

ROTARY CLUB OF NANAIMO

“COGS”



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Elk Falls Suspension Bridge—a project of the Rotary Club of Campbell River (see inset) - Photo by Ross White

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

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Meeting Notes from July 24th

Reporter: Charles Ramos

President Lila Tanner called the meeting to order, and led the singing of the national anthem. Our Invocation today was delivered by **Susan Gerrand**.

Visiting Rotarians and Guests

Dave Hammond called for visiting Rotarians and guests, and personally introduced visiting Rotarian, and new president of Nanaimo Daybreak, **Eileen Tatton**. Three guests were also in attendance, as follows:

Susan Gerrand's nephew **Noah Wheatley**; former MLA **Ron Cantelon**, introduced by **Dave Hammond**; and **John Morris's** friend, **Sylvia**, introduced by **Susan Gerrand**.

President Lila gave kudos to **Ron Cantelon's** political support in making *Nanaimo's Port Theatre* a reality.

Presidential Remarks

President Lila presented the Rotarian of the month award to **Ian Williams** for his constant efforts in support of Rotary, and also recognized Ian's significant support for women in the club many years ago. Ian received a rock for being this month's *Rotary Rock Star*.



Announcements

Brenda Grice announced that there will be a meeting of the Foundation committee following next week's meeting.



Frank Shoemaker announced that a Ghana Rotarian, **Senya**, has been in Nanaimo for the past several months having a previously-broken and poorly set leg repaired. All is now well with Senya, and his leg is healing properly, but he has a hospital bill of \$8,000. Of this, \$5,000 has been raised, and \$3,000 is still outstanding. Frank proposes that the International Service Committee donate \$1,000. Discussion followed, and this will be further discussed by the ISC before a determination is made.

There will be a Rotary Garage Sale August 8th at 2:00 pm to raise funds for Senta's hospital care. Please donate useable garage sale items for this event (no junk please) to Bev Hilton, contact: bev.j.hilton@gmail.com

Douglas Anderson gave notice that a new member, **Bright Jhang**, has been proposed for membership in the club, proposed by **Richard Finnegan** with the classification of Architectural Product Importer/Exporter.



John Shillabeer announced that the book committee has received a signed copy of poetry by **Robert Service**. This is quite a valuable book, and will be sold to best advantage. Occasionally we do get valuable books donated but this one is special.

Lila Tanner announced that Nigeria has now been declared polio free for one year.

Sergeant-at-Arms

John Shillabeer was today's Sergeant-at-Arms. He conducted his duties with his unique style of levying no fines for member transgressions, but by quizzing the club and requiring payment for incorrect answers. Today's topic revolved around John's recent trip to Hawaii, and he quizzed all tables on knowledge of Hawaii's history, location, economy, and recreation. Either the questions were too easy, or our club is very knowledgeable, but few fines were paid.

Happy and Sad Bucks

Happy and sad bucks were plentiful from the following: **Bob Janes** paid guilty bucks for missing today's greeter duties; **Wayne Anderson** paid happy bucks that his daughter has been offered a full-time teaching position in Qualicum Beach. **Brenda Grice** gave informative bucks that the efficient response to Ebola in Nigeria was greatly helped by Rotary infrastructure in place for the polio vaccination program. **Debbie Narver** gave happy bucks that her son and his new girlfriend are visiting, and also that she did her first zip line last weekend.

Joan Ryan gave happy bucks that Nigeria is polio free and **Ian Williams** thanked the misguided people who nominated him as Rotarian of the Month.

Table stakes were won by **Susan Gerrand**, and **Charles Ramos's** draw attempt for the Ace of Spades was unsuccessful.



A Joke and a Poke

Reporter: Ellen Ross



Our own member **Wayne Anderson** was introduced by **President Lila**. Wayne proceeded to tell us that the idea of a Joke and a Poke was discussed as potentially being a regular rotary event where we all take turns telling humorous stories.

Wayne set the tone by starting to tell a funny story about an event at his family cottage in Winnipeg that happened about 4 years ago. Wayne and his wife Gail were vacationing at the cottage that summer with his daughter Karen and her 2 children. Their cottage is set in from the beach with lots of trees, a large lawn and large flower and vegetable garden. Wayne was working on the property one day when he heard a blood curdling scream from his wife Gail. She was screaming for him and when he arrived she



was sitting down and started to yell that a “snake” had gone up her pant leg. Wayne started to assist her but she was close to hysterical and he felt he had to try and calm her down so he started to shout at her to calm down by saying “focus” ... focus on me!. Next thing the grandchildren came and started to say “Grandma” “Focus! Grandma Focus! Wayne lifted his wife up and out dropped a baby frog. Things went very quiet; however Wayne had never seen her in the garden again without slacks that are tight around the ankle. A standing joke at the cottage should any unusual situation arise to this day the grandkids say “Grandma Focus! Focus Grandma”!!

Ian Williams then told us a story of when he worked in northern BC. He was warned by co-workers that there were some unique personalities in some of the out-lying areas he would run into. Ian went into the outback and came across a man, retired from the US navy named **Ed**. By cutting through Ed’s acreage, Ian could save several hours of stream walking to get to the spawning salmon. So Ian was told to make friends and have coffee with this person as he was known to have a temper and didn’t like trespassers. Ed’s cabin was 1/3 above ground and 2/3 below ground and dark inside, which was probably a good thing. Ed’s coffee cups, lined up on a counter under a tiny window, usually had black sludge in the bottom so Ian wondered whether he would survive but always drank it to be polite. Ed would frequently stop by the Fisheries cabin to visit, but as time went on Ed was not to be found anywhere. When asking the locals of his whereabouts they said Ed had shot at two boys on their horses because they were shooting holes in his tin Yukon chimney with a 22. Ed shot the ear of one of the horses and Ed was arrested. When Ed’s case went to court his lawyer said “Now Ed you shot to scare the boys didn’t you”. Ed said:” Hell NO ... I shot to kill the SOB’s”. Needless to say Ed was sent jail.



