

ROTARY CLUB OF NANAIMO

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Friday, July 6, 2018



Past President Jane Currie, New Member Rebecca Talor and Membership Committee Chair Denise Wittkofski

Club Meeting Friday at 12:00 p.m.
at the Coast Bastion Inn
CLUB OFFICERS 2017-2018

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Meeting Notes, June 29, 2018 by Denise Wittkofski



Newly installed **President Charles Ramos** called the meeting to order and all rose for the national anthem. **Dave Hammond** offered a humorous inspiration that all appreciated.

Doug Cowling asked for any visiting guests:

- **Charles** introduced his wife and mother-in-law
- **Peggy Richardson** congratulated daughter **Elizabeth Clay** for finishing the 6th grade
- **Jane Currie** introduced **Rebecca Taylor**, our newest member, soon to be inducted



Sandra Sellins

Elizabeth Clay

Sari Saunders

Charles then noted that he had attended several other club's installations and that his official start date was not until July 1st, so he and **Jane** were at a crossroads here.

Announcements included:

- **Jane** congratulated coaches, installation and announced that summer meetings were a good time to bring guests to keep our quorum as our attendance is often light.
- **Dave Hammond** announced the new Rotary bridge year and there would be an intro to bridge night.
- **Janeane Coutu** said that since it would be raining Saturday we should consider showing up at the book sale sorting room.

Charles then announced the induction of our new member. **Denise Wittkofski** introduced **Rebecca Taylor**, Manager of Capital Campaigns and Special Projects with the Nanaimo Hospital Foundation. She is joining our club to get involved in our community and network with our members. Rebecca is a casual visual artist, enjoys trail running, hiking, cycling traveling, reading and just recently joined Toastmasters.

Past President **Jane** carried out the formal part of **Re-**

becca's induction, stating "as a professional working to improve future health care in our community, and, with your past experience in arts, culture and environmental organizations, we welcome you to our club!" Jane presented her with her Rotary pin and membership certificate.

Sargent at Arms **Dave Hammond** then called upon **Rebecca** to help him collect fines, the first of which was to him for not remembering the new words to Oh Canada. Other fines included:

- **Egon**, who offered to bring "terrible golfers" to last week's golf tournament, then turned around to win everything.
- **Jane** and **Charles**, who can't seem to determine which one is actually President

Dave then started a Canada trivia quiz at each table. Questions included:

Q: How many people are in Canada? A: 37 million

Q: Who was PM at Canada's 100th anniversary? A: **Lester Pearson**

Q: What was the last Canadian team to win the Stanley Cup? A: Montreal

Q: How many points are on Canadian flag maple leaf? A: 11

Q: How many Prime Ministers has Canada had, including **Justin Trudeau**? A: 22

Happy Dollars:

- **Joan** was happy to be back from the Rotary Conference in Toronto
- **Egon** gave \$5 for Canada Day, as he arrived in the country on July 1
- **Henry Jiang** was happy to be back from China, where the temperatures are very hot and he appreciated how cool it is here
- **Charles** and wife **Sari Saunders** were happy to have their daughter, **Abigail Ramos**, graduating from high school and for receiving a scholarship from Rotary Daybreak
- **Jane** gave a happy buck for her husband's improving health and now being able to travel on a trip to the UK
- **Elizabeth** was happy to be out of school for the summer
- **Charles** mother-in-law, **Sandra Sellins**, a retired Rotarian from Coquitlam, was happy to be here for her granddaughter's graduation

Norman Myden won the table stakes for the red ticket draw. Carey McIver drew for the Ace of Spades but missed.

Speaker notes June 29 2018 by Peggy Richardson

If you weren't at this meeting, you missed an extremely interesting program! Thanks to **Wendy** for inviting **Julie Pisani**, the RDN Drinking Water Protection Coordinator, who started with this position 7 years ago. She's very knowledgeable about an important topic, and an excellent speaker!

Did you know that the RDN is considered a model for educating the public about drinking water protection and management? They have formed a "road show" that travels around the province, which offers community service through presentations and education.

Our drinking water system is divided into a variety of water regions and small water management systems. This decentralization even includes some private systems, including 9 small water systems, all of which are monitored by Ms. Pisani's department. These boundaries don't necessarily correspond to political boundaries - we're talking about natural boundaries of things like aquifers, lakes, basins, rivers and streams.

Our water source really is "Mountaintop to Sea", and this means that we don't rely on groundwater for our sources, which is part of what makes us completely unique in our province. Our water comes from outside our city limits, from the upper Nanaimo River and watershed. Both of those store rainwater and snow melt. On it's route, the water passes from lakes and spillways and dams, eventually piping it all for treatment to South Forks Road, and then it is distributed across the city.

Nanaimo rainfall is monitored at higher elevations, at Jump Lake, and also here in the city of Nanaimo. Water supply at elevation is 2-3 times what we get in the city, which is part of why we are able to collect enough water for our use. There are also snow-pack monitors close to Jump Creek reservoir, up in the mountains.

We've added 60 sites to our monitoring stations and stewardship groups to gather field data, whereas it used to be 3 when this task was left to the Provincial ministry, and those were on rotation. Well and groundwater is also monitored, partly through volunteer property owners who allow us to monitor their wells. Stream levels and flows are also monitored. Water quality indicators, especially turbidity, dissolved oxygen, and temperature are monitored closely for indicators to things like aquatic life.

