

# ROTARY CLUB OF NANAIMO

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4,734th Meeting

Friday, July 29, 2016



President Debbie welcomed District Governor Joanne Groghan, her husband Don Mannino, on their official visit to our Rotary Club. Our DG was thanked for her presentation by Past President Lila Tanner.

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

### **CLUB OFFICERS 2016-2017**

President ----- Debbie Narver  
Vice President ----- Carey McIver  
Secretary ----- Bob Janes  
Treasurer ----- Lynne Pankratz  
President Elect ----- Jane Currie  
Immediate Past President ----- Lila Tanner



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May 1, 1920 - Charter Number 43**

### **DIRECTORS**

Henry Jiang      Susie Stephens      Moe Lessan  
Norm Myden      Wayne Anderson      Charles Ramos

### **President Rotary International**

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### **District Governor**

Joanne Groghan  
Bainbridge Island, Washington

### **Assistant Governor**

Bev Hilton  
Nanaimo Oceanside

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## Meeting Notes from July 22nd, 2016

By Joyce Smith

Since this meeting **District Governor Joanne Croghan** was on the program, we started our meeting with both countries' national anthem followed by 10 year old **Brooklyn Barootes**, **Brent Barootes'** daughter and Paul Harris Fellow, giving the invocation.



**Keith McFarlane** introduced visiting Rotarians and Guests: Rotarians: **District Governor Joanne Croghan** and husband **Don Mannino**, both from Bainbridge Island, Washington; **Bev Hilton**, Nanaimo Oceanside; Nanaimo North Club and **Suzie Depledge**, Nanaimo North club. Our one guest was **Brooklyn Barootes**.

The new Board had its first meeting on Tuesday and all directors are committed to help the committees to do their job and to help remove any obstacles that they may have. The board has asked each committee to set two to three goals for the new year.



**Norm Myden** proudly showed a certificate that our Club received from the District in support of the *ShelterBox Program*. Only eight clubs in the district received this award.

The president reminded us that August is Membership Month and it is everyone's responsibility to recruit new members and improve membership. October 1<sup>st</sup> is Foundation/ Grant Management Training in Nanaimo. Norm is taking the training course for the club. We have to have taken the training to be able to apply for any grants from the Foundation.



**Frank Shoemaker** asked the people who have had birthdays this week or since the start of the Rotary year to keep the new tradition of giving \$26.50 US for their Birthday.

**Dave Hammond, Norm Myden, Dave Connolly, Wendy Pratt and Egon Holzworth** all gave their \$26.50 contribution. Frank reminded the Sgt-at-Arms that those that contributed would get a free pass for the day.

Anniversaries: **Joan and Bruce Ryan** celebrated 42 years of marriage on July 26<sup>th</sup> and Joan gave \$42.00 US. to RI.

Health of the Club: **Keith McFarlane** gave an update on **Bill Horman**. Bill's heart is operating at about 25% and he seems to be experiencing some memory loss and has lost a lot of weight.



**Doug Pearson**, from Nanaimo North, announced a 5-club fund raiser. Both Doug and Ken Hammer were trying to get all five clubs together in a fund raiser and decided to follow the example of a club fund raiser that was highly successful. A *Lobsterfest* will be held in the spring of 2017 and it is hoped we can be as successful. **Norm Myden** and **Frank Shoemaker** have volunteered to help on the committee.



**Brent Barootes** started his first meeting as Sgt-at-Arms by announcing that anyone that gave money today was not necessarily safe from his reach. Brent asked who watched all 25 minutes of the President's speech that Debbie had sent to each member, this raised the coffers of the Sgt-at-Arms by a considerable amount. Brent also gave a word of warning that there may be a fine coming later in the Rotary year or the next time he is Sgt-at-Arms, for those that have not made their annual \$100 US donation to Rotary Foundation. To set an example, **Moe Lessan** was fined \$20 for not making his donation yet.

Happy/Sad dollars for the week were, **Frank Shoemaker, Doug Pearson, Dave Hammond, Jane Currie, Wendy Pratt, Keith McFarlane, Susie Depledge, Egon Holzworth, Doug Anderson, Brenda Grice, Bev Hilton, Joan Ryan and Don Mannino**.

**District Governor Joanne** drew the red and blue tickets and **Lynn Pankratz** was the winner of the blue ticket for the draw but our newest Sgt-at-Arms forgot to bring the cards—sounds like a good reason for a fine for Brent by the next sergeant.



