

# ROTARY CLUB OF NANAIMO

# “COGS”

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4,775th Meeting

Friday, June 23, 2017



## Installation 2017

ROTARY PRESIDENT 2017—2018 :: JANE K. CURRIE

**Friday, the 23rd of June**  
**two thousand and seventeen**

**11:45 am to 1:30 pm**

**Lunch at 12:00 pm**

**Coast Bastion Inn**

Nanaimo, British Columbia, Canada

### PROGRAMME

Introduction of Head Table by Master of Ceremonies..... Keith McFarlane

— Oh Canada —

Invocation ..... Donna Hais

— Lunch Buffet —

*Short Video Program by Ian Williams*

Toast to Spouses and Partners of Rotary ..... John Heisterman

Introduction of New Rotarians ..... Douglas Anderson

Outgoing President's Remarks, President's Award

and Outgoing Directors & Officers Thanked ..... Debbie Narver

Presentation of Past President's Pin ..... Lila Tanner

Installation of New Directors and Officers..... Frank Shoemaker

Installation of Club President..... Frank Shoemaker

Presentation of President's Pin ..... Debbie Narver

Newly Elected President's Remarks ..... Jane Currie

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

#### CLUB OFFICERS 2017-2018

President ----- Jane K. Currie  
Vice President ----- Carey McIver  
Secretary ----- Bob Janes  
Treasurer ----- Lynne Pankratz  
President Elect ----- Charles Ramos  
Immediate Past President -- Debbie Narver



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**May 1, 1920 - Charter Number 43**

#### DIRECTORS

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Fay Laing ~ David Woodward ~ Christine Parsons

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## Meeting Notes from June 16th, 2017

By Mike Herold

**President Debbie Narver** is presiding over her last meeting as President and in another week joins the ranks of the Past Presidents Club.



**Douglas Anderson** gave today's invocation and makes a quote from Warren Buffets the Rotary and Services above Self.

**Wahid Ali** introduced **Paul Geneau** from the Nanaimo North Club as our only visiting Rotarian and three Exchange

Students were introduced – **Vermund Bakasas** from Norway, **Man Chaijit** from Thailand and returning student **Morgan King** who has returned from Italy.



**President Debbie** reminded all members of next Friday's lunch/Installation at 11:45am at the Coast Bastion.

**Yvan Gosselin** gave a brief update on the health of the club with **Ian Wil-**

**liams** still having the flu and emails to **Ian** are appreciated.

Announcements included **Charles Ramos** reminding Executive Board that monthly meeting will be held at his office starting at 5:30pm.

**President-Elect Jane Currie** was asking if anyone had found her favorite blue pen from last week's meeting and **Douglas Anderson** was again promoting Rotary Golf Shirts.

**Joan Ryan** reminded members to sign up for next week's Installations lunch with **Janeane Coutu** and **Dave Hammond** gave out tee times for today's Rotary golf.

**Norm Myden** made a motion, Seconded by **Brent Barootes** that the International Services Committee to contribute \$1500. Canadian Dollars to the Rotary Club of Nanaimo Oceanside for their project of Providing Blood Fridges to medical establishments in Sunyani Ghana. Motion Passed.

### Sgt-at-Arms Report

**Sergeant-at-Arms John "Mr. Dirt" Heisterman** thought the day was so wonderful that he brought in a bag of garlic shoots for people to take home – What a guy.

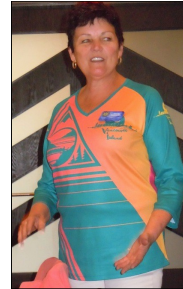
**Mr. Dirt** started to fine **Wahid Ali** for greeter & introducing guest duties but rescinded the fine because **Wahid** was a member of the infamous SAA gang.

**John** asked if anyone knew what next week would bring and the ever knowledgeable **Lucie Gosselin** said the long-

est day of the year, summer solstice.

**Wahid** was also fined for ratting on **John Heisterman** for eating hotdogs at Costco and not good organic food.

Happy and sad bucks were many including **Bruce Gordon** praising **Mikel Knutsson** for having a healthy food store, **Lucie Gosselin**



for her fundraiser shirt for breast cancer and getting golf and three meals for \$109 donation.

**Dave Hammond** gave a happy buck congratulating **Debbie Narver** on a good year as President, **Douglas Anderson** and **Brenda Grice** took their mom to Victoria for surgery and spent a great day in Victoria with their kids & grandkid. He also spent more money at Costco on streaks than he did on his pants. I wonder if they were both "Tenderloins"

**Joan Ryan** had a happy buck for being able to spend the night before the meeting with the Exchange students and also told us about her Nanaimo Seniors Service Scooter Rodeo – Giddy up **John Heisterman** on your hunting quad.

**Janeane Coutu** had a happy or sad (not sure) buck about her recent birthday and **Wayne Anderson** wondered whether the **Gosselin** or the **Douglas Anderson/Brenda Grice** golf teams would break 200.

**Paul Geneau** and **Wendy Pratt** along with **Egon Holzwarth**, **Dave Hammond** and **Gunter Raedler** topped up the donations.

The table stakes were won by **David Woodward** and **Lynne Pankratz** won the chance to draw for the Ace of Spades but no luck.



Morgan King  
... rebounder

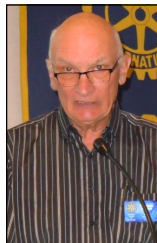
## Exchange Students Report

By Lucie Gosselin

**Paul Geneau** from Rotary North introduced our two inbound students. **Paul** has been the Youth Exchange Officer for both students for the past year.

**Vemund Baksaas** from Norway and **Eakapoom (Man) Chaijit** from Thailand have been in Nanaimo for the past 10 months.

Vemund attended Dover Bay High School and Man attended Wellington High School. Now that they have become proficient in English, they came to tell us more about their country and their families before they go home.





