

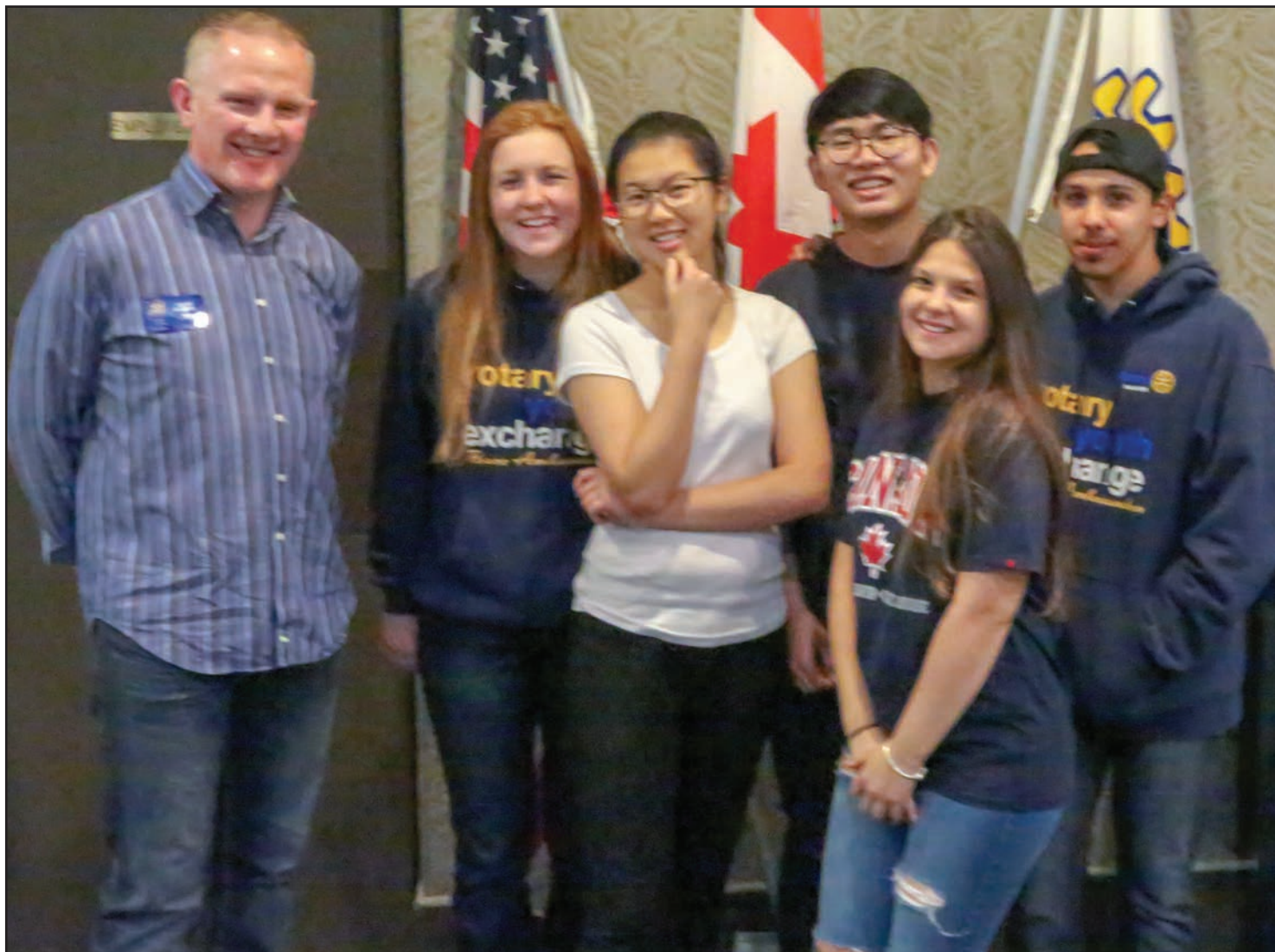
# ROTARY CLUB OF NANAIMO

## “C GS”

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4818<sup>th</sup> Meeting

Friday, June 15, 2018



Rotarian Jason Bradley with exchange students: **Alice Norrthon** from Sweden, **Pinchen Lee (Coco)** from Tiawan, **Phoom Krit Bamrungsri** from Thailand, **Biatrriz Pilla (Bia)** from Brazil and **Alejandro Vera** from Paraguay.

