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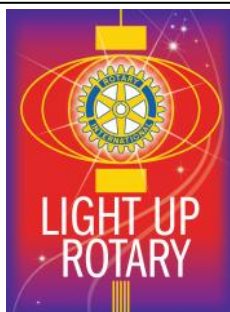


Start of the Van-Isle 360 as 52 yachts leave the harbour in downtown Nanaimo.

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

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Meeting Notes from June 5th

by Joyce Smith

President Bob started our 4,680 meeting. There were no visiting Rotarians but we had four guests—one of who is a proposed new member to the club.



Cara Light and Pam White were among the visitors at Rotary on Friday.

For this week there were no birthdays for members or their spouses or anniversaries and there were no reports of any illnesses of the members. In other words, a week lacking any life events but never mind it was still a beautiful sunny day. Bob's last most splendid Niagara Falls cup was given to Janeane's table for being closest to guessing when the falls were formed (12,000 years ago).

Announcements:

Janeane Coutu advised members of the Westdale/Leslie park project. Our Rotary club will be involved to help rebuild this aging park in the north end of our city. Equipment is 25 years old and children are getting injured. There is a kick off Barbeque on Sunday June 14th and Jeanne is looking for volunteers to help cook. **Mike Knutsson** from Thrifty Foods donated the food. The actual work is going to start in early September. This is part of the Community Projects Community

Bob Fenty showed a large card with a picture of all the Bayview School kids at the last turkey dinner. All the students



had signed a thank you inside the card.

Bob also mention we are invited to the ceremonial review at the Navy League Hall tomorrow.

Doug Anderson announced that we now have corporate membership and encourage new members

Dave Hammond announced the last two meetings of the Bridge club—the regular meeting and a wrap up meeting at **John Heisterman's** house.

Dave also announced the golf tournament next Friday at Winchelsea Golf Course. Dinner is at 6:00 p.m.

Rotaract **Mathieu Ennis** invited Rotarians to a get together on June 22nd at the Dingy Dock pub.

Ross White auctioned off his wife Pam's "slightly used" Rotary jacket and Janeane bought it for \$50. Afterwards, she modeled it for the group



President Bob reminded us of the up and coming Rotary Conference.



Sgt-at-Arms:

Sgt-at-Arms **John Shillabeer** does not believe in fining so instead he got plenty of sheckles by asking a quiz about the

Rotary book sales. So some interesting facts are that the last book sale had a gross proceeds of \$65,729 (before expenses); we have had 14 book sales in total; by recycling (disposing of) old unusable books we have disposed of 40 ½ tons of paper which has saved 688 trees; we use 300 tables in our Rotary Books sale and the most popular non-fiction book is the Children's book; second most popular is the Cookbooks and finally the biggest earner category is Hardcover Fiction. John ended after he got everyone's money with a thank you to everyone that helped out at the book



A number of "Happy Bucks" were paid last week.

sale and to announce the next book sale starts October 16th.

Happy/Sad news **Mikel Knutsson** has been appointed Regimental Sgt. Major of Canadian Scottish Regiment and Chief Warrant Officer.

Lynn Pankratz won the right to draw for the Ace of Spades in our 50-50 club draw, but she failed to find it and the prize pot continues to grow.



Fun Day in the Park

The Community Service Projects committee is partnering with a neighborhood association to rebuild the playground at Westdale/Leslie Park in North Nanaimo (take Norasea off Hammond B ay and right on Westdale, the park is on the corner of Westdale Rd and Leslie Crescent).

Our Rotary Club has committed to be involved in two events at the playground, the first is on Sunday June 14th where our club will host a **BBQ-Hot Dog Sale** from 11am to 2pm during a celebratory/fundraiser "Fun Day" in the park. There will be games, bouncy castle for the kids, BBQ, garage sale, silent auction, etc.

Janeane Coutu is organizing the BBQ and has five helpers signed up so far. Everyone welcome!

The 2nd event will be a weekend in mid September to build the new playground and park improvements. This will be a hands-on work project requiring volunteers from the club. More details will be provided at a later time.

South American Trip of a Lifetime



Kathy Smith gave a quick overview on the South America Cruise that she and **Allan** took in Dec. 2014. They had origi-

nally booked a cruise that was to stop in Egypt and the Holy Land. But, due to instability, Egypt was cancelled and then the Holy Land was cancelled and so they cancelled the trip and booked the South America journey.

