

# ROTARY CLUB OF NANAIMO

# “COGS”

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Friday, July 15, 2016



President Debbie Narver exchanges Rotary banners with Exchange Student Saeko Yabe who visited our club on Debbie's first official meeting last week.  
—Photos by Ian Williams

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

## CLUB OFFICERS 2016-2017

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Treasurer ----- Lynne Pankratz  
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Immediate Past President ----- Lila Tanner



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## Meeting Notes from July 8th, 2016

By Joyce Smith

This was the first meeting of our Rotary Club for this year and first meeting for our new **Club President Debbie Narver**.



Debbie gave us a heads up that she will be on the program next week. One of her goals for the New Year is to get the club fully engaged. As part of her plans, she will be passing out a survey for each of the members to complete to get a baseline of the club's current level of engagement.

Debbie announced that the Board meetings have been moved to the third Tuesday of every month at Herold Engineering and that the District Governor will be visiting our club on July 22, 2016.

**Ross White** called for the introduction of visiting Rotarians and Guests:

**Gunter Raedler** introduced **Bobby Rothbottom**, a returning visiting Rotarian from Whistler and **Bob Fenty** introduced **Saeko Yabe**, who is an exchange student from Japan, who is being hosted by Lantzville Rotary. There were four guests of Rotarians. **Omar Karim** and **Dominik Beckers**, both program guest speakers and **Randell** and **Jeffery White**, sons of **Ross White**.



All Rotarians sang a wonderful rendition of Happy Birthday to **Ross White** who is celebrating his birthday today. In addition, **Ross** and **Pam White** are celebrating their 55th wedding anniversary this week. As well, **John Marlow** is celebrating his 39<sup>th</sup> year in Rotary this week.

**Ross White** made a special Paul Harris presentation when he presented Paul Harris Fellowships to both of his sons; **Jeffery** and **Randell** for all their help and support with Rotary and the support they have given to their parents to allow them to participate in all the Rotary activities they have.

Ross explained that the first donation ever made to the Rotary Foundation by this club was \$26.50, and since this coming Rotary year Rotary Foundation will be celebrating its centennial year, Ross encouraged each of the club members to make their first donation to Rotary Foundation for this year \$26.50 to help kick off Debbie's year as president. The Rotary Foundation's signature project has been the eradication of Polio and for this year there has been only 3 incidents reported in the world. Rotary Foundation has funded many other projects around the world from clean



water projects, building of clean latrines to support of shelters for women and children around the world. Currently the club is working on obtaining a grant from Rotary International for 15 benches for Eden Gardens.

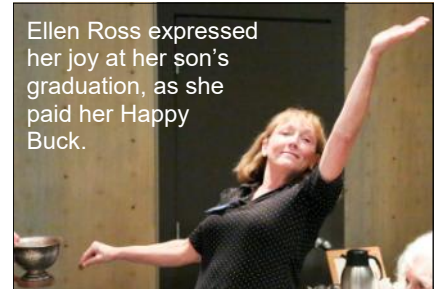
Speaking of Nanaimo Travellers Lodge, **President Debbie** read a letter thanking the club for the large \$50,000 donation received by the lodge to help fund their new premises on Northfield Road.



**John Heisterman** did a fine job as Sergeant-at-Arms and received money either from happy or sad bucks or simply fines from eight of our members, **Yvan Gosselin, Dave Hammond, John Heisterman, Egon Holzwarth, Bob Janes, Charles Ramos, Ellen Ross** and **Frank Shoemaker**.

**Ed Borisenko** won the table stakes and **Bob Wilson** won the card draw but did not win the pot—better luck next time Bob.

Ellen Ross expressed her joy at her son's graduation, as she paid her Happy Buck.



Before the program speaker **Bob Fenty** asked **Saeko Yabe** to speak about her experience in Canada. She is the visiting Japanese exchange student who is being sponsored by the Lantzville club. Saeko has been in Canada for 11 months and when she arrived she spoke no English. She spoke to the club in excellent English about her experience in Canada and showed her jacket with 42 ½ pounds of metals, pins and banners that she has received by visiting clubs over the last year. Saeko will be leaving to go back to Japan on July 15<sup>th</sup> and plans on going to University and eventually wants to become a diplomat.