A thank you card from Bayview School thanking Rotary for being part of their village with our annual support. It was signed by all of the students—very colourful.

# DG Croghan official visit

By Joyce Smith



Bev Hilton, our Assistant District Governor, introduced our speaker for today. As I was working diligently to take meticulous notes on the introduction, **Dave Hammond** kindly pointed to today's *COGS* which had the introduction all printed out!!!

Joanne first took some time to tell us about she and her husband **Don Mannino**. She and her husband were both members of the Bainbridge Island Rotary Club for close to 20 years. Don

was very focused on club fundraising and Joanne was focused on International programs. In 2009, they both lost their spouses and while supporting each other in their grief, they found love. Next month they will be celebrating their 4<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary!



Joanne first joined Rotary as it was a good fit for her job as a Parks District Commissioner. But before she knew it she was heavily involved and on her way to Uganda to take books to the villages. It quickly became apparent to her that clean drinking water was a major obstacle to the villagers.

The women had the choice to collect water from a local ditch, or the stagnant water from the edge of the lake or to venture into the lake for good drinking water while wary of the crocodiles that lived in the lake. None of these situations was viable and so before she left, Joanne had decided that she needed to lead a Rotary project to bring water to this village. Joanne was now fully involved in Rotary's International development.

Soon Joanne became aware that there were 80 other villages that desperately needed water wells. She soon learned about grants through Rotary Foundation. She didn't have the personal funds to resolve the clean water issue but grants allows clubs to leverage their money – with this, big things can happen. As word spread so did the number of water wells – 191 villages now have clean drinking water thanks to Joanne and her dream.

The Rotary Foundation started with a donation of \$26.50! One hundred years ago this was a substantial amount for someone to donate. Today, the fund has grown to the point that it is able to fund \$250 million in annual grants!! This

## DATES TO REMEMBER

**Oct 1st**—Foundation/Grant Management Seminar, Nanaimo

**November 24th**—Nanaimo Theatre Night, program to be announced

**Dec 11th**—Family Christmas Breakfast

**December 15th**—Rotary Christmas Dinner

**May 4, 5, 6, 2017**—Spirit of Rotary DTA & Conference, Suquamish, WA. More details at [www.rotary5020.org](http://www.rotary5020.org)



Our "**\$26.50 Rotary Foundation 100th anniversary fund**" was started by Ross White two weeks ago on his birthday and was increased by the Rotarians above who all celebrated birthdays in the past weeks. From the left, Dave Hammond, Norm Myden, Dave Connolly, Wendy Pratt and Egon Holzwarth.

fund is ours to access for projects related to health, poverty, education and peace. Many of us see a need in our community. The grants allow us to turn this into a club project.

The Rotary Foundation is also known for its work with polio eradication. PolioPlus began in a Rotary Club in the Philippines. Those living on one side of the river had the funds to purchase inoculations for their families. When they realized that those living on the other side of the river could not afford the inoculations, they started the first Polio eradication project. We are so close to seeing a world that is polio free. Last year there were only 79 cases and to date this year there are only 22 reported cases. The world will be declared polio free after 3 years of no new reported cases – and that will happen very soon. For the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Rotary Foundation we are all asked to donate \$26.50 on our birthday. **Ross White** started this in our club just a few weeks ago and Joanne has encouraged our club to write this up for the district newsletter.

## ATTENDANCE

by Janeane Coutu

Attendance for **July 22<sup>nd</sup>** was **43%**

### We missed Rotarians;

Ali, Cowling, Fenty, Gerand, L. Gosselin, Y. Gosselin, Hais, Heisterman, Henderson, Janes, Jiang, King, Knutsson, Laing, Lewis, McIver, Parsons, Raedler, Ramos, Ross, Salem, Samson, Stetar, Targhi, Tessier, Wilson, Williams, Woodward, Woychuk, Zhang