After leaving LA, they stopped in **Cabo San Lucas** where they were impressed at how quickly the city had recovered from the major hurricane that devastated the area just a few months prior to their visit. **Punta Arena, Costa Rica** was the next stop. They spent the day touring the city and seeing how the real people lived.

On the way south, the cruise ship made a big production out of **Crossing the Equator**. There were all sorts of events where guests had to kiss the fish, get smeared with whipping cream and kiss the belly of a gorgeous dancer – or so they thought until the guy was blindfolded and they substituted the dancer with a large man who had whipping cream all over his body!

The first stop in South America was **Lima, Peru**. With a fun group of table mates, they hired taxis to tour Lima, **Mirraflones** and **Barranco**. In Lima, they observed a baptism in the church and saw the changing of the guards at the **Presidential Palace**. Kathy also had the opportunity to practice her Spanish with some local school children who were also thrilled to practice their English skills. Lima was a large congested city which was a contrast to the modern,

seaside city of **Mirraflones**. In **Barranco** they observed more baptisms in the church and learned that Saturday is baptism day!

Pisco/San Martin was a port in the middle of nowhere. All you could see the entire 30 minute drive to the city of **Parracas** were sand dunes. And more sand dunes! And more sand dunes until you arrived at the beautiful seaside community of Parracas. Here there were gorgeous flowers, fruit for sale by vendors and pisco sours to taste – the famous drink of Peru.

For **Santiago, Chile**, Kathy and Allan did a ships tour into the city. They knew that fruit and wine were major crops in Chile but were surprised to learn that Chile is a major exporter of tulip bulbs to Holland and Belgium! The churches and government buildings are all located in the city's central square and is a major gathering place for the community.

At the south end of Chile was the city of **Punta Arenas** which is where they visited the penguins. They saw the penguins swimming, walking, coming out of their burrows and kissing! Penguin burrows were seen up to ½ a mile from the shoreline. Along with penguins, they saw sheep, gauchos and condors.

Ushuaia, Argentina is near the southern tip of South America and is the city that anyone going to the Antarctic would depart from. The ship then cruised the southern waters, past mountains with glaciers, until they reached **Cape Horn**. Through wind, rain, wind, hail, wind and sunshine, they circled the island of Cape Horn. Many ships are unable to achieve this feat as the waters in this part of the world are dangerous and unpredictable.

The **Falkland Islands** looked much like any British city with red phone booths and country gardens. Throughout the island there are numerous monuments recognizing all those who fought in the wars. This was followed by a visit to **Buenos Aires, Argentina** with thrilling tango dancers, the spectacular tombs at the Recoletta Cemetery, where they saw Eva Peron's grave, and the amazing Cathedrals and government buildings surrounding the main town square.

After a short sail across to **Montevideo, Uruguay**, Kathy and Allan met up with **Lynn Wellburn** for a city tour. Lynn used to be a journalist in Nanaimo and has moved there with her husband. As it was New Year's Eve, it was important to finish the tour before the celebrations started. (They start drinking and celebrating at noon!) Celebrations included throwing shredded paper out the windows of businesses to signify the end of the business year and throwing water from roof tops, balconies and storefronts. "We are not talking about cups or bottles of water, we are talking 5 gallon buckets!!!" Of all the places visited on the cruise, Montevideo was their favorite.

The trip ended with a couple of days in **Rio de Janeiro** which allowed them time to go up to **Christ the Redeemer Statue**, up Sugar Loaf mountain, visit Copacabana beach, Impanema beach and share some of the culture of Brazil. This included seeing everyone wearing bikinis and spending the day at the beach in the 40C weather! Seeing Christ the Redeemer was another one of the wonders of the world that the Smith's have seen.

Kathy was thanked by Bruce Gordon.

ATTENDANCE

Report by Bob Janes

Attendance for June 5th was **69%**

We missed these Rotarians

Ali, W. Anderson, Blinston, Brand, Cantelon, Finnegan, Gerrand, Y&L Gosselin, King, Lessan, Lewis, Patrick, Pratt, Raedler, Ross, Ryan, Walker, Welch

Visiting Rotarians: Mathieu Ennis

Guests: Cara Light, Dan Feaser, Pam

White, Evan Laughlin

Make ups: Joan Ryan

Birthdays:

Art Vanidour, June 18th

Spouse's Birthday:

Beverley Vanidour (Art) June 12th

Wedding Anniversaries:

