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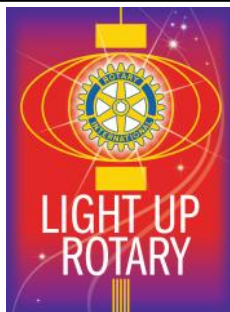


Richard Finnegan thanks the speakers from Shaw: Kait Burgan, Todd Jones and Derek Johnston.

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

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Meeting Notes from June 12th

by Joyce Smith

President Bob started our 4,681st meeting. **Kathy Smith** introduced our visiting Rotarians and guests; **Lila Tanner** introduced from Daybreak Club **Dr. Sanjivan Mahara** and **Scott Bradford**. **Richard Finnegan** introduced his guest **Bright JinJiang Zhang**.

For this week we would like to wish **Art Vanidour** (June 18th) and **Bev Vanidour** (June 12th) a very happy birthday. We would also like to congratulate **Lucie** and **Yvan Gosselin** on their 41st wedding anniversary and **Wendy Pratt** on her 1st Rotary anniversary. We would like to report that **Art Vanidour** has been released from the hospital, **Barb Blinston** has successfully undergone necessary surgery and **Debbie Narver** was admitted to the hospital this week but is well. We wish our three fellow Rotarians a positive and speedy recovery.

Announcements:

Our visiting Rotarian **Dr. Sanjivan Mahara** advised members about the Rotary project in Nepal. He said he is raising funds to help by selling T-shirts and collecting donations to support the restoration efforts in Nepal. He stated that the country is very poor. Pakistan has contributed \$10 million to help Nepal but the earthquake in Nepal was the biggest tragedy the country has faced in its history with approximately 9,000 people dead, 160,000 homes lost and more than 1 million children unable to attend school.



Wendy Pratt thanked everyone for their support in her first year of Rotary. And advised that there was some concern over whether a Doctor who was coming from Nepal would be able to arrive in Canada. She has arrived and is currently working in Palliative Care.

Norm Myden made a Notice of Motion on behalf of International Services to contribute \$2,200 to Temple of Kenya watering salvation project de-

signed to help young people and family's access watering grants (this is a matching grant program). The group was asked to waive the two weeks notice period and just propose the motion so they can present the donation at the conference. Motion was passed.

Bruce Gordon reminded us of to advise him of any changes by member that need to be made so the Roster can be published.



Janeane Coutu announced on July 3 at **Nanaimo North Town Centre** there would be a Barbeque in to support the Child Development Centre and also to remind the club of the fundraiser at Westdale Park

Doug Anderson mentioned that if they wanted to register for a conference, it can be done today with a computer at the back of the room.



Dave Hammond reminded us about next Wednesday's bridge windup, and the Golf Tournament scheduled for Friday (today) after the meeting at Winchelsea View. Dinner starts at 6:00 p.m.

Agenda for the district conference is located on each table.

President Bob brought us up to date on the topic of Club Lunches. There will be an increase of \$5.00 from \$20.00 to \$25.00 effective first luncheon in July. Members were reminded that the luncheon costs also pays for the installation night.

Sgt-at-Arms



weekend.

Brent Stetar announced on behalf of **Joan Ryan** that she was going to be

Bob Fenty was Sgt-at-Arm and immediately fined **John Shillabeer** for saying he was a "bad boy"

Richard Finnegan thanked Shaw for support for the Car Rallye. It was so great to have them come out on a



John Shillabeer paid a fine to the Sgt-at-Arms for some unknown indiscretion.

sending out an invitation to all members soon for an event.

Kathy Smith won the car detailing prize at the Car Rallye and commented on what a wonderful job Harris Mazda had done.

Doug Anderson announced he is going to get his Tuesdays back since after June 26th he would no longer be on the board.

Brenda Grice apologized to the group for missing the golf tournament; it will be the first golf tournament she has missed in a long time.



