

ROTARY CLUB OF NANAIMO

“COGS”

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4,730th Meeting

Friday, June 24, 2016

Last meeting of the Rotary year . . .

Rotarians attend the installation of Debbie Narver as our new President

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Rotarians with perfect attendance were presented with certificates at our annual installation meeting. Those recognizes were (l-r) Bob Janes, Bob Fenty, Lynne Pankratz, Janeane Coutu, Lila Tanner, Egon Holzwarth, Ian Williams and Joan Ryan.

—Photos by Ian Williams

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

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President Elect ----- Debbie Narver
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Meeting Notes from June 10th, 2016

By John Shillabeer



President Lila opened the meeting and asked us to sing O Canada. She then asked **Christine Parsons** to give the invocation.

Introductions

Lucie Gosselin called for the introductions of guests and visiting Rotarians.

President Lila introduced her guest **Denise Wittkofski** who had interviewed Rotarians

when we presented the cheque for \$50,000 during the site visit to Eden Gardens. **Yvan Gosselin** introduced **Bob Wall** who was visiting from Nanaimo Daybreak. **Bruce Samson** introduced **Dr Bobbie Rathbun** from Whistler Millennium Rotary.

Health of the Club

Yvan Gosselin reported that **Honorary Member Bob Peters** remains in hospital, but that **Honorary Member Bill Horman** has been released and is home. **Janeane Coutu** reported that **Bev Vanidour** has had a bad fall and broken her leg (again). She is at home and members should visit and offer help, given Bev and Art's limited mobility. Later during the meeting we heard from **Joan Ryan** that husband **Bruce** was taken into the Emergency at the hospital last night with kidney problems. She said that the doctors told her the prognosis is good.



Announcements

John Heisterman said we should all be very proud of the Rotary Bowl, complete with its new flood lighting installed with the aid of a Club grant. The Bowl was the venue for BC Schools competitions last weekend.



Dave Hammond reported on behalf of the Centenary Committee that he had a fruitful meeting with the City Manager of Parks and Recreation. They agreed on the list of refurbishment projects for the Centenary and the City will do most of the "heavy lifting". Dave is expecting a meeting with the park planner next week to review the area designated for the Centenary project.



Kathy Smith announced that First Nations Day at the Correction Centre will be on June 21, starting at noon. **Christine Parsons** and **Wendy Pratt** expressed interest in joining Kathy and Lila.

Douglas Anderson reminded members to be on the lookout during the summer for potential new members and to bring them to lunch.

Sergeant at Arms

As this was **President Lila's** last regular meeting before installation next Friday, sergeant **Dave Hammond** asked

for (happy) thoughts about Lila's year.

Wahid Ali was happy because, just a few minutes previously, Lila had helped him park and even paid his parking fee.

Never one to miss an opportunity, **John Heisterman** wondered if he too could have a hug and free parking. Better luck next time John!

Brent Barootes found Lila so warm and welcoming before he joined the Club. She really made him feel at home. But after his installation he found himself bombarded with emails from Lila demanding reports and updates. This was not a sudden character change in Lila. We all know there is another Brent in the Club.

For a while now **Janeane Coutu** has been helping Lila deal with her computer challenges. Janeane said she was very happy to do it since Lila is such a good person



Ross White said he appreciates that Lila helps sort books, knows the alphabet and pays for coffee even when the guys try to stack the coin toss against her.

Happy and Sad Bucks

Charles Ramos was happy that **Douglas Anderson** donated a lot of civil engineering field equipment to Herold Engineering.

John Heisterman was happy that he and his neighbour are growing garlic. He attempted to donate some young shoots to members.



David Woodward was happy to have participated in the VIU convocation and to have had the opportunity to connect with many recent graduates who are now established and contributing

members of society.

Wendy Pratt attended the VIU Business graduates' convocation and was very impressed by the beautiful bright young people. Of the 176 graduates, most were from overseas.



Bob Wall was happy to acknowledge a handful of Rotarians for their years of planning and preparation which at last are turning into tangible progress at Eden Gardens.

Janeane Coutu was happy to offer tickets to a Beer and Burger with a Silent Auction as a fund raiser for Eden Gardens.

The Draw

Bob Wilson won the table stakes. **Yvan Gosselin** won the card draw but did not manage to pick the Ace of Spades so the pot will grow for another week.

Wanderings: Six months in Europe

by Kathy Smith



Faye Laing and her husband **David** have fulfilled a life long dream and had a life changing experience by living in Europe for six months. Their dream was to do this trip and to combine it with visits with their son and grandkids. Her son and his wife are both research scientists doing brain research in northern Italy.

They live in Roverto, a small city with 45,000 people, a history of manufacturing silk and a village in wine country. Faye and her husband are seasoned travelers preferring a “middle of the road” experience where they can be part of the community and walk to the market, shops and restaurants. Their place in Roverto allowed them to have a nice home, a place to visit family and a place to use as a starting point for many other adventures.

After one week of camping with family, they settled into Roverto. The trails that led from mountain top to mountain top allowed them to meander past castles, through villages and to vineyards. Roverto played a significant role in protecting the country and the villagers continue to honour the brave soldiers who fought for freedom.

Sorrento was a memorable stop where a waiter even kissed Faye on the hand! After a night of rain, thunder and lightening, they woke up to a gorgeous day and were able to appreciate the beachfront, fishermen, the amazing architecture and the character of this lovely seaside community.

