Rotary pen hand-made by one of our members.

## Foundation Giving Nears Record High



Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair **John Kenny** updated attendees at the Rotary Convention in São Paulo, Brazil on the progress of the Foundation. One of his goals as chair was to increase giving. The Annual Fund reached almost \$117 million in 2013-14. This year, if contributions continue at the normal June rate, the fund will top that figure, making it the highest ever, he said.

The Foundation’s Endowment Fund has reached a milestone of \$1 billion, where spendable earnings will provide nearly \$13 million of direct financial support next year, more than double the amount five years ago.

“Let us remember that when we give to our Foundation, we are not sending cash to Evanston,” Kenny said. “We are helping a blind man to see, a polio victim to walk, a child to grow to adulthood healthily, a student to become educated, and a family to have enough food to eat.”

More than 400 district grants and over 600 global grants have been awarded in 2014-15, said Kenny. “The Trustees are conscious of obtaining the views of Rotarians and are seeking their observations on the new program so that they can be considered when a review is made in the 2015-16 Rotary year.”

Kenny praised the expansion of the Rotary Peace Centres program. There have been 312 endorsed applications this year from 85 countries, the highest number since the program began in 2002. Of the 100 fellows selected, more than half are from low-income countries.

“We should be encouraged to see that this imaginative program is expanding, for it is surely most pertinent in these troubled times,” he said.

“The future health of the Foundation is in all our hands,” he concluded. “The real work of Rotary is carried out by individual Rotarians in their clubs, for the club is the heart of Rotary.”

For more information on the Rotary Convention see the current edition of *The Rotarian*.

### ATTENDANCE

By Bob Janes

Attendance for June 3<sup>rd</sup> was **38%**

#### We missed these Rotarians

D. Anderson, W. Anderson, Blinston, Brand, Coutu, Cowling, Fenty, Finnegan, Gerrand, Y&L Gosselin, Grice, Hais, Heisterman, Janes, Jiang, Knutsson, Laing, Lessan, Lewis, McIver, Narver,

Raedler, Ramos, Ross, Salem, Samson, Shillabeer, Stetar, Walker, Welch, Wilson

**Guests:** Morgan Atwell

**Make ups:** W. Anderson, Coutu, Cowling, Fenty, Janes, Lessan, Ross, Shillabeer, Stetar, Wilson all at CDC Barbeque

#### Birthdays

Sharon Welch, July 16

#### Date of Joining Rotary

Debbie Narver, 4 years on July 15th



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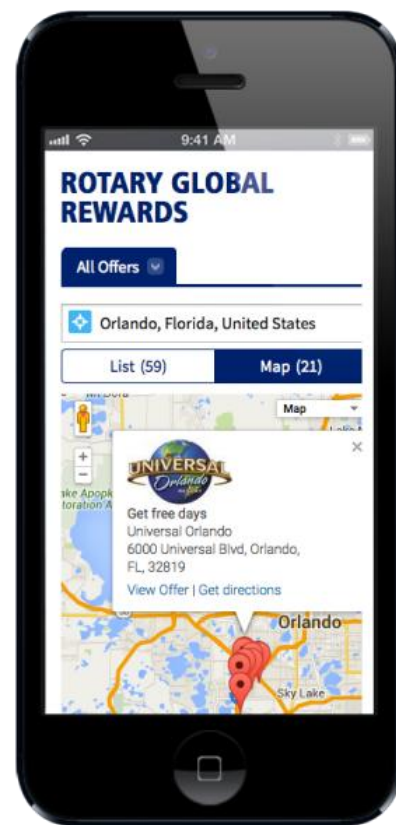
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### DATES TO REMEMBER

**August 23**—Rotary Summer Picnic at Lantzville. Bring your whole family for summer fun and Rotary fellowship!

**September**—Work Party at Westdale/Leslie Park in North Nanaimo. More details forthcoming.

### WEEKLY CLUB PROGRAMS & MEMBER DUTIES

MEETING DATE	Friday, July 10th	Friday, July 17th	Friday, July 24th
GREETERS	Henry Jiang, Norm Myden, Allan Smith	Joyce Smith, Debbie Narver, Fay Laing	Kathy Smith, Lynne Pankratz, Bob Janes
CASHIER	Egon Holzwarth	Egon Holzwarth	Egon Holzwarth
SGT-AT-ARMS	Joan Ryan	Bruce Samson	John Shillabeer
INVOCATION	Donna Hais	Richard Finnegan	Susan Gerrand
HEAD TABLE	President Lila, Ellen Ross, Doug Cowling, Sharon Welch, Allan Smith, Norm Myden, Henry Jiang	President Lila, Terry Mack, Wendy Pratt, Norm Myden, Dave Connolly, Debbie Narver, Joyce Smith, Fay Laing	President Lila, Guest Speaker, Wendy Pratt, Dave Hammond, Kathy Smith, L. Pankratz, Bob Janes
INTRO GUESTS	Susie Walker	Ross White	Ian Williams
INTRO SPEAKER	Doug Cowling	Wendy Pratt	—
PROGRAM	<b>DENTISTRY IN REMOTE AREAS</b> <i>Ellen Ross</i>	<b>STRONG NATIONS</b> <i>Terry Mack</i>	<b>TBA</b> —
THANK SPEAKER	Bruce Samson	Kathy Smith	—