

ROTARY CLUB OF NANAIMO

“COGS”



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Friday, July 14, 2017



Great sunsets accompanying our great weather! Photo taken by Ross White from his deck.

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

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Immediate Past President -- Debbie Narver



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Rotary meeting notes for July 7, 2017

by Laurie Bienert

Today's meeting was called to order by President Jane. Past President **Debbie Narver** shared the delightful news that our club has been approved for the District 5020 Community Grant in support of the Vancouver Island Mental Health Society (VIMHS). Debbie Narver made the motion to approve a grant of up to \$12,000 to proceed with our project of purchasing 23 bed packages for VIMHS. The motion was unanimously passed.



Get Involved

The Community Grants Committee is working with VIMHS to set up a time to move and assemble the beds. This is an opportunity for many members for volunteer. We will also have a social component to this project at VIMHS. If you're interested in volunteering, please let Debbie Narver know.

Visiting Rotarians and Guests

There were no visiting Rotarians this week. **Behzad Forghani** introduced our only guest, **Corina Hooton**. Corina is a probation officer at the Nanaimo office, moving to Maple Ridge next week. Corina and Behzad share a connection as her mother is from Iran.



Joan Ryan shared a gift from last week's visiting Rotarian, Alex Chiji Okafor from the Oregbeni Club in Nigeria.

President's Remarks

Jane Currie reported that Rotary International encourages clubs to be flexible. Carrying on the conversation of the cost of annual dues from last week, Rotary should remain accessible and affordable to members of the community. Jane proposed again to lower the cost of annual dues to \$250, removing the cost of installation which is currently included in annual dues. We have received the feedback that our dues are prohibitive to some, and not competitive with other clubs. Bruce Samson noted that including the cost of installation encourages maximum participation in installation, however many members do not bring a guest to installation. **Douglas Anderson** commented that in reducing annual dues while encouraging members to continue to support the Sergeant at Arms penalizes those who do attend lunch and seems unfair. **John Salem** noted that decreasing annual dues may increase membership which will in turn bring in more revenue. The discussion continues.



Announcements

A dinner with District Governor **Tom Carroll** and his wife **Laurie Carroll** will be held on Tuesday, July 25th at 6:00 pm at the Nanaimo Golf Club. Sign-up sheets were circulated. The meeting on July 28th will be cancelled.



Douglas Anderson announced there is a Club Runner app that can be accessed from smart phones. This app has up-to-date data with a club member list and contact details.

Behzad Forghani saw in Rotary Magazine a promotion on the fun of Rotary, and suggested we should start this with photos on social media.

Sergeant at Arms

Wayne Anderson was today's Sergeant at Arms, with assistance from **Mike Minhas**.

Wayne recognized **Wahid Ali** for taking over greeter duties for John Heisterman.



Charles Ramos was fined for his very colourful Aloha shirt. His shirt was so bright, **Doug Cowling** had to wear his sunglasses at lunch.

Ian Williams gave hopeful bucks for his niece's son who was diagnosed with cancer at age 5. Now 17 years old and looking forward to university he just underwent a serious operation to remove more cancer. Ian is hopeful he will be able to attend university in 2018.

John Salem gave happy bucks: On June 27th his son was in a motorcycle accident. He is sore but able to walk and recovering.

Wendy Pratt gave happy bucks for the beautiful day out.

Geoff Clay gave happy bucks as he is heading to Las Vegas on Wednesday.

Jane Currie gave happy bucks in recognition of **Douglas Anderson** for ordering the golf shirts.

Janeane Coutu gave bucks for President **Jane Currie**: today's speaker cancelled, Jane forgot Oh Canada, and forgot to sign-in. It's going to look up President Jane!

Dave Hammond gave worried bucks: **Douglas Anderson** wants us to use cell phones. **Behzad Forghani** encouraged us to use Facebook. What's next?!

Debbie Narver gave happy bucks to see President Jane Currie take over the role.

Joan Ryan gave happy bucks for the Youth Exchange Committee meeting, and the three members of our club who were there.

Corina Hooton (Behzad Forghani's guest) gave happy bucks, thanking the club for having her and what a fun club we are.

Wayne Anderson presented a surprise grab bag.



The contents remained a mystery as it was auctioned off by **Yvan Gosselin**. The bidding started at \$2 and sold to **John Shillabeer** for \$14. John is now the lucky owner of a Rotary beer cozy.

Club Draws



Today's guest, **Corina Hooton** drew the lucky number, but was unsuccessful in drawing the Ace of Spades

Program Notes

The speaker scheduled for today had to cancel, so the club was

treated to a compilation of Rotary videos, selected and put together by **Ian Williams**.

"People of Action"

What we achieve locally and worldwide saves lives. We are reducing hunger and poverty, and safe-guarding the most vulnerable. It is our role to tell stories about the people behind the impact we make.

"Polio-Zero Matters"

From 1937 to 1952, the United States saw the worst polio outbreak it has ever seen. In 1988 the WHO reported 300,000 new case that year. In 2015, there were only 74 new cases reported. That is a 99.9% reduction. However, in our ultra-connected world, polio is just a plane ride away. Getting to zero matters and we are on the cusp of making history.

"What Peace Means to Me"

At the 2015 Rotary Peace Symposium in São Paulo, Brazil, a selection of Rotarians from around the world shared quotes on what peace means to them and how this is connected to the work we do as Rotarians. "Peace is not just the absence of conflict. It's about fulfilling everyone's potential and giving them the opportunity and the space to do so."

