

ROTARY CLUB OF NANAIMO

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4,774th Meeting

Friday, June 16, 2017



Neck Point Photo by Ross White

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

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Meeting Notes from June 9th, 2017

By Mike Herold

President **Debbie Narver** presided over today's meeting and **Yvan Gosselin** had the honour of Invocation and did a great job.

Lucie Gosselin asked for visiting Rotarians and guests to be recognized and **Henry Jiang** introduced his two guests as **John Men** and his wife **Maria Han**. There were no visiting Rotarians at today's meeting. **Yvan Gosselin** had no news on the Health of the club so no news is hopefully good news.

Jane Currie announced that each table had a list of committees and club members were asked to confirm what committees they would like to be on.

Joan Ryan asked members to confirm if they were planning to attend the installation lunch on Friday June 23rd for incoming President Jane Currie's installation.

Bruce Gordon asked those in attendance to confirm information for the club Roster and to let Bruce know if there are any changes to member information.

Yvan Gosselin informed our members that **Ross White** and **Behzad Forghani** were going to represent our club at the local Aboriginal Day celebration.



Dave Hammond reminded members about Rotary Golf on June 16th at Nanaimo Golf Course starting at 3:00pm and dinner at 6:00-6:15pm. Cost is \$30 for golf and \$30 for dinner.

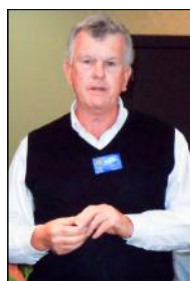
During Dave's announcement **Joan Ryan** corrected Dave on something and Dave told Joan that he gets nagged at home and one nagger was enough.

Sgt-at-Arms Report

Sgt-at-Arms Dave Hammond fined **Bruce Gordon** for sitting in Dave's chair while he was making his announcement. **Mike Minhas** for not sitting at the head table as scheduled and **Jane Currie** to get her ready for her many future fines as President.

Happy & Sad Dollars

Happy and sad dollars followed with **Kathy Smith** celebrating new furniture in time for her mom's 90th birthday party. **John Shillabeer** had a thank you buck for club members who supported his grandson in his boxing tournament in Montreal where he won most Sportsmanship Award although he was disappointed at only hav-



ing the opportunity to participate in one match.

Lila Tanner had a Happy Buck for new member **Carlene Shaw** and **Wendy Pratt** celebrated her two years in Rotary.



A lid with no pot!

Joyce Smith asked who was missing a lid for a pot that was left behind and said she was going to be traveling for the next three months and will miss everyone.

Joan Ryan had a Happy Buck that **Carlene Shaw** was getting involved in Youth Exchange Training.

Wayne Anderson had a Happy Buck that his daughter has graduated from VIU with her Master's Degree in Education.

Club Draws

Table Stakes were won by **Dave Hammond** and Dave had the nerve to draw his

own ticket for the chance to draw for the Ace of Spades but was unsuccessful. That prize pot hasn't been claimed in some time now and continues to build.



New Member Talks

Reported by John Shillabeer

Mike Minhas

Mike is a second generation Canadian. His father migrated from India to Campbell River some forty years ago and has operated a furniture store there for the past thirty-two years.



Mike grew up in Campbell River and then went on to Edmonton where he gained an accounting degree. He moved to Calgary and worked for Shape Properties for a number of years. Shape owns and operates a number of shopping centres in BC, including *Nanaimo North Town Centre* (our host and sponsor of the book sales).

Mike and his wife Gagan moved to Nanaimo recently and opened their furniture store on Bowen Road to extend the family furniture business. After leaving her career with the RCMP in Vancouver, Mike's sister has also joined the business.

Mike and Gagan are in the process of buying a house in Nanaimo. Mike's father was a member of Rotary for fifteen years and Mike is looking forward to following in his footsteps with our Club.



Nattalie Tessier

Nattalie was born and brought up in Edmonton where she obtained her first degree in political science and married her school sweetheart, Tim. They have been married for thirty-eight years and have three adult children and grandchildren.

Nattalie went back to university and obtained a masters in education.

She taught history for seventeen years to high school students in the international baccalaureate program. Then it was time for a change. She and Tim sold their renovated old house in Edmonton and moved to Nanaimo. She got a job here in career management counselling, but after two years changed to her current position at VIU: internship coordinator for the MBA program.

