

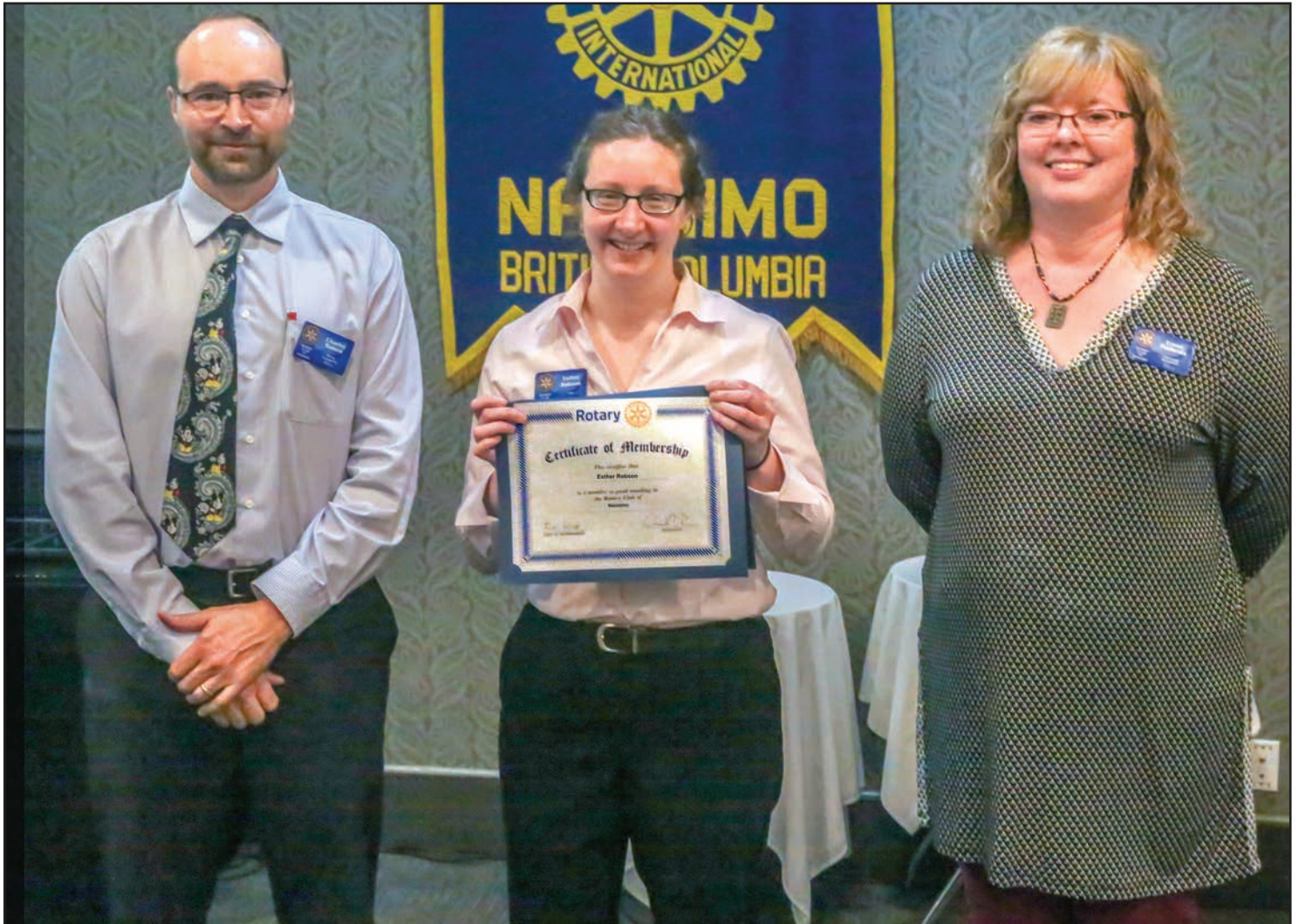
ROTARY CLUB OF NANAIMO

“C O G S”

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4822nd Meeting

Friday, July 13, 2018



President Charles, New Member Esther Robson and her sponsor Lynne Pankratz

Club Meeting Friday at 12:00 p.m.
at the Coast Bastion Inn
CLUB OFFICERS 2017-2018

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Meeting Notes for Friday 6 July 2018

By John Shillabeer



President Charles opened the meeting and we sang O Canada. **Doug Cowling** gave the inspiration expressing sympathy and hope for children separated from their parents and for the kids trapped in a cave in Thailand.