## VIU MBA GAMES

By Kathy Smith



John Woychuck introduced our speakers Omar Karim and Dominik Beckers

**Rotarian John Woychuck** is with the MBA program from VIU. Today he brought with him two MBA students – **Omar Karim** and **Dominik Beckers** – to talk about the MBA games. Omar, who grew up in Burnaby, has recently graduated but is staying in Nanaimo for the MBA



National competition in January. Dominik, who is from Hamburg, Germany, is delaying his graduation to also be part of this major national event. Omar and Dominik are thrilled to be here

to share their story and are impressed with Rotary and its commitment to the community. Their leadership strategy is to do everything with purpose or don't do it!

VIU MBA students first became involved with the BC MBA games about a year ago. Competing against UBC, SFU, TRU, and UVIC, the local team was triumphant and secured a first place finish! This secured them a position in the National MBA games where the team was awarded the top award for spirit and came in 4<sup>th</sup> overall. This is the first team a west coast university has achieved this result and a great boost to the VIU program and participants – they are the Best in the West!

In October 2016, the local campus will host the BC games with a total of 100 participants. Although it may look like there is a lot of fun and partying, the competition is all about teamwork, social networking and developing business plans. The drumming and dragon boating brought them together as teams and united the participants throughout the province into one family with one common goal. The theme for the October 2016 provincial competition is "A journey to New Heights." They will be raising funds for childhood cancer. At previous events, they have raised funds for Autism.

### Connect. Inspire. Impact.

If this is not enough to do, Omar and Dominik are the key organizers for the Nationals that will be hosted at VIU in January 2017. This will involve about 700 participants from 20 universities throughout the country coming to our city and our Island to compete. The key components of the competition are Strategy, Entrepreneurship and Pecha Kucha (story telling with pictures). Cases are presented and teams have three hours to prepare and present.

### Today for Tomorrow.

The students noted that decisions today effect tomorrow. As part of the Truth and Reconciliation movement and in recognition of Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> year in confederation, the national convention will be involved in the Moose Hide campaign. This campaign is about taking a stance against violence towards women and children. Wearing the moose hide signifies your commitment to honour, respect and protect women and children. The local team is ecstatic to have the host of the Toronto Sportsnet program coming to the event as a keynote speaker. They plan to work with media and social media to highlight Nanaimo, the Island and the pro-



gram at VIU. The conference will be highlighting VIU facilities such as Milner Gardens and the Deep Bay Marine facility as well as highlighting our beautiful city. Although the competition involves spirit, sport and academic competition, it also forces participants to look at social issues rather than corporate issues. If the other participants are as intelligent and enthusiastic as Omar and Dominik, then our future is in very good hands.

### Learn. Understand. Participate.

**Guenter Raedler** let the speakers know that they are good for the community and VIU and as a business owner, he wanted to thank them for all they are doing. **Wendy Pratt** officially thanked the two. She has met Omar and Dominik several times and finds them an inspiration = hope for tomorrow. They are a gift to the city and the community.



Each speaker was presented with the coveted Rotary pen, custom made by **Al Smith** and **Dave Connolly** from our club.

## ATTENDANCE

*By Bob Janes*

July 8<sup>th</sup> Attendance—**55%**

**We missed the following Rotarians:**

Ali, D. Anderson, Barootes, Coutu, Cowling, Currie, Targhi, Gerrand, L Gosselin, Grice, Hais, Henderson, Jiang, King, Laing, Lessan, McIver, Pankratz, Parsons, Patrick, Salem, Stephens, Tessier, Woodward, Zhang

### Visiting Rotarians:

Bobbie Rathburn

### Guests of Rotarians:

Jeffrey & Randall White, Saeko Yabe

### Makeups: Mikel Knutsson

### Birthdays:

Norm Myden, July 17  
Dave Connolly, July 20th  
Debbie Narver, July 21st

### Club Anniversaries:

Debbie Narver, 5 years ago today, July 15th

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Read the full story about our new R.I. President John F. Germ from Chattanooga, Tennessee, this month's issue of *The Rotarian*, page 32.