Club Meeting Friday at 12:00 p.m.  
at the Coast Bastion Inn  
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## Meeting Recap – Friday June 8, 2018

Submitted by **Brent Barootes**

It was almost a full house today. **Norman Myden** and **Frank Shoemaker** (filling in for **Kathy Smith**) greeted all our members and guests at the door. **Egon Holzwarth** efficiently (and never without comment or feedback) collected payment for lunch and set up the tickets for table stakes and the 50-50. The lucky winner of the table stakes was **Susie Stevens**.



While the lucky winner to try and draw the Ace of Spades was none other than **Chris Coutu** (50-50 luck must run in the family). Chris of course arrived much earlier than his wife **Janeane** and got the good

ticket... but unfortunately was only able to pull the 3 of hearts!

Past President **Dave Hammond** also was at the collection table next to **Egon** promoting our upcoming Club Golf Tournament. Dave was checking to see who was planning to attend and who could not. Our Rotary golf tournament is on June 22 (after Charles' installation) at Winchelsea golf course. It is a fun "best ball scramble" event. Tee times will be in the range of 3 pm to 4 pm depending on the number of teams. A BBQ will follow about 6:30. Steak or chicken is the menu. The cost is \$25 per person for golf and \$25 for dinner or \$50 for both, payable at the course by cash or cheque. Family and friends are all welcome. You can register this week at Rotary or by emailing Dave Hammond.

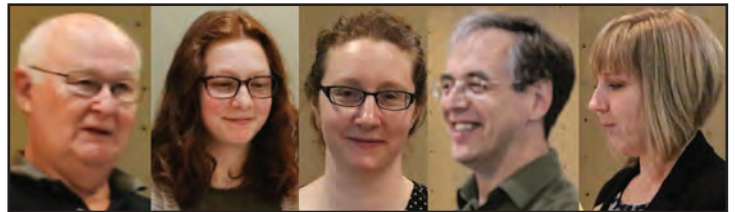
The Coast Bastion Hotel had a cornucopia of culinary delights for our lunch with salads, vegetables, rice,



salmon, chicken and of course desert! Everything was out early, and Sargent at Arms **Joan Ryan** announced access to the feed trough at 11:55 am! We all nestled in for fellowship and feeding and President **Jane** then called the meeting to order at 12:27 pm. We did a fairly good rendition of Oh Canada with most, but not all the members remembering the new words to our national anthem. Then **Douglas Anderson** delivered a terrific inspiration noting our unsettled times and how Rotary

can make a difference. **John Heisterman** noted at our table that due to the length of the inspiration today, some folks might have mistaken **Douglas** for our second guest speaker!

**Douglas** had multiple duties again this week and was called up to the podium by **President Jane** to welcome our visitors. There was an abundance and here is the best that this aging reporter could recollect:



Norm Howe Abigail Stetar Esther Robson Rod Mont Rebecca Taylor

- Rotarian **Rod Mont** from the Rotary Club of Nanaimo Daybreak
- **Esther Robson** – Guest of Lynne Pankratz and also a lawyer at Rod Mont's firm and potential member
- **Rebecca Taylor** – Guest of Joan Ryan – newest member of the Nanaimo Hospital Foundation and a possible member
- **Norm Howe** – guest of Brent Barootes – local neighbor and avid miniature train aficionado and possible new member
- **Abigail Stetar** – guest and daughter of Brent Stetar
- **Kari Bradley** – wife of Jason Bradley
- **Pam White** – wife of Ross White
- **Pinchen Lee** (Coco) from Taiwan– Nanaimo North Club Exchange Student
- **Biatrriz Pilla** (Bia) from Brazil - Nanaimo North Club
- **Phoom Krit Bamrungsri** from Thailand – Victoria Club Exchange Student
- **Alice Norrthon** from Sweden – Mill Bay / Cowichan Club Exchange Student
- **Alejandro Vera** from Paraguay – Duncan Club Exchange Student

### Announcements:

**Denise Wittkofski** reminded us all of the Rotary Club of Nanaimo "Happy Hour" which was held this past Monday June 11 (by the time you are reading this it will be past!) It is a great fellowship event. It was held at the Coast Bastion Minnoz Restaurant and Lounge and all members, families and fiends were invited. I am sure it was a huge success.