"Rodeo School"

In a small community in Australia, many children face struggles. This local rodeo school works with boys who are

not used to traditional schooling. It is a long-term commitment to improving lives and teaching valuable skills. The boys' participation is the first time these boys have committed to achieving something, and the rewards are big.

"Water is a Gift"

In rural Ghana, 7 million people are at risk from water-borne diseases. Water is a basic need for human beings. This video shows what the Rotary Foundation is doing to help provide clean water in Ghana and around the world. "When a Rotarian makes a promise, people here truly believe he will keep that promise."

"Rotary Youth Exchange"

A Canadian youth shares his experience in the Rotary Youth Exchange program. The growth and personal development provided by the Rotary Youth Exchange program is huge, making a big difference in the lives of youth.

"Sri Lanka Maternity Hospital"

After the historic tsunami in 2004 swept the coast of Sri Lanka, the Mahamodara Maternity Hospital was devastated. Over the span of a decade, Rotarians rebuilt the entire hospital, involving the efforts of more than 200 clubs. Every one of the 12,000 births in 2015 at the new hospital was successful.

Ian Williams closed the presentation remarking that these videos illustrate some of the good that Rotary does worldwide but are the tip of the iceberg. There is an extensive [catalogue of videos](#) on the Rotary website. Rotary does so much around the world and here in our community.

"Be proud to be a Rotarian."

DATES TO REMEMBER

July 25 - 5 Club social dinner. 6 PM -
Meet **DG Tom Carroll**.

Aug 6-12—Rotary District 5020 International Golfing Fellowship, Victoria, BC at Bear Mountain. You can volunteer and/or register: mailservice@clubrunner.ca

Oct 13-22—Rotary Fall Book Sale at Nanaimo North Town Centre.

GUESTS, BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Guests:

Corrina Hooton guest of Behzad Forghani

Birthdays:

Myden, Norman	Jul 17
Connolly, Dave	Jul 20

Make-ups

Wahid Ali
Brenda Grice

Club Anniversaries

Debbie Narver	July 15	6 years
Denise Wiittkofski	July 15	1 year

DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE - July 2017

By Tom Carroll, 5020 District Governor 2017-18



Laurie & Tom Carroll

I consider it an extreme privilege to lead this district; thank you for entrusting me with the care of this wonderful organization for the next 365 days. Laurie and I are already “on the road” visiting all 17 Areas in our District, and we look forward to meeting each and every one of you!

The theme for the 2017-18 Rotary year, “Rotary: Making A Difference”, was developed by Rotary International President Ian Riseley, and reflects why many join and stay in Rotary; we want to make a difference in our community, and in our world. We make lasting friendships with those who want to give something back, and this friendship strengthens our service because together, we can accomplish so much more. As your Governor, I see my role as being the Chief Resource Officer for the 88 clubs and nearly 5,000 Rotarians in our district. The District only exists to provide a wide range of assistance to Clubs; it is our sole purpose. Our 2017-18 District Directory and Web Site identify the broad range of committees staffed with experienced Rotarians waiting for your call.

This year makes two important events, the start of the second century of the Rotary Foundation, and perhaps the last case of Polio in the world. What better way to mark the significance of both important events then to make a monthly contribution to Rotary Direct, or become a member of the Paul Harris Soci-

ety? Please join me in supporting our foundation. Our Rotary year will culminate with our District Conference in Tacoma, Washington May 4-5, 2018. The Conference Committee, chaired by Greg and Mary Horn, is hard at work to deliver a world-class training and learning event with a selection of outstanding speakers. The opening event will be held at America's Car Museum; conference attendees will be able to visit the exhibits.

July marks the kick-off for Rotary's new public image campaign, “People of Action”. Rotary is where neighbors, friends, and problem-solvers share ideas, join leaders, and take action to create lasting change. The campaign has three major elements:

- **We connect people;** Rotary unites more than a million people. Through Rotary clubs, people from all continents and cultures come together to exchange ideas, and form friendships and professional connections while making a difference in their backyards and around the world.
- **We transform communities;** we take action locally and globally. Through Rotary clubs, people from all continents and cultures come together to exchange ideas, and form friendships and professional connections while making a difference in their backyards and around the world.
- **We solve problems;** no challenge is too big for us. For more than 110 years, we've bridged cultures and connected continents to champion peace, fight illiteracy and poverty, promote clean water and sanitation, and fight disease.

I look forward to working with you this year to realize our theme, **Rotary: Making a Difference.**

WEEKLY CLUB PROGRAMS & MEMBER DUTIES

Meeting Date	July 14th, 2017	July 21, 2017	July 28, 2017
Greeters	Carmon Henderson, Lucie Gosselin, Bruce Samson	Wahid Ali, Laurie Beinert, Wendy Pratt	
Cashier	Egon Holzwarth	Egon Holzwarth	
Sgt at Arms	Wahid Ali	Dave Hammond	
Invocation	Brent Stetar	Laurie Beinert	
Head Table	Pres Jane Currie, Leon Davis, Norm Myden, Dave Connolly, Carmon Henderson, Brent Stetar	Pres Jane Currie, Laurie Beinert, Moira Jenkins, Charlotte Mougeot	NO MEETING - DG Social dinner July 25, 2017
Intro Guests	Carmon Henderson	Keith McFarlane	
Intro Speaker	Lila Tanner	Debbie Narver	
Program	The New SPCA —Helping more than Animals—Leon Davis	New Memer Talks - Moira Jenkins, Charlotte Mougeot	
Thank Speaker	Fay Laing	Wayne Anderson	