

ROTARY CLUB OF NANAIMO

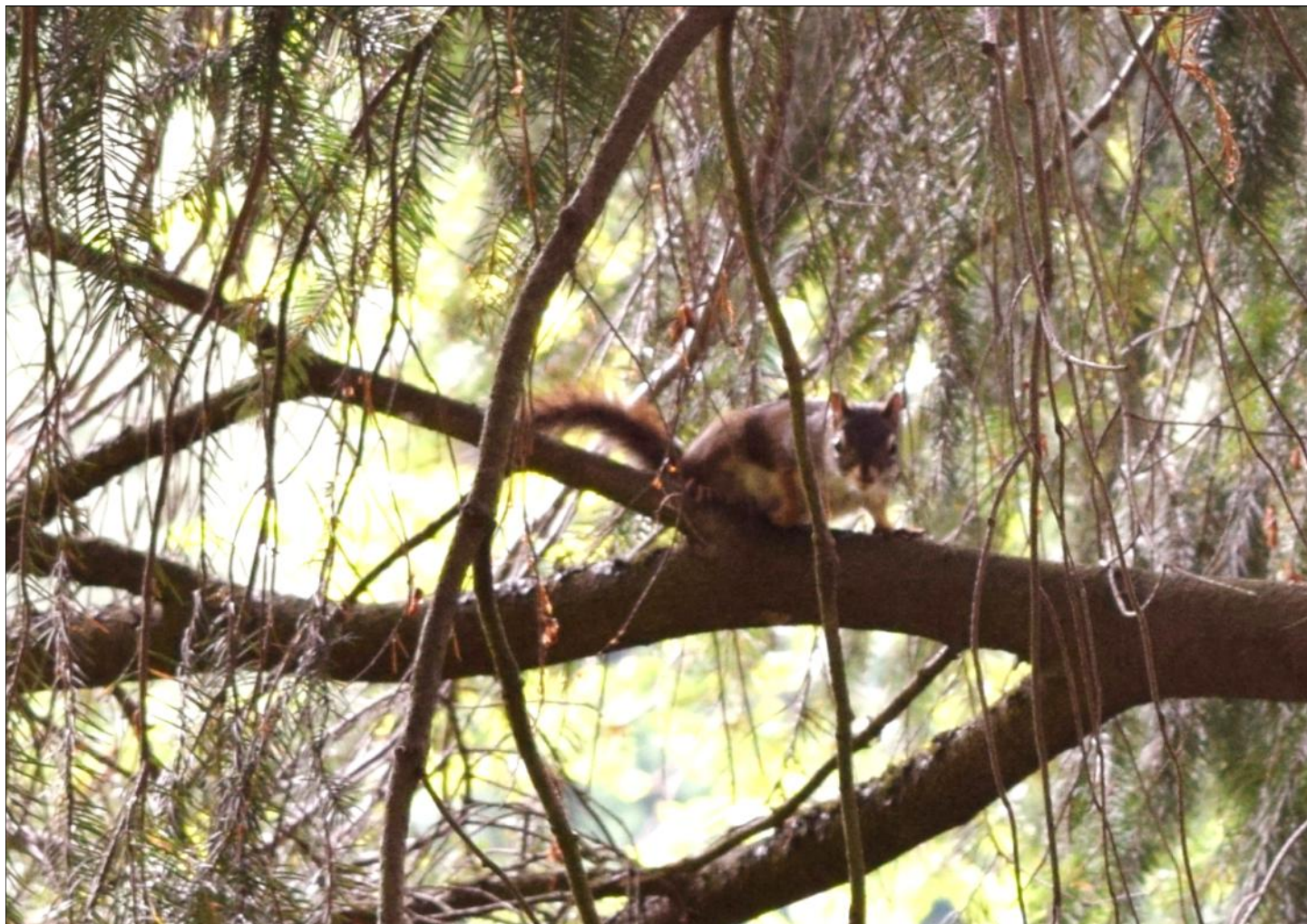
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4,733rd Meeting

Friday, July 22, 2016



Keeping at watchful eye on hikers at Westwood Lake.

—Photo by Ian Williams

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

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Meeting Notes from July 15th, 2016

By Joyce Smith

President Debbie Narver has club meetings well under-way to have a great year. In our second meeting of the New Year Debbie was star of the meeting as program speaker. Oh Canada was sung without **Ian Williams** most capable help because of technical difficulties that plagued the day. **Joan Ryan** gave the induction which was centered on the theme of being grateful and expressions of gratitude.