Sorrento, like many Italian cities, has many archaeological sites and is a city that shows its history and age. From Sorrento, they ventured onto Mt. Etna with its grim site and sordid history. A month after their visit the nasty volcano erupted again! Agrigento was an interesting but frustrating community to navigate as its narrow streets and tight turns made it difficult for a car to navigate. The spectacular sites of the Valley of Temples made the trip well worth it. There were 3 well-preserved large temples and fabulous views of the ocean. Palermo, the main city in Sicily, was there next stop. Palermo is the New York of Sicily with endless historical attractions, and stunning large trees in the lovely botanical gardens. In Palermo they embraced a major celebration with parades, horses, re-enactments, lots of locals and tourists and the police keeping a close eye on some protestors.

They then took a train, filled with gypsies, to Pompeii. After receiving 6 different maps of the archaeological site and an auditory tour guide that made no sense, they just walked through the 66 hectare site interpreting things as they saw fit. They could see how Pompeii had been a massive city prior to its destruction and is now a major tourist and archaeological site. Many of the items found at the dig sites have been taken to other museums throughout the



country. From Pompeii, they took a bus to Matera – also known as the city of caves. There are two main valleys on either side of a large cathedral. The older caves in the valley are now a Unesco site and are being preserved. Other caves are being restored and are now stores, hotels and restaurants. During the 1970's, this area was the shame of Italy as families with up to 6 children were living in squalor with no water, electricity or sewer. These families were relocated but now their children are returning and trying to claim the land. Some of the caves were churches, in fact, the bible refers to these caves and many believe the area is a spiritual center and the people were chosen to live there.

Time was running out and so Faye was unable to tell us about her adventures to Dubrovnik, Milan, Rome, Vienna, Amsterdam and Budapest. She feels privileged to have been able to have this amazing experience and looks forward to her next adventure abroad and her next visit to Italy to visit family.

Ed Borisenko thanked Faye for her interesting talk and presented her with a Rotary pen.

ATTENDANCE

By Bob Janes

Attendance for June 10th was **63%**

We missed Rotarians;

Blinston, Cowling, Currie, Fenty, Gerrand, Grice, Janes, King, Knutsson, Lessan, Myden, Narver, Pankratz, Patrick, Ross, Salem, Stephens, Stetar, Tessier, Woychuk, Zhang

Visiting Rotarians;

Bob Wall, Nanaimo Day-break

Bobbie Rathbun, Whistler Millenium

Guests of Rotarians;

Denise Wittkofski, guest of Lila Tanner

Make-ups;

D. Anderson, committee meeting

Birthdays:

Bright Zhang on June 26

Mikel Knutsson, June 28th

Spouse Birthdays:

June Shoemaker [Frank] on June 23rd

Terry Malpass [Bob Janes] on July 7th

Wedding Anniversaries:

Ian & Barbara Williams, 50 years on June 25th

Ross & Pam White, 55 years on July 1st

Club Anniversaries:

Bill Horman, 61 years on June 24th

Susie Stephens, 6 years on June 25th



Our 93rd club president, Debbie Narver, was presented with a dozen red roses by emcee John Heisterman.



Club Secretary Bob Janes was presented with the Rotarian of the Year Award at Installation last Friday by President Lila.



Our club met at the Coast Hotel last Friday to install club officers for the coming year and enjoy one of Coast's famous buffet dinners.



Presentation of the Past President's pin was made by PP Bob Wilson to Lila Tanner as his last official act as a club officer.



Looking very dapper in his bow tie, Past President John Heisterman acted as our Master of Ceremonies at the annual Rotary Installation.




Newest PHF recipients to our Roster are the daughter and grandchildren of Ross and Pam White. Left to right are: Pam, grandson Thomas Green, daughter Marcia Green, son in law Rob Green, granddaughter Rebecca green and Ross.

DATES TO REMEMBER

June 24-25—District 5020 Conference in Olympia Washington. District Governor Rose Bowman and the Rotary District Committee at the Red Lion Hotel in Olympia to celebrate Rotary!

WEEKLY CLUB PROGRAMS & MEMBER DUTIES

MEETING DATE	June 24th, 2016	July 1st, 2016	July 8th, 2016
GREETERS	Charles Ramos, Bright Zhang, John Heisterman	<div style="text-align: center;"> CANADA DAY  NO REGULAR ROTARY MEETING </div>	Wayne Anderson, Charles Ramos, Brenda Grice
CASHIER	Allan Smith		Egon Holzwarth
SGT-AT-ARMS	Wayne Anderson		John Heisterman
INVOCATION	Wendy Pratt		Charles Ramos
HEAD TABLE	Past President Lila, Ghana Guests, Norm Myden, Mikel Knutsson, Bright Zhang, Carey McIver		President Debbie, David Woodward, Omar Karim, Douglas Anderson, Bob Patrick, Ross White
INTRO GUESTS	Brenda Grice		Dave Hammond
INTRO SPEAKER	Norm Myden		Douglas Anderson
PROGRAM	ROTARIANS FROM GHANA <i>various</i>		VIU Masters' Competition <i>David Woodward & Omar Karim</i>
THANK SPEAKER	Carey McIver		Wendy Pratt