**Dave Hammond**, above and beyond the golf tournament already noted in this report, had great news for our Centennial Project at Maffeo Sutton Park. He updated that the design and planning work continues, but even more exciting was the announcement that the Children's Health Foundation of Vancouver Island, through a grant application from the Child Development Agency, will be contributing \$100,000 toward the refurbishment of the children's playground and accessibility adjacent to our development.

The illustrious **Keith McFarlane** who will be the emcee for the upcoming installation of President Elect **Charles Ramos** and his Board reminded everyone to fill out the sheet to confirm if they will be attending the event at lunch on June 22. It is important we have numbers for the hotel. Family, friends and members are all encouraged to attend this luncheon meeting. Keith wants anyone who did not fill out the sheet to let him know ASAP if they are coming or not. It is important to let him know one way or the other. It will be an amazing event... followed later that afternoon by our golf tournament. I think Charles is the only President ever in our 98 years to have had a golf game aligned and part of his induction ceremony. You are off to a great start Charles! **Jane** also pointed out that as soon as he is installed... "He is it" ... no July 1 start date... it all starts for Charles on June 22!

### *Sargent at Arms – Joan Ryan*

Joan levied only one fine this week. And it was to herself for failing as SAA to remind all the Club members of their roles and responsibilities in advance of the Friday luncheon meeting. So also aptly noted that all the members knew their roles and performed them without reminding! She then opened the floor to happy and sad bucks:

- **Jason Bradley** requested volunteers for the 2018 Dry Gard of which he is chair this year. He needs volunteers to work a shift from 6:30 pm to about 2 am – please volunteer or get some you know to volunteer, and you can register on the Nanaimo Dry Grad web site
- **President Jane** noted she had filed both her US and Canadian tax returns on time and the refund she received from the US was taken by the Government of Canada!
- **Sean Martin** had two happy bucks, one for his daughter and one for the visiting exchange students
- **Wendy Pratt** had a happy buck for the exchange students as well and for Jason and his wife Kari who are hosting them all over the weekend....

- **Kathy Smith** had two happy bucks, again to recognize Kari and Jason Bradley and their daring feat of hosting the exchange students this week and one for her daughter who graduated from University with her Masters.



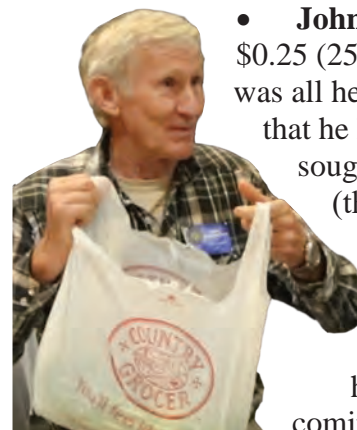
Jason and Kari Bradley

- **President Elect Charles Ramos** paid a happy buck for the collection of "new" ties he was loaned so he could look good (versus the circa 1960 ties he presently wears on Fridays that were donated to him by another unnamed Rotarian) during his year in office



- **Brent Stetar** was excited to have his daughter **Abigail** join him at Rotary today. Though she has attended many Rotary events she had never been to a Friday lunch meeting. She had to skip school to be here which was

cool. Brent noted that she did recognize about half the Club from the Rotary event functions. Brent also mentioned (and this is a highlight and perhaps why Abigail came today to hear the Exchange Students speak) that Abigail heads off to France in August for 3 weeks on a Rotary Student Short Term Exchange. She is very excited to go!



- **John Heisterman** paid \$0.25 (25 cents) because that was all he had but announced that he had bought the much sought-after garlic scapes (the flower bud) that we all love so much and made it available to the masses for free! Hopefully he brings more this coming Friday!

- **Allan Smith** paid the balance of John's happy buck with a 75-cent contribution
- **Douglas Anderson** paid a happy buck to ask **Jason** when his Wife **Kari** would be joining Rotary!
- Our guest **Rebecca Taylor** and the newest member of the Nanaimo Hospital Foundation team paid a happy buck for the hospitality and invite to the Club for lunch and her excitement about her new role and living in Nanaimo

### Program Notes, June 8, 2018 by Denise Wittkofski

**Jason Bradley** introduced the five exchange students who had the privilege to spend a year here in Nanaimo, including **Beatriz Ferrari Pilla** ("Bia"), **Pinchen Lee** ("Coco"), **Alice Norrthon**, **Phoom Krit Bamrungsri** and **Alejandro Vera**.

