

ROTARY CLUB OF NANAIMO

“COGS”

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4,728th Meeting

Friday, June 10, 2016



On Saturday, June 4th, several Rotarians took the tour of the under-construction Eden Gardens and following the tour President Lila presented a cheque for \$50,000 to Robert Grose as the first of two donations our club will be making to Eden Gardens.

—Photos by Ian Williams

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

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Meeting Notes from June 3rd, 2016

By John Shillabeer

President Lila Tanner opened the meeting with us singing O Canada and **Lynne Pankratz** followed with the invocation.

Introductions

Bruce Gordon called for the introduction of visiting Rotarians and guests of Rotarians. **John Shillabeer** introduced **Bev Hilton**, Assistant District Governor, member of the Oceanside Rotary Club and recent volunteer at our book sale. **Douglas Anderson** introduced his guest **Behzad Targhi**, who was about to be inducted into the Club.

Announcements

Bev Hilton urged us to attend the upcoming dinner to honour the three doctors who donated their services to perform the surgery on fellow Rotarian **Senyo Agbedra's** leg. Each doctor will be inducted as a Paul Harris fellow. The dinner will be held at Brewsters restaurant on June 11.

Dave Hammond reminded members of the club golf tournament and supper that afternoon.

Joanne Croghan (District Governor Elect) reminded members through **Bev Hilton** that we can save by registering by June 6 for the International Conference in Atlanta in 2017. \$26.50 from the booking fee will go to the Rotary Foundation. This amount exactly equals the very first donation received by the Foundation.

Induction

Past President Joan Ryan conducted the proceedings. She welcomed **Behzad Targhi** to the Club, outlined the purposes of Rotary and Rotary's expectations of members. She urged all members to introduce themselves to **Behzad** after the meeting and to get to know him. **Douglas**



Anderson, who proposed Behzad for membership, presented him with his Rotary pin, membership certificate, nametag and a folder of information about Rotary. **Bob Wilson** will be Behzad's mentor.

Sergeant at Arms

Dave Hammond asked for confessions.

Yvan Gosselin confessed to nervousness when park-



ing near a certain red convertible.

President Lila confessed that, when leaving a birthday party, she had contact with a certain pickup truck which was blocking the exit and which had a very extended towing hitch. The contact cost \$300 for a new bumper but Lila was phi-

losophical.

Brenda Grice

confessed that years ago she discovered her old car's bumper was held on with wire. **Douglas** confessed to



doing the wiring. **Charles Ramos** confessed that after hearing about the wiring he wasn't too sure about buying a used car from Douglas. However he took comfort that as a fellow civil engineer Douglas he would never ever have made a mistake!

Happy and Sad Bucks

Debbie Narver was happy to be back from her visit to eastern Europe.

Otherwise it must have been a very uneventful week because no one else was happy or sad.

The Draw.



Mikel Knutsson won the table stakes.

Lucie Gosselin won the card draw but only managed to pick the four of spades so the pot will continue to accumulate for another week.



New Member Talks

by Kathy Smith

Christine Parsons has had many interactions with Rotary over her life. As a teenager, she was involved in RYLA. One of the first charities she worked with, which did work in Ethiopia, was supported by Rotary. In fact, CARE Canada was started by Rotarians in Toronto.

Christine moved to Nanaimo about 1 year ago with her 5-year-old daughter so that she could be close to her parents.



Our community has lots of activities and services to offer but there is still a close community feel to living here. Her daughter attends the French school and they live in the old part of town – all of which come with significant feelings of community attachment. When she was offered her current job with CARE Canada, she asked if she could live in Nanaimo as it was close to Vancouver. She is pleased that they agreed as she can work from home and commute to Vancouver once a week. She loves living in our beautiful city.

As a young university student, Christine decided she wanted to take a year to travel. Her mother was not enamoured with this decision, as she feared for Christine's safety. Her first job was doing housekeeping in England – not her favourite type of work. From there she travelled to Israel and India, which opened her eyes to development work that needed to be done. In the end, all of her overseas travels and volunteer work helped her get into grad school at Oxford University.

Christine has spent the last 20 years working throughout the world – Indonesia, Gaza, West Bank, Lebanon, Nigeria as well as doing development work in Ottawa and working for the UN secretariat in New York. After the tsunami in 2004, she spent two years working in Aceh helping to rebuild. Despite her parents concerns about low salaries and no pension as an aid worker, it is obvious that Christine is passionate about the work that she does. She has been involved in program design and program writing and is currently the fundraising and public awareness representative in Western Canada for CARE Canada.

Christine is passionate about travelling but is grounded in her beliefs around raising her daughter. The type of work she has had can be difficult on relationships and so as a single mom she must find the balance between parenting, work, and travel. She is honoured to be a part of Rotary.

Christine was thanked for her talk by **Barbara Blinston**.