Doug Cowling called for the introduction of visiting Rotarians and Guests: there were no visiting Rotarians but there were two guests—**Joyce Smith** introduced **Aaron Dovell** from her office and **Lila Tanner** introduced **Denise Wittkoski**, who was being inducted today.

Birthdays: Norm Myden, Dave Connelly, Debbie Narver. Club anniversary: **Debbie Narver**—5 years ago today and no anniversaries for this week.

To celebrate Debbie's birthday she presented her cheque to Rotary Foundation for \$26.50 as a birthday celebration and put out the offer to other Rotarians to do the same.

The Executive is meeting July 19th at *Herold Engineering* and a reminder to the club that **District Governor Joanne Croghan** will be addressing our club on July 22nd.



The new member induction was done by **Dave Hammond**. **Lila Tanner** was sponsor and **Lucie Gosselin**, mentor. **Denise Wittkofski** became one of over 1.2 million members in 35,000 clubs world wide today.



Doug Cowling gave a *Notice of Motion* that in two weeks there would be a proposed motion as follows: That the Club Approves the Pre-authorization of the Board making a grant of between \$0-\$10,000 to the Nanaimo Travellers Lodge Society for the

The Star Spangled Banner

*Oh say can you see by the dawn's early light
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming*

*Whose broad stripes and bright stars,
thro' the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched,
were so gallantly streaming.*

*And the rockets' red glare, the
bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof thro' the night that
our flag was still there.*

*Oh say does that Star Spangled
banner yet wave*

O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.



Eden Gardens Bench Project in the 2016-2017 Rotary year.

Doug mentioned that there is a possibility of matching grants from Rotary International for \$3,500 U.S. which equates roughly to \$5,000 Canadian. This project could qualify for District matching grants and **Norm Myden** and **Ross Fraser** have started the application process. The money would be spent to purchase benches which would be placed around the new premises. Rotarians would be expected to help stain the benches as a work project. This donation may or may not be deducted from the \$50,000 proposed additional grant planned to be given to the Travelers' Lodge this year. The project must be completed by May, 2017 and the club must advance the money before we can satisfy all the criteria of the District matching grants.

Dave Hammond was Sergeant at Arms. **Bob Janes, Bob Patrick** and **Dave Hammond** were fined for having too much fun at Bob Janes's stag—either that or to keep quiet about what happened. **Janeane Coutu** gave a happy dollar to celebrate her son Matthew's 21st birthday, **Lila Tanner** gave a happy dollar for our new member and **Wendy Pratt** gave an apology dollar for a last minute cancellation at Bridge, **Lucie Gosselin** gave a happy \$5 for the Dragon Boat festival, **Doug Cowling** gave an appreciation \$2 for **Ross White** and **Norm Myden** taking the lead on the District Grant application.



Photos by Lucie Gosselin

Winner of the Club Draw was **Bob Patrick** and winner of the 50-50 Draw was **Doug Cowling**. **Janeane Coutu** was bribed by our former judge to draw a winner ticket however this did not pan out—better luck next time Doug.

Club Communication

By Joyce Smith



President Debbie jumped into the program without introduction. Debbie intention was to create an informal communication among club members. Debbie, being an MBA graduate was well prepared with meeting notes and survey. This came in handy when technical difficulties prevented the power point presentation and a clip from the new **RI President John Germ** being presented.

The three focuses she had for the New Year were:

1) Improved engagement—*if people are 100% engaged and all going in the same direction they tend to inspire others;*

2) Creating greater awareness in the community—*visibility is important. We need to recognize the community is changing and meeting people face to face is not always practical, in addition we are experiencing a melding of cultures. It is important to let Nanaimo know what Rotary is doing; and*

3) Improving internal communication—*how do we communicate? Is it effective? For example how do we transition knowledge when chairs retire and how do we integrate our new members? Is it effective and can we improve our methods?*

Debbie passed out a survey with three questions:

- On a scale of 1 to 10 how much do you currently feel engaged in Rotary?
- What specific actions and/or activities would improve your level of engagement?
- What specific things are You willing to do to increase engagement in our club?