### Rotary District Positions Announced

District Governor Joanne Croghan has released the list of Rotarians who have been appointed to the following positions for the 2017-2018 Rotary year.

**Governor's Chief of Staff:** Jonathan Sprouffske,  
Gateway Rotary

**District Secretary:** Robert Buckley,  
Courtenay Rotary

**District Trainer:** Elayne Burton,  
Silverdale Rotary

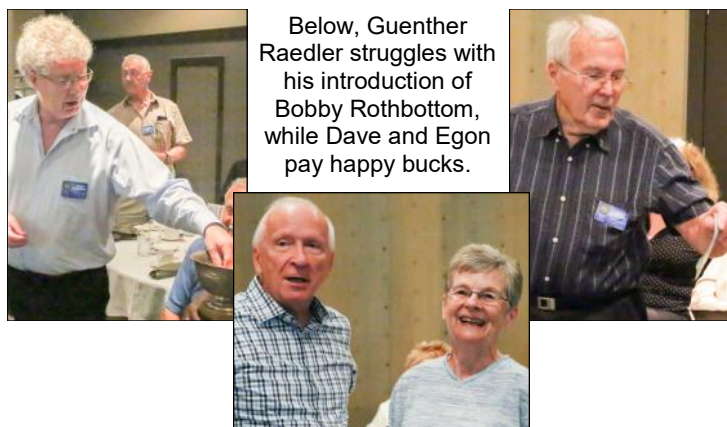
**District YE Chair:** Maureen Considine,  
Olympia Rotary

**Dist. Res. & Policy Chair:** Brenda Grice,  
Nanaimo Rotary

**Dist. Conference Chair '18:** Jennifer Durham,  
Passport Club of Pierce County



Happy Bucks hijinks assistant Sgt-at-Arms Derek Lewis collects from Charles Ramos and Joyce Smith.



Below, Guenther Raedler struggles with his introduction of Bobby Rothbottom, while Dave and Egon pay happy bucks.

### DATES TO REMEMBER

**Supper Club**—coming in the Fall

**Kitchen Party**—starting in September

**Theatre Night**—November 24th

**Family Christmas Breakfast**—December 11th

**Rotary Christmas Dinner**—December 15th

## WEEKLY CLUB PROGRAMS & MEMBER DUTIES

MEETING DATE	July 15th, 2016	July 22nd, 2016	July 29th, 2016
GREETERS	Brent Barootes, Ellen Ross, Donna Hais	Wayne Anderson, Charles Ramos, Brenda Grice	Ed Borisenko, John Salem, John Heisterman
CASHIER	Lila Tanner	Lila Tanner	Lila Tanner
SGT-AT-ARMS	Bruce Samson	Brent Barootes	Wayne Anderson
INVOCATION	Ross White	Ian Williams	Bob Wilson
HEAD TABLE	President Debbie and Club Directors, Brent Barootes, Ellen Ross, Donna Hais, Norm Myden, Dave Connolly	Pres Debbie, DG Joanne Croghan, Charles Ramos, Brenda Grice, Wendy Pratt, Dave Hammond	Pres Debbie, Nattalle Tessier, John Woychuck, Behzad Targhi, Bob Patrick, Christine Parsons, Al Smith
INTRO GUESTS	Derek Lewis	Keith McFarlane	Carey McIver
INTRO SPEAKER	—	President Debbie	Bob Patrick
PROGRAM	<b>Club Communication Meeting</b> <i>President Debbie and Club</i>	<b>DISTRICT GOVERNOR VISIT</b> <i>DG Joanne Croghan</i>	<b>NEW MEMBER TALKS</b> <i>Tessier, Woychick, Targhi</i>
THANK SPEAKER	—	Past President Lila	Al Smith