There were neither guests nor visiting Rotarians.

Health of the Club

Brent Stetar reported that he had seen **Barb Blinstone** recently. Barb had her gall bladder removed last week, was feeling uncomfortable and about to return to the hospital for follow up.

Announcements

Joan Ryan had acquired a limited supply of Rotary pins and would be happy to give them to members requiring a replacement.

Lila Tanner reminded members contemplating joining the bridge group that there will be a training evening on 11 July at Dave Hammond's house. Regular players will also be welcome.



John Shillabeer made a special presentation to **Lila Tanner** celebrating her many hidden talents. He handed her the documented proof in a book about the *Mary Kay Commandos*.

Joan Ryan spoke of a fundraising concert, "Far Across The Water" at St

Andrews United Church on July 14 in aid of Syrian refugees.

Ian Williams asked members to ensure their profile on Club Runner is complete so that their birthdays and anniversaries can be recognised at meetings.

Induction

President Charles inducted our newest member, **Esther Robson**, sponsored by **Lynne Pankratz**. Esther is a lawyer with Mont and Walker. At the end of the ceremony **Charles** welcomed her as the newest member at that moment of Rotary International!

President's Remarks

President Charles asked if we have enough opportunities for discussions and suggested that perhaps we need an avenue for discussion of issues. Comments from the floor were generally in favour of the idea.

Lila Tanner suggested that the discussions should be during Friday meetings and probably use part of the time allocated to Announcements.

Ian Williams thought it best to restrict the scope to Rotary

business (including International).

Joan Ryan suggested that a discussion topic should be selected a week ahead so that members have time to prepare their thoughts.

Sean Martin recommended that discussion should be managed by a chairperson. **Doug Cowling** suggested that it might require two persons, one to assist the chair.

Peggy Richardson asked about the objectives. **Charles** responded that they would be to get information and understanding of Rotary activities out to all members. **Susie Stephens** saw parallels with the fireside chats for new members; **Charles** said that they would be easier to arrange and attend, being part of a regular meeting. **Susie** recommended that the ideas for discussion topics should come from the members and not just the executive.

Behzad Forghani thought the fireside chats were valuable and appreciated the bonding that results. He hoped they will continue.

Brent Stetar said we should feel comfortable having discussions with visitors present.

Happy and Sad Bucks

Not reported for brevity this week

The Draw

Lila Tanner walked off with the table stakes and **Bob Janes** had the winning ticket for the card draw. However he only managed to draw the ten of clubs.

Program Notes July 6 2018

by Peggy Richardson.

Club Budget Discussion

President Charles launched into this topic with gusto, and with **Lynne Pankratz**, presented an extremely clear understanding of club finances. Note that this first part of the budget is strictly for club expenses and internal operations - nothing to do with fundraising and ways we spend our money to help the community.

Per the statements sent to each Rotarian last week, we can see that we have more areas of spending than income - which is not unusual for this club. Our main areas of income include membership dues, Sgt. at Arms collections, and the progressive collections at meetings. Dues are the bulk of the revenue. Spending includes things like dues to Rotary International and our district, meals and the hotel, membership expenses and public relations, and conferences like PETS and District conference.

Lynne was careful to emphasize that this is a budget, not hard numbers. That means this is our best guess, and is not totally perfect. Things will change!

This year, dues are a little less than we had hoped for, but still within normal ranges. The progressive donations pot (aka “card draw”) is also less than expected. Some other small amounts make the numbers float a bit up and down. This is pretty close to last year’s budget, and Lynne points out that looking at it in terms of the estimated and actual numbers is a better bet than making it a very aggressive budget.

In the diagrams shown, the left is income and the right side is spending. She carefully notes that we *may* actually have a positive budget this year, as some information and revenue is still coming through. This is partly because not everything spent, like for conferences, PETS and district. The chart does show a possible deficit, but she feels this may not actually happen.