Charles Ramos told us a story about his exchange student George, who he hosted from one of the eastern European countries. Charles told of vacationing with his family in the BC. Interior and how much fun this was. The family and exchange student had many laughs because of the language barriers and interpretations of some of the holiday events.



Susan Gerrard told of her sheep farming days on Lasqueti Island. Due to family circumstances she was commandeered to manage the family farm. One of the farm activities was to send bales of hay by barge to Vancouver Island then to market for sale. The start of this pursuit seemed possible till the men that were to help had to leave. Susan and her sister were left to



achieve the task with a tractor that had no brakes!! Despite her best intentions of succeeding in loading the barge with the hay a turn of events ensued. Susan headed for the barge, she could not find any reverse gears and 175 bales of hay weighing 55-60 pounds went flying! Fortunately the barge stopped her with no catastrophes in the end.

Bob Fenty recalled a funny rotary fundraising story. He and a few like-minded Rotarians thought it would be fun to raffle off a baby goat. They decided to sell raffle tickets and for a joke they put a local politician named **Pat Barron’s** name on almost all the tickets. Of course Pat won the goat! They took the goat to Pat and he gave Bob (Rotary) 100 dollars to take it to the then **Mayor Frank Ney’s** office as a joke. The mayor then paid Bob (Rotary) another 100 dollars to take the goat to the petting zoo. In less than 2 hours Bob had made 200 dollars for Rotary and found the baby goat a safe home.



ROTARY CLUB OF NANAIMO

Summer Picnic

Sunday, August 23rd

AT LANTZVILLE PICNIC SITE

Come and Bring the Whole Family for an afternoon of fun and fellowship!



- Games for all
- BBQ
- Soft Drinks

ATTENDANCE

By Bob Janes

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

We missed these Rotarians

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

Visiting Rotarians

Wesley Veinstad, Bobbie

Rathburn, Vincent Kyei

Guests: Lisa Reid, Terry Mack

Make ups

Debbie Narver and Mikel Knutsson

Birthdays—none

Club Anniversaries

Barbara Blinston, Aug. 2nd, 19 years

Today marks one year since Nigeria last reported a polio case

Today marks one year since Nigeria last reported a polio case caused by wild poliovirus, putting the country on the brink of eradicating the paralyzing disease. If no cases are reported in the coming weeks, the World Health Organization is expected to remove Nigeria from the list of countries where polio is endemic, leaving just two: Afghanistan and Pakistan.

Nigeria is the last polio-endemic country in Africa. The continent is poised to reach its own first full year without any illness from the virus on 11 August.

"Every Rotarian in the world should be proud of this achievement," says Rotary International President K.R. Ravindran. "We made history. We have set Africa on course for a polio-free future. But we have not yet reached our goal of a polio-free world. Raising funds and awareness and advocating with your government are more crucial than ever."

Rotary, and especially District 5020, has played an important role in reaching these milestones. Rotarians have dedicated their time and their personal resources to keep children safe from this disease by immunizing them, donating money, raising funds, and urging governments to support the cause.

The following is from Rotary International President K.R. "Ravi" Ravindran and Rotary Foundation Chair Ray Klingensmith: "So how can we finally make history and end polio now?"

Today, we must protect the progress made in Nigeria, and support Pakistan and Afghanistan, the other two remaining polio-endemic countries.

Supporting Pakistan and Afghanistan means full political and financial commitment to eradicating polio; vaccination

of all children in these countries; high quality surveillance, and the accomplishment of all the expert recommendations as part of the GPEI's Polio Eradication and Endgame Strategic Plan.

Visit endpolio.org to download a toolkit of materials to help you share this progress – and the need for continued commitment in the coming years – with your Rotary club, your communities and your elected officials.

This all requires time, energy and investment. Pakistan's budget requirements for polio eradication activities from 2016-2018 amounts to \$305.7 million, and if we can raise this sum now, a polio-free world will reap financial savings of US\$50 billion over the next 20 years and prove what's possible when the global community comes together to improve children's lives.

[Your donation to PolioPlus](#) will be matched 2 to 1 by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, tripling your contribution.

Thirty years ago we told the world what Rotary believes: that we can achieve the eradication of only the second human disease in history. Our belief is becoming reality. For every child, let's make sure that reality is a bright one."

Terry Toone -

District 5020 End Polio Now Chair

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 31st	Friday, August 7th	Friday, August 14th
GREETERS	Brent Stetar, Bob Patrick, Henry Jiang	Wendy Pratt, Bill King, Ellen Ross	Guenter Raedler, Debbie Narver, Art Vanidour
CASHIER	Egon Holzwarth	Barbara Blinston	Barbara Blinston
SGT-AT-ARMS	Bob Fenty	Wayne Anderson	Dave Hammond
INVOCATION	Lucie Gosselin	Yvan Gosselin	Dave Connolly
HEAD TABLE	President Lila, Scott Bradford, Debbie Narver, 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	Pres. Lila, San Mahara, Moe Lessan, John Heisteman, Debbie Narver, Art Vanidour, Guenter Raedler
INTRO GUESTS	Douglas Anderson	Susie Stephens	Frank Shoemaker
INTRO SPEAKER	Debbie Narver	Bev Hilton, AG	Moe Lessan
PROGRAM	Child Development Centre <i>Scott Bradford</i>	District Governor Official Visit <i>Rose Bowman of Chehalis</i>	Nepal Earthquake Project <i>San Mahara</i>
THANK SPEAKER	Janeane Coutu	President Lila	Kevin Cantelon