Lucie & Yvan Gosselin, 41 years on June 15th

Date of Joining Rotary:

Wendy Pratt, 1 year on June 13th

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WEEKLY CLUB PROGRAMS

Friday, June 12th

GREETERS	Dave Hammond, Derek Lewis, John Salem
CASHIERS	Al Smith
SGT-AT-ARMS	Bob Fenty
INVOCATION	Ed Borisenko
HEAD TABLE	Pres. Bob, Kait Burgan, Bob Fenty, Art Vanidour, John Salem, Dave Hammond, Derek Lewis,
INTRODUCE GUESTS	Kathy Smith
INTRODUCE SPEAKER	Bob Fenty
PROGRAM	ROTARY RALLY COVERAGE <i>Kait Burgan</i>
THANK SPEAKER	Richard Finnegan

Friday, June 19th

GREETERS	John Heisterman, Mike Knutsson, Bruce Samson
CASHIERS	Al Smith
SGT-AT-ARMS	Yvan Gosselin
INVOCATION	Kevin Cantelon
HEAD TABLE	President Bob, Mike Bellis, Guenter Raedler, Bob Peters, Mike Knutsson, Bruce Samson, J. Heisterman
INTRODUCE GUESTS	Brent Stetar
INTRODUCE SPEAKER	Guenter Raedler
PROGRAM	From Life in a Wheelchair to Sports <i>Mike Bellis</i>
THANK SPEAKER	Carmon Henderson

Friday, June 26th

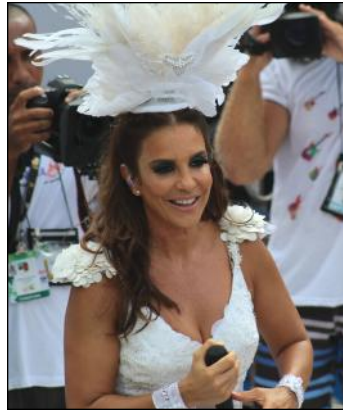
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INSTALLATION NIGHT

Coast Bastion Inn

Fellowship 6:00 pm
Dinner 7:00 pm

Ivete Sangalo Newest Ambassador for "This Close" Campaign



São Paulo (10 June 2015) – Latin Grammy Award-winning singer, songwriter actress and television show host Ivete Sangalo, has agreed to sign on as Rotary's newest ambassador to participate in Rotary's "This Close" public awareness campaign for polio eradication. She made the announcement after her crowd-roaring performance before 15,000 Rotary members as the 110-year-old service organization concluded its four day convention held this week in São Paulo.

The famous Brazilian singer originally from Juazeiro, Bahia has sold over 15 million albums,

recorded over 300 songs and is regarded as one of the most successful celebrities from Brazil.

Polio eradication has been Rotary's top priority for more than two decades. The international humanitarian service organization is a spearheading partner in the [Global Polio Eradication Initiative](#), along with the World Health Organization, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and UNICEF.

A debilitating disease – polio – is set to become the second human disease ever to be eliminated from the world (smallpox is the first).

Sangalo joins other public figures and celebrities participating in Rotary's public awareness campaign, including Bill Gates, co-chair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation; São Paulo team forward Alexandre Pato; Supermodel Isabeli Fontana; Nobel Peace Prize laureate Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu; action movie star Jackie Chan; boxing great Manny Pacquiao; pop star Psy; golf legend Jack Nicklaus; conservationist Jane Goodall; premier violinist Itzhak Perlman; Grammy Award winners A.R. Rahman; Angelique Kidjo and Ziggy Marley; and peace advocate Queen Noor of Jordan.

In addition to supporting polio eradication, Sangalo is currently raising awareness about the horrors of human trafficking and the impact it has on society through her work as a UN Blue Heart Campaign Ambassador. She also attended the Organization of American States convention this past December when the organization created a new action plan to combat against violence and human-trafficking of women.

Photo - "Ivete Sangalo e o Bloco Coruja, 2013" by Turismo Bahia

DATES TO REMEMBER

June 14—Fun Day at Westdale/Leslie Park in North Nanaimo: BBQ, garage sale, silent auction, etc.

June 23/25—Nanaimo Correctional Centre Aboriginal Days between 10:30 am - 1 pm. Contact Yvan Gosselin for more info.

June 26—Rotary Installation Night, with fellowship starting at 6:00 pm with dinner at 7:00 pm. This is a pre-paid evening for Rotarians and their partners.



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