

ROTARY CLUB OF NANAIMO

“COGS”



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Ammonite Falls, a short, but not-for-everyone, hike from Nanaimo - *Photo by Bonnie Gordon*

**Club Meeting Friday at 12:00 p.m.
at the Coast Bastion Inn
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Meeting Notes from July 17th

Reporter: Kathy Smith

President Lila began the meeting asking us to rise for Oh Canada. This was followed by **Joan Ryan** doing a thought provoking invocation.

Bob Fenty had the following guest introduced: **Vincent** from the Rotaract club; **Bobbi Rathburn**, a psychiatrist, who is visiting from the Whistler Millennium club and **Wesley Finkstra** who is from Franekaer in northern Netherlands. **John Morris** introduced family friend **Lisa Reid** who is driving John to and from the meetings.

Visiting Rotarian **Wesley Finkstra** had a few words to share with our club; he really enjoyed the pictures with Oh Canada. Wesley is a police officer who made connections with local officers who visited him in Franekaer, Netherlands. The local police, who had stayed in Wesley's home, had journeyed to the Netherlands to visit Franekaer where the officer's father had been instrumental in establishing the police force after the Canadians liberated them. Each year on May 4, the citizens of the Netherlands visit the graves of the Canadian soldiers who lost their lives liberating the country. This year, as it was the 70th anniversary, they invited the remaining soldiers to return to the Netherlands to be honored for their bravery. Wesley showed a newspaper with all of their pictures published. He is proud to be here to tell his story and the citizens of the Netherlands will never forget what our Canadian soldiers did for them.



Announcements:

Frank Shoemaker updated us on the Etta composting toilet project. The 3-year educational period continues as people learn to use the 150 toilets that were installed.

Sgt-at-Arms:

With very little notice, **Dave Hammond** stepped in to do the job. Dave was assisted by **Wendy Pratt**. He had a quiz on the spacecraft that just passed Pluto. Only one table got an answer correct and that was the questions on how many years it took the spacecraft to reach the planet – 9 years. All other tables had to pay a dollar for not knowing current history.

There were lots of happy bucks today: **Doug Cowling** was recently in the Netherlands and appreciated how the country honored the memory of our veterans. He was also impressed with Rotterdam which is a city that had been leveled during the war and had been completely rebuilt. **Douglas Anderson** had a happy \$5 to announce that he is



officially retired! **Carmon Henderson** had a happy \$10 to celebrate his daughters completion of her medical degree after 10 years of schooling. She is now a resident anesthesiologist at the University of Ottawa and is earning money – so he is no longer supporting her! **Mike Herold** thanked Douglas for retiring and getting out of the competition. **John Salem** is proud of a nephew who has been a registrar at VCC and just got a job in Terrace. **Gunter Raedler** thought the judge needs to set an allowance for newly retired



Douglas (at least I think that is what he said.). **Brenda Grice** was glad to hear her husband was officially retired as she can now give him the “to-do” list. **President Lila** is grateful to **Bob Wilson** who helped her with Club Runner. **Wesley Finkstra** put in a happy \$20 for being able to be here.

Health of the Club:

Ellen Ross let us know that **Barb Blinston** had some minor surgery in early June and is not recovering very well. **Birthdays:** It was **Norm Myden's** birthday today and so the famous rendition of the song was sung with much gusto. It is also **Dave Connolly's** 80th on Monday.



Club Draws:

Red ticket – table stakes were won by **Bob Wilson**. **Joyce Smith** got to try her luck at the card draw but missed pulling the Ace of Spades.

Membership Proposal:

Unless written objection is received by the Secretary within the mandatory 7 days, the following applicant will be invited to join the Rotary Club of Nanaimo:

BRIGHT, JinJiang Zhang

Classification: Architectural Product Importer/Exporter

Proposed by: Richard Finnegan

Strong Nations

Reporter: Ellen Ross



Terri Mack is an author and owner of the Strong Nations Book Store located on Bowen Road here in Nanaimo. She is a member of the Da'naxda'xw Awaetlala Nation and came from a small community near Alert Bay. Her first nation's name "Kay Kwee Kway Kwa" means she who appears and disappears. She was given her name at a traditional Potlach ceremony.

Terri has worked within Aboriginal Education for 20 years, 17 within the public system of Nanaimo-Ladysmith School District and most recently on reserve with Stz'uminus First Nation as the Community Literacy Coordinator for the past 3 years.

During her career within education, 16 of those years have been dedicated to literacy initiatives around the province of B.C. She has worked in partnership with SFU, VIU, and many school districts. Terri has designed an Intermediate and Primary Rec 'N Reading which is a summer based "Camp" for students reading significantly below grade level.

Prior to opening the book store Terri started her book business as an on-line company and ran her business out of her basement. She developed and continues to develop books and educational resources that have strong connections to indigenous life not only here in Nanaimo but also the rest of Canada and other countries. She found there were not a lot of indigenous books available and she and friends set a timeline to develop and publish 40 books. Terri's publishing's are from 1 of only 4 first nations publishing houses.

Terri's passion for books and literacy stemmed from her mother's upbringing. Her mother attended a residential school and her mother tended not to be connected to her first nation's culture. Terri has a desire to change this for other first nation's people especially children.

Within BC there are 43 different first nations groups all with different traditions and lifestyles. The books Terri writes are all interconnected with real life aboriginal scenarios.