The survey was passed out and all the members got an opportunity to give their comments anonymously.

Debbie summarized the theme of the new RI President John Germ where he challenged clubs to think outside of the box. Some of the rules and regulations of Rotary were established 50 years ago and he encouraged people to think differently. Some club members gave some suggestions:

Joan Ryan suggested that at some meeting we do not have a regular meeting but do something completely differently, **Brett Stetar** suggested various site meetings, and **Doug Cowling** suggested getting our Facebook page refreshed and use it on regular bases. **Wendy Pratt** said that she would love to see our Club's Facebook showcase Rotary so it could be shown to others. About 10 members check Facebook every day. The **COGS** committee said they would look into this avenue of communication. **Norm Myden** mentioned that the new regulations state that Rotary Clubs do not have to have regular meetings, two meetings a month are now sufficient and some clubs get together on off weeks

to volunteer for various projects in the community.

Breaking with tradition no one thanked the speaker but we all appreciated the input—thank you Debbie for facilitating this.

Welcome to District Governor Joanne

Joanne was born in Seattle and has lived in the greater Seattle area for most of her life where she worked for years in advertising and public relations. She has one adult son in college. In 1980 Joanne moved to Bainbridge Island (BI) where she was elected to the local Park Commission where she served for over eight years. Joanne lived in Nairobi, Kenya for four years in the late 1960's. Joanne returned to Uganda in 2001 with a literacy project in Rotary. She was so



District Governor Joanne Croghan and Don Mannino

moved by the plight of villagers who did not have access to clean water that she began a clean water project. As of 2013, and numerous Rotary grants later, the project totals 131 villages with access to clean water. The project budget is near \$2 million as Rotarians continue to add water points and teach hygiene and sanitation practices for the area.

Joanne has been a member of the Bainbridge Island club for 20 years. During that time she chaired Youth Exchange, Membership, Fellowship and World Community Service Committees. She was the Club Service Director for a three year term, and served as Centennial President in 2004-2005. Joanne has attended four RI Conventions, is a multiple Paul Harris donor and a member of the Bequest Society. Joanne served as the District World Community Service co-chair, AG for area 9, and District Water Coordinator. She is a charter member of WASRAG and has worked on committees for same.

Don and Joanne each lost a spouse to illness in the spring of 2009. They first consoled each other, and then realized an attraction which resulted in marriage in 2012. After all there was no hesitation to begin dating, because as Rotarians, they were pre-qualified. Don is a multiple Paul Harris fellow, and member of the Bequest and Paul Harris Societies.

ATTENDANCE

By Bob Janes

Attendance for July 15th was **60%**

We missed Rotarians:

Ali, D. Anderson, Wayne Anderson, Barootes, Blinston, Fenty, Gerrand, Grice, Heisterman, Jiang, King, Laing, Lessan, Lewis,

Raedler, Ramos, Ross, Samson, A & K Smith, Wilson, Woychuk, Zhang

Guests: Aaron Dovell

Makeups: Susie Stephens

Birthdays:

Wendy Pratt, July 25

Dave Hammond, July 28

Wedding Anniversaries:

Joan & Bruce Ryan, 42 years on July 26th

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 22nd, 2016	July 29th, 2016	August 5th, 2016
GREETERS	Wayne Anderson, Charles Ramos, Brenda Grice	Ed Borisenko, John Salem, John Heisterman	Carmon Henderson, Bruce Samson, Eric Brand
CASHIER	Lila Tanner	Lila Tanner	Brent Barootes
SGT-AT-ARMS	Brent Barootes	Wayne Anderson	Bob Fenty7
INVOCATION	Ian Williams	Bob Wilson	David Woodward
HEAD TABLE	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	Pres Debbie, Bernard Gaboury Joyce Smith, Brenda Grice, Christine Parsons, Doug Cowling
INTRO GUESTS	Keith McFarlane	Carey McIver	Norm Myden
INTRO SPEAKER	President Debbie	Bob Patrick	Joyce Smith
PROGRAM	DISTRICT GOVERNOR VISIT <i>DG Joanne Croghan</i>	NEW MEMBER TALKS <i>Tessier, Woychuck, Targhi</i>	GEM EXPLORATION & DISCOVERY <i>Bernard Gaboury</i>
THANK SPEAKER	Past President Lila	Al Smith	Brenda Grice