**Bia** and **Coco** were the speakers for our meeting, with



**Bia** starting first. Her presentation included pictures and tales about her family and small hometown in Brazil. Some highlights included:

- Rodeio – the town's biggest and her favorite festival, which was taking place this week and she missed it!
- Her senior high school class gave a birthday party for their math teacher
- Her family and her dog, whom she missed because her host family only had cats
- The farm she grew up on
- Her favorite foods, which were not spicy like the ones she experienced when she first came to Canada
- How first experience washing clothes was a bit of a disaster, with water and soap pouring from the machine. She was living in the same house



with **Coco** at the time and was able to clean it all up before her host came home.

**Coco** then presented a background of her life Taiwan, which is an island (the "heart of Asia") like Vancouver Island. Highlights included:

- Her family – Parents, sister and brother
- Her classmates

- Her country speaks Mandarin Chinese
- Taipei City is the capital
- She lives in Taichung City, population: 2M with a culture of 24/7 convenience
- Her favorite festival is New Year when family and friends celebrate a reunion dinner and kids get a red envelope with money
- Some famous Taiwanese include Ang Lee, who directed and won an Oscar for the movie "Life of Pi."
- Her favorite foods, including bubble tea
- The night market that she really missed – especially the oyster omelet and "stinky" tofu
- For visitors, she recommended Kenting Taraoko, Palace Museum and Sun Lake City

**Coco** ended her presentation with a short tourist video about the beauty and rich heritage of Taiwan. She called



her fellow exchange students to the podium and showed pictures of their adventures, including:

- When **Coco** first met **Bia** at the Vancouver airport.
- Visits to Telegraph Cove--fishing salmon and seeing whales, and Hornby Island, which looked "magical"
- The Seabeck Conference
- California trip included Disneyland, Knotts Berry Farm, Beverly Hills and Hollywood.



**Brent Barootes** thanked the students and presented **Coco** and **Bia** each with pens made by one of our members. **Coco** then presented a banner to President Jane.





**Ross White** collected donations from Rotarians for **Loaves and Fishes** over the last 2 weeks and delivered them Saturday.

*"Thanks and congratulations for supporting this drive"*

Ross



### BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

#### Member Birthdays

Art Vanidour Jun 18

#### Anniversaries

Lucie and Yvan Gosselin, 44 yrs Jun 15

Joyce Smith and Ron Willis, 21 yrs Jun 21

#### No Spouse Birthdays

#### No Club Anniversary

### DATES TO REMEMBER

**June 22 - Installation - noon Coast Bastion Inn**

**June 22 - Golf Tournament and dinner -  
Winchelsea Golf Course**

**June 23-27 2018, Rotary International Conference**

### WEEKLY CLUB PROGRAMS AND MEMBER DUTIES

Meeting Date	June 15, 2018	June 22, 2018	June 29, 2018
Greeters	Debbie Narver, Frank Shoemaker	President Jane, President Elect Charles	Justin Molander, Lynne Pank-ratz
Cashier	Lila Tanner	Lila Tanner	Lila Tanner
Sgt at Arms	Wahid Ali		Dave Hammond
Inspiration	Brenda Grice		Dave Connolly
Head Table	Pres Jane, Guest Speaker, Bent Stetar, Brenda Grice, Geoff Clay	Pres Jane & Family, PE Charles & Family	Pres. Charles, Julie Pisani, Wayne Anderson, Lila Tanner
Intro Guests	Doug Cowling	<b>Installation of 2018-2019 Club Officers</b> <b>Master of Ceremonies - Keith McFarlane</b>	Doug Cowling
Intro Speaker	Peggy Richardson		Wayne Anderson
Program	<b>Vancouver Island Symphony Pierre Simard</b>		<b>RDN's Drinking Water and Watershed Protection Initiatives. Julie Pisani</b>
Thank Speaker	Lila Tanner		Wendy Pratt