Just some of the books at our speaker's book store on Bowen Road are displayed here.

Terri's store is considered the largest indigenous book store in Canada. Her goal for this summer is to write 30 more books. She has been asked to translate her books in to multiple aboriginal languages here in Canada and other aboriginal languages around the world.

She has also started to develop aboriginal flash cards, colouring books and games that relate to aboriginal culture. Terri has worked with Tsimshian artist Bill Helin to do her books artistry, which gives the stories additional strength and celebration of aboriginal culture.

Terri is committed and passionate to bringing the best Indigenous resources to all first nations people in all nations.



Our speaker was thanked by **Kathy Smith**, who presented her with the traditional Rotary pen in hopes that Terri will write many more books with it.

ROTARY ENCOURAGES PAKISTAN TO CONTINUE ITS PROGRESS TOWARD ENDING POLIO

Islamabad — Rotary's international leaders in the global fight to eradicate polio are in Pakistan to recognize the country's continued commitment and progress toward ending the paralyzing but vaccine-preventable disease. Rotary Foundation Trustee Vice-Chair Mike McGovern who also serves as chair of Rotary's International PolioPlus Committee and PolioPlus Director Dr. Carol Pandak are meeting Rotary members and high-level government officials during their visit.

Pakistan – one of only three countries where polio has never been stopped – accounted for nearly 90% of the world's polio cases last year. As a result of continued measures to reach all children with the polio vaccine, and with the support of Rotary's National PolioPlus Committee in Pakistan – spear-headed by chair Aziz Memon – polio cases are down nearly 70% this year compared to the same period in 2014.

ATTENDANCE

By Bob Janes

Attendance for July 17th was **63%**

We missed these Rotarians

Ali, Blinston, Brand, Cantelon, Coutu, Finnegan, Gerrand, Y Gosselin, Hais, Heisterman, Jiang, Lessan, McIver, Pankratz, Ramos, Samson, Shillabeer, Allan Smith

Visiting Rotarians

Wesley Veinstad, Bobbie

Rathbun, Vincent Kyei

Guests: Lisa Reid, Terry Mack

Make ups

Debbie Narver and Mikel Knutsson

Birthdays

Wendy Pratt, July 25

Dave Hammond, July 28

Wedding Anniversaries

Joan & Bruce Ryan, 41 years, July 26th

Sharon Welch & Gord Buzzard, 8 years, July 28th

BE A GIFT TO THE WORLD

Excerpt from Governor Rose's July message:

As we begin our new Rotary year, I quote our International President Ravi Ravindran "Each one of us is made because so many people helped us become who we are". That is why the focus in his year is all about giving back. That is why the focus for you and me should be "all about giving back." As each of our clubs settle in for the new Rotary year it is important for each of us as a Rotarian to reflect on those who have helped and inspired us along the way. We each seldom have a chance to reciprocate, therefore the only way we can reciprocate is by helping others. That is what "Be A Gift to the World" is all about. As we consider our "Be A Gift to the World", we have to remember that Rotary's extensive humanitarian service throughout the world would not be possible without the Rotary International Foundation. It is most important to understand that when we donate it does fund projects all over the world, however it funds much, much more.

The vitality of rotary is its members. Without the members we would not be able to be successful for our community service or global projects. That is why we need to be open minded and develop an atmosphere that keeps the members we have and attracts new members to our clubs. No person is too old or too young to join Rotary (remember there is Interact and Rotaract). A Rotarian does not need to be employed at all. My perfect example is when the other grandparents of our grandchildren, who had always

lived and worked on the east coast of the US, retired and moved to Washington to be with our mutual grandchildren. Leon proposed the grandfather, Neil, to be a member of his club. Neil has been an active Rotarian and a goto person for many special events. One idea is to ensure we schedule the meetings and structure to keep our members energized and connected. There is no set agenda or protocol as to how to run your meeting or where and what time your meeting happens. The main trick is not to change it around without all the members being clued in on the new plan. I look forward to meeting as many as possible on my Governor travels and club visits.



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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 24th	Friday, July 31st	Friday, August 7th
GREETERS	Allan Smith, Lynne Pankratz, Bob Janes	Brent Stetar, Bob Patrick, Henry Jiang	Wendy Pratt, Bill King, Ellen Ross
CASHIER	Egon Holzwarth	Egon Holzwarth	Barbara Blinston
SGT-AT-ARMS	John Shillabeer	Bob Fenty	Wayne Anderson
INVOCATION	Susan Gerrand	Lucie Gosselin	Yvan Gosselin
HEAD TABLE	President Lila, Wayne Anderson, Wendy Pratt, Dave Hammond, Allan Smith, L. Pankratz, Bob Janes	President Lila, Scott Bradford, Ellen Ross, Henry Jiang, Brent Stetar, Bob Patrick, Egon Holzwarth	Pres. Lila, DG Rose Bowman, Ross White, Doug Cowling, Kathy Smith, Ellen Ross, Bill King, Wendy Pratt
INTRO GUESTS	Ian Williams	Douglas Anderson	Susie Stephens
INTRO SPEAKER	President Lila	Ellen Ross	Ross White
PROGRAM	A JOKE & A POKE <i>Wayne Anderson & Company</i>	Child Development Centre <i>Scott Bradford</i>	District Governor Official Visit <i>Rose Bowman of Chehalis</i>
THANK SPEAKER	—	Henry Jiang	President Lila