Ms. Pisani demonstrated a fascinating snapshot of our local aquifers, but we are still learning and being studied. How can we flatten out peaks and valleys for demand and collection throughout the year? The simple answer lies in efficiency of use.



Interestingly, Nanaimo is a success story when it comes to water conservation, because despite our population and development growth, we haven't seen water use pace at the same rates. We have even seen it level off, and drop per capita! But this doesn't mean we can stop here. We have slightly early snow melt this year, and slightly less than last year, but we are still close to what is considered an average year. However, a lack of overflow contributes to a lack of storage for future. Ongoing efforts by the City include things like outreach, field trips, workshops, rebate programs, information and tip sheets, all of which help us improve efficiency. By opening our programs to members of the public, and collaborating to do fact-finding, it builds trust in the data and improves engagement.

We have 18 billion litres in our reservoirs. This is only a single year's supply! By focusing on stewardship, planning and policy on a foundation of education, the RDN participates in a collaborative effort with member municipalities and electoral areas. This pushes us to look more strategically at the science - all of us have a stake in water planning.

Water is important not just for household and business use, but also for environmental use. Water also has spiritual and cultural values, especially for First Nations in our community, and economic value for our region. Water management in BC is also now tasked with examining the impact of urban water management on the surrounding natural environment.

In 2019 we will be updating the Drinking Water and Watershed Protection Plan, as we've now had 10 years of action since the first edition in 2009. This document will go out to the community for discussion about where we should go in the next decade and beyond. We have a shared responsibility between residents, government, First Nations, industry, commercial and rural/urban groups.

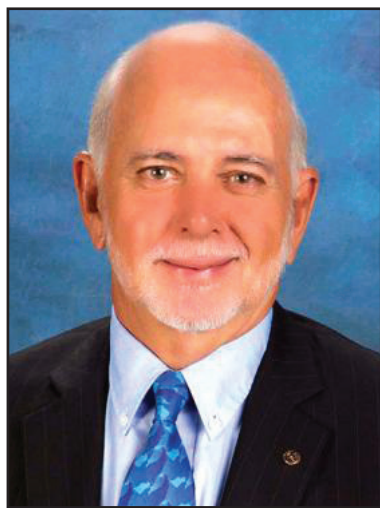
Rotary International President 2018 - 2019

Barry Rassin

Rotary Club of East Nassau

New Providence, Bahamas

Barry Rassin earned an MBA in health and hospital administration from the University of Florida, and is the



first fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives in the Bahamas. He recently retired after 37 years as president of Doctors Hospital Health System and continues as an adviser. He is a lifetime member of the American Hospital Association and has served on several boards, including the Quality Council of the Bahamas, Health Educa-

tion Council, and Employer's Confederation.

A Rotarian since 1980, Rassin has served Rotary as director and is vice chair of The Rotary Foundation Board of Trustees. He was an RI training leader and the aide to 2015-16 RI President K.R. Ravindran.

Rassin received Rotary's highest honor, the Service Above Self Award, as well as other humanitarian awards for his work leading Rotary's relief efforts in Haiti after the 2010 earthquake there. He and his wife, Esther, are Major Donors and Benefactors of The Rotary Foundation.

Excerpts from President Rassin's speech to incoming district governors at Rotary's International Assembly in San Diego, California, USA.

"I want you to inspire in your clubs, your Rotarians, that desire for something greater. The drive to do more, to be more, to create something that will live beyond each of us."

Rassin stressed the power of Rotary's new vision statement, *"Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change — across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves."* This describes the Rotary that leaders must help build, he said.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Member Birthdays

White, Ross Jul 08

Spouse Birthdays

Terry Janes, Bob Janes Jul 07

Anniversaries

None

Club Anniversary

None

DATES TO REMEMBER

Aug. 10 - Offsite meeting - Tour of Tillicum Le'lum facilities, 479 10th st.

BE THE INSPIRATION

WEEKLY CLUB PROGRAMS AND MEMBER DUTIES

Meeting Date	July 6 2018	July 13 2018	July 20 2018
Greeters	Mike Minhas, Brent Barootes	Wendy Pratt, John Salem	Behzad Forghani, Brent Stetar
Cashier	Ed Borisenko	Ed Borisenko	Ed Borisenko
Sgt at Arms	Bruce Samson	Brent Barootes	Wahid Ali
Inspiration	John Salem	John Shillabeer	Brent Barootes
Head Table	Pres. Charles, Lynne Pankratz, Bob Janes	Pres. Charles, Laurel Semple, Susie Stephens, Joan Ryan	Pres. Charles, Laura Shanner, Kathy Smith, Justin Molander
Intro Guests	Carlene Shaw	Frank Shoemaker	Frank Shoemaker
Intro Speaker		Susie Stephens	Kathy Smith
Program	Rotary Budget Discussion Pre. Charles, Lynne Pankratz	LGBTQ - understanding what it all means - Lauren Semple	Adv. Directives and Repre- sentative Agreements - Laura Shanner
Thank Speaker		Joan Ryan	Justin Molander