Vemund showed us a picture of 50 Norwegian Rotary Exchange students who all came to either North or South America for the past year. It makes for an impressive group.

Vemund is 18 years old and has a twin brother plus two other siblings, a brother of 26 and a sister of 23. Both his older siblings have done a lot of traveling. The brother has visited several countries including Africa three times and one of those times was for nine months. He also came to Canada to visit Vemund a few months ago. His sister was on a six month student exchange to Australia. His twin brother is a media photo-shopping artist who has already won some prestigious awards. (*No underachievers in that family!*) His father is an engineer with transport ships and his mother works with elementary school children.

In Norway, you can choose your profession after grade 10. He therefore already started studying electrical engineering before he came to Canada. When he returns, he will be entering his second year. It is a three year program. He made it sound like the last semester of the third year is one big party with many social events building up to Norwegian Constitution Day on May 17<sup>th</sup>. Vemund describes his life growing up with holidays on their own island and four week boat trips with this family. His hobbies are playing soccer, skate boarding and playing video games. He did a nine hour skate board trip to Sweden before coming on the exchange.



**Ekkaboom or Man** as he prefers to be called, started by thanking three of our members who hosted him this year. He spent the first 4 months with **Charles Ramos** and his family, and after a short stay with a member from another club in January, he came back to stay with **Wahid Ali** and his family and **Henry Jiang** and his family.

Man is an only child. His father is a Rotarian and his parents own a restaurant. The restaurant is attached to their home. He comes from a community not far from the Malaysian border. His school in Thailand has 4,000 students so attending Wellington School in Nanaimo was a bit of a culture shock. Man gave a lot of information about the history, customs and festivals of Thailand. Some interesting facts he shared: 95% of Thai people are Buddhist, there are 1400 islands and Thailand is the only South Asian Country which was never colonized. There is evidence of habitants going back 20,000 years. He showed many pictures which showed the beauty of this country. It

is no wonder, many North Americans make it their sun destination in the winter.

**Joan Ryan** thanked the speakers.

EDITOR'S NOTE: *The five clubs of Nanaimo/Lantzville have a joint committee for the Rotary youth exchange program. Hosting an exchange student can be incredibly rewarding for your family, bringing an international experience directly into your home. Host families provide room, board and share their lives with exchange students, involving them in family, community, and cultural activities. All host families are screened and trained. If you're interested in learning more about being a host family, please talk to one of our members on the committee. Those are Joan Ryan, Behzad Targhi and Carlene Shaw.*

## Rotary Golfers

Former Rotarian **Bill Scott** along with **John Salem** and **Bob Jones** led the field at last Friday's Rotary Fun Tournament held at Nanaimo Golf & Country Club. For all the scores, ask a golfer because they never lie!



## DATES TO REMEMBER

**June 30**—Don't forget to bring your "Make a change with your Change" Rotary Funds tin can bank to Friday's meeting.

**Aug 6-12**—Rotary District 5020 International Golfing Fellowship, Victoria, BC at Bear Mountain. You can volunteer and/or register: [mailservice@clubrunner.ca](mailto:mailservice@clubrunner.ca)

## GUESTS, BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

### Visiting Rotarians:

Paul Geneau from Nanaimo North Rotary

### Guests of Rotary:

**Baksaas** from Norway and **Eakapoom (Man) Chaijit** from Thailand

### Birthdays:

Mikel Knutsson on June 28th

### Spouse Birthdays:

June Shoemaker [Frank] on June 23rd

### Wedding Anniversaries:

Ian & Barbara Williams, 50 years on June 25th

### Club Anniversaries:

Bill Horman, 61 years on June 24th

Susie Stephens, 6 years on June 25th

Joan Ryan, 13 years on June 27th

## WEEKLY CLUB PROGRAMS & MEMBER DUTIES

MEETING DATE	<b>June 30th, 2017</b>	<b>DATES TO REMEMBER</b> <b>July 7th, 2017</b>	<b>July 14th, 2017</b>
<b>May 13—</b> Oceanside <b>GREETERS</b>	Rotary James Bond Night, 007 Moonraker. Dave Hammond, Wayne Anderson, Joan Ryan	Beban Auditorium, Dinner, auction, dancing. John Heisterman, Brent Barootes, John Salem	Tickets \$125/ea Carmon Henderson, Laurie Beinert, Bruce Samson
<b>CASHIER</b>	Egon Holzwarth	Egon Holzwarth	Egon Holzwarth
<b>SGT-AT-ARMS</b>	Bruce Samson	Wayne Anderson	Wahid Ali
<b>INVOCATION</b>	Dave Hammond	John Heisterman	Laurie Beinert
<b>HEAD TABLE</b>	Pres Jane Currie, Rob Hallam, Bob Janes, Dave Hammond, Wayne Anderson, Joan Ryan	Pres Jane, Captain Majid Safahani, Behzad Forghani, Ross White, John Salem, Brent Barootes	Pres Jane Currie, Leon Davis, Norm Myden, Dave Connolly, Carmon Henderson, Laurie Beinert
<b>INTRO GUESTS</b>	Wayne Anderson	Brent Barootes	Carmon Henderson
<b>INTRO SPEAKER</b>	Bob Janes	Behzad Forghani	Lila Tanner
<b>PROGRAM</b>	<b>HABITAT FOR HUMANITY</b> <i>Rob Hallam, Exec Director</i>	<b>BC Ferries Simulator System</b> <i>Captain Majid Safahani</i>	<b>The New SPCA—Helping more than Animals—<i>Leon Davis</i></b>
<b>THANK SPEAKER</b>	Wendy Pratt	Norm Myden	Bruce Samson