Our second Rotarian to speak was **David Woodward**

 * **YOUTH EXCHANGE BBQ JUNE 13 @ 6 PM** *
 * **Hosted by Terry and Jodi Rogers at 3730 Polaris Drive** *
 * You are cordially invited to join us to celebrate successful *
 * exchanges with our two Inbound students, Daniel from Co- *
 * lombia, and Saeko from Japan. They will finish the school *
 * year, go to the District Conference at the end of June, and *
 * return to their home countries in July. *
 * Food and beverages will be provided. Guests are asked to *
 * bring folding chairs. Kayaks are available, if you wish to *
 * partake bring appropriate footwear and clothing. *
 * Kindly confirm if you will attend, and indicate how many *
 * people you will be, to Terry at trogers@smythecpa.com *
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who has a unique membership with our club. He is part of our first corporate membership! David works at VIU in the MBA program. He sees himself as a connector and so loves his position of working with the students in the program as he fosters the internship program. The VIU MBA program has students from 46 different countries and is currently the largest and youngest MBA program west of Waterloo! He proudly announced that VIU entered the national contest with other MBA programs and attained a first place standing for team spirit and a fourth overall. In January 2017, VIU will be hosting universities from across Canada for the national competition in our fine city.

David has lived in Victoria, Winnipeg, Calgary, Australia, Japan and Prince George. After a career in the trades, where he fell off too many roofs, he pursued adult basic education and finds it gratifying to see the students succeed. He sees himself as a lifelong learner and is currently pursuing a Masters Degree in Sustainable Leisure Management. Although he finds it harder to learn as an older adult, he sees the program as fun and a step towards what he might do in retirement. Looking at the cities he has lived and worked in, he said that beer was the common denominator but now he sees the wine industry playing a significant factor in his retirement plans. David has always been attracted to the term “service above self” and sees himself becoming more involved in community events and giving back.

Originally he joined Rotary to make connections but is now realizing how many wonderful people there are in Nanaimo and the great things that our club does for our community. He believes that the world is better because of Rotary.

David was thanked for his talk by **John Shillabeer**.

ATTENDANCE

By Bob Janes

Attendance for June 3rd was **54%**

We missed these Rotarians;

Ali, Barootes, Coutu, Cowling, Gerrand, Hais, Heisterman, Henderson, Janes, King, Knutsson, Laing, Lewis, McIver, Myden, Patrick, Pratt, Raedler, Salem, Samson, Stephens, Stetar, Tessier, Wilson, Woychuk, Zhang

Make ups:

Mikel Knutsson
 Al Smith, Ed Borisenko, Brent Stetar, Ross White, Bruce Gordon all at the book sort

Spouse Birthdays:

Beverley Vanidour [Art] on June 12th

Wedding Anniversaries:

Yvan & Lucie Gosselin, 42 years on June 15th

Club Anniversaries:

Wendy Pratt, 2 years on June 13th



DATES TO REMEMBER

June 11—Rotary Dinner at Brewsters Restaurant to honour the doctors who donated their services for Rotarian Senyo Agbedra's surgery. The three doctors will be given Paul Harris Fellowships.

June 17—Rotary Installation Night with fellowship starting at 6 pm and dinner at 7 pm. This is a pre-paid event for Rotarians and their partners to come out and wish Debbie Narver a successful year.

June 24-25—District 5020 Conference in Olympia Washington. District Governor Rose Bowman and the Rotary District Committee at the Red Lion Hotel in Olympia to celebrate Rotary!

WEEKLY CLUB PROGRAMS & MEMBER DUTIES

MEETING DATE	June 10th, 2016	June 17th, 2016	June 24th, 2016
GREETERS	John Woychuk, Donna Hais, Wendy Pratt	ROTARY INSTALLATION NIGHT	Charles Ramos, Bright Zhang, John Heisterman
CASHIER	Allan Smith		Allan Smith
SGT-AT-ARMS	Dave Hammond		Wayne Anderson
INVOCATION	Christine Parsons	COAST BASTION INN <i>Fellowship at 6:00 p.m. Dinner at 7:00 p.m.</i>	Wendy Pratt
HEAD TABLE	Pres Lila, Fay Laing, Ian Williams, John Woychuk, Wendy Pratt, Donna Hais, John Shillabeer		President Debbie, Ghana Guests,, Norm Myden, Mikel Knutsson, Bright Zhang, Carey McIver
INTRO GUESTS	Lucie Gosselin		Brenda Grice
INTRO SPEAKER	Ian Williams	<i>Installation of Debbie Narver and her 2016-17 Rotary Executive</i>	Norm Myden
PROGRAM	TRAVEL ADVENTURES Fay Liang		ROTARIANS FROM GHANA various
THANK SPEAKER	Ed Borisenko		Carey McIver