Bob McDougall won the table stakes and **Joan Ryan** won the 50/50 draw but as she had to leave early got **Douglas Anderson** to pull a card for her but it wasn't the Ace of Spades.

Rotaract Meeting at Dinghy Dock

by Ryan Williams

Nanaimo Rotaract will be holding our June 22nd meeting at the Dinghy Dock Pub, and we would like to extend an invitation to the members of each of the five clubs. We will be congregating at 5:45 PM sharp at the Protection Island ferry launch at Cameron Island. If you would please forward this email to your members, it would be much appreciated.

We do ask that anyone planning on attending RSVP within the next week or so by email to rotaract-nanaimo@gmail.com so we can make a reservation, as the Dinghy Dock can get quite busy during the summer season.

Shaw Cable supports Car Rally with "Clocked"

By Kathy Smith

Bob Fenty introduced **Kait Burgan**, **Todd Jones** and **Derrick Johnston** from Shaw TV.

Kait Burgan started working in Nanaimo as the publicist for *Theatre One*. She then moved to Shaw TV where she has worked to promoting the local community. She is well known for her work on *Go Island* and is here to talk about *CLOCKED* – a scavenger hunt type show on the local Shaw TV. The concept of the show came up while she, Derrick and Todd were discussing methods to promote the community, interact with those in the community and bring awareness to events or locations that are unique and interesting. It is the interaction of the stars, Derrick and Todd, with the community that makes this show engaging and presented in an out of the box dramatic fashion. When **Richard Finnegan** approached Kait to see if Shaw could cover the *Rotary Car Rally*, she thought it was a great way to emphasize Rotary's involvement in the community of Nanaimo.

Clocked starts with Kait handing over a simple clue to Derrick and Todd. The two arrived at Milestone Winery not having a clue that they would be part of the first annual *Rotary Car Rally*. They were given some simple directions – decode the clues, complete all 9 tasks and return in about 1 ½ hours! Their goal – to WIN!

Richard and Kevin had created elaborate clues that had to be decoded prior to knowing where your destination was. So, Derrick and Todd strained their brains and discovered that the first checkpoint was the Northfield Tourist Centre. They safely drove here and found that the stop was a "Rotary Look-out". Next they had a crossword puzzle they needed to solve. But, they didn't have a pen!! After finding a pen and starting to solve the crossword, Derrick exclaims "Dude! It's Shaw Cable!"

They immediately set off and collected their sticker at location two. The "Wheel of Fortune" type clue sent them to Nanaimo North Town Center. Hmmm... is there something at NNTC that is a Rotary Centre? No, that is



Kait Burgan, Todd Jones and Derrick Johnston all of Shaw TV.

where the book sale is twice a year!! So, they now had the Rotary connection and headed to the mall parking lot. While waiting to do their driving obstacle challenge, they decoded the next clue. Todd mastered the backwards driving challenge much more quickly than the car in front of him. Now they were off to Loudon Park near Long Lake.

Once there, they were told by one team that there were no stickers in the envelope. But, being experienced scavengers, they knew there had to be more to this stop. They were right! They had to proceed to the shore front and go for a ride in the wheelchair accessible row boat! How cool it that! The next stop was Harris Mazda – half-way through the car rally and they were



doing very well. Then they were temporarily stumped by the word search but quickly figured out they had to drive through the Terminal Park Starbucks.

.....to be continued.

To see the entire show on Shaw, please

tune into Shaw TV on Channel 4 for *Go Island* which airs on M/W/F/Sun. at both 7 and 10 pm. This show will be the first that will be a two part show and so Rotarians will have to watch the show to see if Todd and Derrick complete the car rally and whether or not they win. (we do know that they came 6th). For those who do not have Shaw, please check out the Shaw TV you tube

site where all Clocked shows are uploaded.

Richard Finnegan thanked Kait for her support of the *Rotary Car Rally* and for Derrick and Todd's enthusiasm in participating in the race. It was a brilliant idea to include the *Clocked* show in the car rally as it will showcase some of the things our club has done in the community.