### Visiting Rotarians;

Doug Pearson, Nanaimo North

Suzie Depledge, Nanaimo North

Joanne Croghan, DG, Bainbridge Island

Don Mannino, Bainbridge Island

Bev Hilton, AG, Ocean-side

### Guests of Rotarians;

Brooklyn Barootes, guest of dad Brent

### Make-ups;

Wayne Anderson, Comox Rotary

### Birthdays:

Christine Parsons, Aug. 3rd

### Club Anniversaries:

Barbara Blinston, 20 years on August 2nd

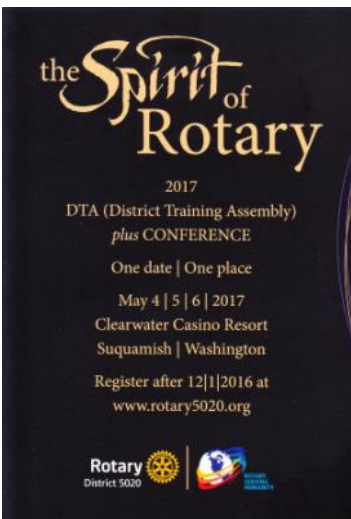


Joanne remembers how grateful people in Africa would be when Rotarians helped them out. The villagers would not have anything to give except a live chicken. Joanne had to show pleasure when one village presented her with two live chickens as a thank you for their clean water source. Ordinary Rotarians make a difference every day in this world and so Joanne has encouraged us to invite others to join Rotary, let others know what we do, and wear logos with pride.

“The Spirit of Rotary” is the theme for the District Conference and District Leadership Training that will take place May 4-6, 2017 at the Clearwater Casino Resort in Suquamish Washington. There will be buses to pick people up from the Coho ferry and while at the conference, the casino runs free buses that take you to Seattle. And, the International conference will be held in Atlanta, Georgia in June 2017. So, there are lots of opportunities to learn more about Rotary and meet others who share similar dreams. If you want to

dance – learn – and then go for it. Rotary makes it easy. Rotary is service, friendship, and gives us the ability to leverage our funds to do good in our communities and internationally.

**Lila Tanner** thanked Joanne for encouraging us to do a better job. If we meet our club goals it will help the district meet their goals. Lila presented our District Governor with a handmade pen as a memento from our club. The pens are made by **Dave Connolly** and by **Allan Smith**.



## About ShelterBox

ShelterBox has provided emergency shelter and lifesaving supplies for families affected by more than 270 disasters in more than 95 countries, and has already helped over 1 million beneficiaries. Based in Cornwall, United Kingdom, with 18 international affiliates, ShelterBox is an international disaster relief charity that delivers emergency shelter, warmth, and dignity to people made homeless by disasters worldwide.

The agreement with Rotary reaffirms the charity's volunteer base, enhancing its capacity to respond rapidly to disasters while keeping costs low.

ShelterBox teams and their distribution partners are currently operating in Ecuador, Paraguay, Sri Lanka, Niger, Cameroon, Syria and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

Our hard-working COGS reporter, Joyce Smith, is one of several club members who volunteer their time to record the happenings at each meeting so that we can bring you the weekly news of our Rotary club. Other news reporters include Mike Herold, Charles Ramos, John Shillabeer, Ellen Ross, Kathy Smith, Jane Currie and Janeane Coutu.



## WEEKLY CLUB PROGRAMS & MEMBER DUTIES

MEETING DATE	July 29th, 2016	August 5th, 2016	August 12th, 2016
GREETERS	Ed Borisenko, John Salem, John Heisterman	Carmon Henderson, Bruce Samson, Eric Brand	John Shillabeer, Dave Connolly, Mike Herold
CASHIER	Lila Tanner	Brent Barootes	Brent Barootes
SGT-AT-ARMS	Wayne Anderson	Bob Fenty	Wahid Ali
INVOCATION	Bob Wilson	David Woodward	John Woychuk
HEAD TABLE	Pres Debbie, Bill Robinson, Bob Patrick, Christine Parsons, Christine Parsons, Wahid Ali	Pres Debbie, Bernard Gaboury, Joyce Smith, Brenda Grice, Christine Parsons, Doug Cowling	Pres Debbie, Douglas Anderson, Kathy Smith, John Shillabeer, Dave Connolly, Mike Herold
INTRO GUESTS	Carey McIver	Carmon Henderson	Lynne Pankratz
INTRO SPEAKER	Bob Patrick	Joyce Smith	President Debbie
PROGRAM	<b>PAY IT FORWARD</b> <i>Bill Robinson</i>	<b>GEM EXPLORATION &amp; DISCOVERY</b> <i>Bernard Gaboury</i>	<b>MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM</b> <i>Douglas Anderson</i>
THANK SPEAKER	Wahid Ali	Brenda Grice	—