Nattalie loves her job and particularly enjoys the interactions with such great students from all over the world. Nattalie is one of our corporate members and attends Rotary when she is able.



Laurie Beinert

Laurie moved to Nanaimo about two years ago. Growing up in Calgary with three sisters, her career ambitions changed frequently. But one constant was the desire to give back and help the community. Her life has been shaped by three important experiences: being an exchange student

in Japan; studying in England, and the accidental death of her husband, who was her childhood sweetheart. Since becoming a widow she has focused her efforts on helping others. She was deeply involved with the Canadian Women's Foundation for several years until she was recruited by the Nanaimo Foundation. Recently her dedication was recognised and she was promoted to be executive director of the Foundation.

The Nanaimo Foundation helps the community. Laurie said that working with and helping people is what matters to her. In addition to Rotary, she volunteers her time and energy and is clearly very engaged.

Our new members were thanked by **President Debbie** for their talks.



Start of the Van-Isle 360 Sailboat Race around Vancouver Island left Nanaimo Harbour on Saturday morning.

DATES TO REMEMBER

June 17—Special Olympics Track & Field Meet, Rotary Bowl, Volunteers needed 9:30=3:30 pm. Contact Sylvia Taylor at sylvia-miller@shaw.ca

June 17—Appreciatin BBQ at Eden Gardens Daybreak Courtyard 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. *"We have come a long way, Baby!"*

June 23—11:45 Installation Lunch Meeting at the Coast Hotel, all members and spouses are welcome at no charge. Come out and welcome Rotary President Jane and her new executive.

June 24—Nob Hill Community Ass'n BBQ and Pig Roast to help the homeless. Noon to 6:00 pm. Volunteer or donate food phone 250-755-1014.

Aug 6-12—Rotary District 5020 International Golfing Fellowship, Victoria, BC at Bear Mountain. You can volunteer and/or registrar: mailservice@clubrunner.ca

GUESTS, BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Guests:

Henry Jiang introduced his two guests as **John Men** and his wife **Maria Han**.

Birthdays:

Two of our Honourary Rotarians celebrating birthdays

Art Vanidour on June 18th

Bob Peters on June 22nd

Wedding Anniversaries:

Joyce Smith & Ron Willis, 19 years on June 21st

Egon & Ann Holzwarth, 53 years on June 22nd

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In appreciation of your support
for our new Eden Gardens Home

APPRECIATION BBQ

June 17th 2017—1:00 PM to 4:00 PM
Eden Gardens Day Break Courtyard
Just off Reception

Please bring your family and exceptionally warm hearts as
we applaud your help in making our new home a reality
"We have come a long way, Baby"

WEEKLY CLUB PROGRAMS & MEMBER DUTIES

MEETING DATE	June 16th, 2017	June 23 at 11:45 am	June 30th, 2017
GREETERS	Guenter Raedler, Brenda Grice, Wahid Ali	President Debbie Narver and, President Elect Jane Currie	Dave Hammond, Wayne Anderson, Joan Ryan
CASHIER	Egon Holzwarth	Egon Holzwarth	Egon Holzwarth
SGT-AT-ARMS	John Heisterman	Dave Hammond	Bruce Samson
INVOCATION	Brenda Grice	Donna Hais	Dave Hammond
HEAD TABLE	Pres Debbie, Man Chaijit, Vermund Bakasas, Paul Geneau, Wahid Ali, Brenda Grice, Art Vanidour	Pres Debbie and Club Executive, Pres Elect Jane and John Currie, Keith and Wendy McFarlane	Pres Jane Currie, Rob Hallam, Bob Janes, Dave Hammond, Wayne Anderson, Joan Ryan
INTRO GUESTS	Wahid Ali	Douglas Anderson	Wayne Anderson
INTRO SPEAKER	Paul Geneau	—	Bob Janes
PROGRAM	ROTARY EXCHANGE STUDENTS <i>Man Chaijit & Vermund Bakasas</i>	ROTARY INSTALLATION LUNCH <i>Keith McFarlane</i>	HABITAT FOR HUMANITY <i>Rob Hallam, Exec Director</i>
THANK SPEAKER	Joan Ryan	—	Wendy Pratt