ATTENDANCE

Report by Janeane Coutu

Attendance for **June 12** was **51%**

We missed these Rotarians;

Ali, W. Anderson, Blinston, Brand, Cowling, Gerrand, Y. Gosselin, Hais, Heisterman, Henderson, Janes, King, Knutsson, Laing, Lessan, Lewis, McIver, Narver, Patrick, Raedler, Ramos, Salem, Samson, Welch

Visiting Rotarians;

Dr. San Mahara, Nanaimo Daybreak
Scott Bradford, Nanaimo Daybreak

Guests of Rotarians;

Bright Zhang, guest of Richard Finnegan

Make-ups;

Brenda Grice, District committee meeting

Suzie Walker, book sorting

Kevin Cantelon, committee meeting

Birthdays:

Bob Peters, June 22nd

Spouse's Birthday:

June Shoemaker (Frank) June 23rd

Wedding Anniversaries:

Joyce Smith & Ron Willis, 18 years, June 21st

Egon & Ann Holzwarth, 52 years, June 22nd

Ian & Barb Williams, 49 years, June 25th

Date of Joining Rotary:

Bill Horman, 60 years, June 24th

Suzie Walker, 5 years, June 25th

WEEKLY CLUB PROGRAMS

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

GREETERS	
CASHIERS	
SGT-AT-ARMS	
INVOCATION	
HEAD TABLE	
INTRODUCE GUESTS	
INTRODUCE SPEAKER	
PROGRAM	
THANK SPEAKER	

INSTALLATION NIGHT

Coast Bastion Inn
Fellowship 6:00 pm
Dinner 7:00 pm

Friday, July 3rd

GREETERS	Frank Shoemaker, Carey McIver, Mike Herold
CASHIERS	Al Smith
SGT-AT-ARMS	John Heisterman
INVOCATION	Janeane Coutu
HEAD TABLE	President Lila, Morgan Atwell, Brent Stetar, Bob Patrick, Ross White, Shoemaker, McIver, Herold
INTRODUCE GUESTS	Art Vanidour
INTRODUCE SPEAKER	Brent Stetar
PROGRAM	Science & Sustainability Society <i>Morgan Atwell</i>
THANK SPEAKER	John Shillabeer

Knocking Down Language Barriers

Before the collapse of the Soviet Union in the early 1990s, Russian was the pre-dominant second language offered in Polish schools, leaving tens of thousands of Polish emigrants without the English skills they needed.

That has changed over the last 25 years. English proficiency drastically improved after the government reformed its education system in 1991. The country overhauled its teaching curriculum and materials and introduced English as the primary foreign language. As of 2013, Poland ranks 8th in the world in English proficiency.

However, one segment of the population isn't reaping the benefits of the improved curriculum. Thousands of students in poor rural villages attend schools that don't have the adequate resources or well trained personnel to properly teach English, putting them at a disadvantage in today's global economy and labor market, says Anna Wiecezorek, a Rotary Club of Warszawa City member and author of Poland's English curriculum for grades 1-3.

"The budgets of state schools in rural areas are limited compared to those in the cities and private schools," Wiecezorek says. "Teachers in these schools are often underpaid and undertrained. Consequently, the level of teaching English is far from meeting the appropriate standards." Added to that, she says, their students face social exclusion. "They lack the self-confidence and communication skills that students in the city, who have access to modern technology, might have," she says. "The inability to learn English -- let alone acquire an appropriate education -- early on in their lives makes it difficult for them to evolve and develop further in life."

Many of the students come from homes where unemployment and alcoholism are common, according to a report by the CASE Foundation, prepared for the Warsaw Delegation of the European Commission. Many turn their attention to the streets and crime instead of education, the report says. [more ...](#) By Ryan Hyland - Rotary News



DATES TO REMEMBER

June 19/21—Rotary District 5020 Conference, Nanaimo Convention Centre.

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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