Some things in the budget to note:

When **Bob Janes** prints the COGS, there is no cost to the club. But on weeks when he can’t do that, the cost to the club is \$66 per week - WOW - we’re very grateful to Bob for printing them!!!

We collected slightly more for meals than we paid to the hotel.

Half of the fellowship budget is the Christmas breakfast for kids, fireside and golf.

Installation expense this year was only programs, as we paid separately for our meals that day.

Note that the amount for insurance in our club budget is only Directors and Officers insurance, not liability insurance for the book sale, which is covered by District.

We contributed about \$800 to the five clubs’ public relations items.

The secretary/treasurer category includes things like the PO box, checks, Clubrunner costs of \$584, and other bits and pieces. It’s kind of our “dumping ground” for things that don’t fit elsewhere. For example, Lynne had to buy checks this year, and that’s not an annual expense - it only happens every few years.

Lynne did such an excellent job presenting this information, that there were NO QUESTIONS!

Next, Lynne moved on to fundraising... Here are the highlights.

Our money comes from the book sale - almost all of it!

The \$800 noted is an annual member donation specifically to pay for the Bayview lunch.

It has been speculated that the book sale revenue may not be as high again next time due to Sears closing. This created a lot of bonus traffic for us this year. We shall have to work to keep up our marketing efforts!

The book sale made an additional \$3800 from culled book sales. These are books that are no longer good enough to sell at the regular sale, so they are pulled off

the floor and sold to a broker.

The Youth budget includes Exchange expenses, and RYLA.

Community grants include schools and Tillicum Le’lum, etc.

Community projects include the Mental Health Society, etc.

Centennial hasn’t got the final numbers yet, but \$5500 has been spent on landscape architect services for the project.

Book sale grants is mostly the Literacy Society, which is \$20k, and a smaller donation to the Altrusa club.

To sum up...

The small deficit in club operations does need to be addressed, but so far we’re looking good. Overall Lynne gave the impression that we have a very positive position for the club.

We have a few ways to deal with a deficit: we have a club surplus of \$20k, and it has been suggested that we use past surpluses to cover it, and see how we look next year. \$2000 is a drop in the bucket when you consider past years and our overall position. However, it was pointed out that the surplus was at least partly generated by Member donations to cover other one-time costs. This may not be expected again in the future.

It is important to note that this is still an area of discussion. There appears to be some opposition to this idea, and nothing has been decided at this time.

The board will approve the budget in due time, and more news is forthcoming.

A huge thanks for Lynne’s hard work all year round, and the work of her staff, who help to keep us organized and up to date. This is a significant portion of the work for our club, and we couldn’t do any of our other projects without her!

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Member Birthdays

Norman Myden,	July 17
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Club Anniversary

Debbie Narver,	7 years	July 15
Denise Wittkofski,	2 years	July 15

No Spouse Birthdays or Anniversaries

DATES TO REMEMBER

Aug. 10 - Offsite meeting - Tour of Tillicum Le’lum facilities, 479 10th st.

WEEKLY CLUB PROGRAMS AND MEMBER DUTIES

Meeting Date	July 13 2018	July 20 2018	July 27 2018
Greeters	Wendy Pratt, John Salem	Behzad Forghani, Brent Stetar	Mikel Knutsson, Carey McIver
Cashier	Ed Borisenko	Ed Borisenko	Ed Borisenko
Sgt at Arms	Brent Barootes	Wahid Ali	Joan Ryan
Inspiration	John Shillabeer	Brent Barootes	Jane Currie
Head Table	Pres. Charles, Laurel Semple, Susie Stephens, Joan Ryan	Pres. Charles, Laura Shanner, Kathy Smith, Justin Molander	Pres. Charles, Emily Godfrey, Joan Ryan, Sean Martin
Intro Guests	Frank Shoemaker	Frank Shoemaker	Joyce Smith
Intro Speaker	Susie Stephens	Kathy Smith	Joan Ryan
Program	LGBTQT - understanding what it all means - Lauren Semple	Adv. Directives and Representative Agreements - Laura Shanner	Award winning Anti Bullying video - Emily Godfrey - Interact
Thank Speaker	Joan Ryan	Justin Molander	Sean Martin