

ROTARY CLUB OF NANAIMO

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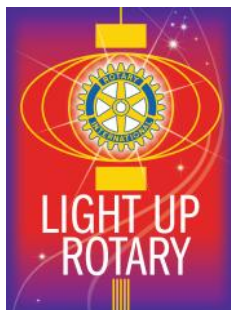
Friday, June 27, 2014



Perfect attendance—those Rotarians who have not missed a meeting or have made up for a missed meeting by attending another club or a work party or committee meeting—Standing behind the seated **John Morris** who has 54 years of perfect attendance are [l-r] **Dave Hammond** [3 years], **Egon Holzwarth** [31 years], **Joan Ryan** [9 years] and **Brenda Grice** [8 years]; back row: **Yvan Gosselin** [7 years], **Bob Fenty** [23 years] and **Douglas Anderson** [3 years]. Awards were made at our installation meeting June 20th.

**Club Meeting Friday at 12:00 p.m.
at the Coast Bastion Inn**
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Meeting Notes from June 13th

By Lucie Gosselin

Last week was **President Douglas'** final week at the podium. **Susie Walker** gave the invocation. There were no visiting Rotarians but we did have three



Susie Walker introduced daughter Maria to the club.

guests. **Susie Walker** introduced her daughter **Maria Walker** who has been an exchange student in the past. **Debbie**

Narver introduced **Tina Belcourt**, an Internship Coordinator for the MBA program at VIU.



Debbie Narver brought Tina Belcourt as her guest.



Della Grice was introduced by daughter Brenda.

Brenda Grice introduced her mother **Della Grice** who recently relocated from Ontario to Nanaimo. Welcome to Nanaimo Della.

President Douglas announced birthdays and anniversaries. He reminded us that June is Fellowship month. He also recommended that members who have not seen CBC's Duncan McCue's report on the Write to Read program in the Malahat First Nations which Rotary is heavily involved with, should go to the club's Facebook page or to CBC.ca webpage to see it. The video is only 8 minutes long but makes us proud to be Rotarians. If you don't know how to access the Club's Facebook page, please contact **Richard Finnegan**.

Following a notice of Motion made on June 6, **Frank Shoemaker** moved and **Ross White** seconded that: That the club give \$3,000 to the Oceanside Rotary Club towards the 5 club Ghana School Project. Motion was carried.



PP Brenda Grice inducted Wendy Pratt into our Rotary club. Wendy was proposed by another Past President, David Hammond.

New Rotarian

We had the honor of welcoming a new member to our club. Sponsor **Dave Hammond** introduced **Wendy Pratt**, the Executive Director of Nanaimo Hospice Society. Wendy is no stranger to our club. She was made a Paul Harris Fellow a few years ago for the great work she does in our community. **Brenda Grice** led the induction ceremony and in true form did an exceptional job.

Following another notice of Motion made on June 6, **Frank Shoemaker** moved and **Susie Walker** seconded that \$2,200 be donated to Tembo in Kenya for the latrine project. Motion was carried.

Following a third notice of Motion, **Yvan Gosselin** moved and **Bruce Samson** seconded that the club donate \$1,000 to the **Altrusa Club** in recognition of their



assistance during the last book sale. Motion was carried.

Yvan Gosselin made a Notice of Motion to purchase 20 more tables for the semi annual book sale. The motion will be brought to the club in 2 weeks.

Dave Hammond reminded everyone of the club golf tournament at Winchelsea Golf club this afternoon. Tee off times will start at 3:30. Dinner will be served between 6:45 and 7:00.

Keith McFarlane reminded everyone of the Installation of **Bob Wilson** as president of our club for 2014-15 next week at 7:00 at the Coast Bastion Inn. Fellowship starts at 6:00 and dinner will be served at 7:00. There will not be any lunch time meeting next Friday.



Sgt-at-Arms Lila Tanner did her best to rake money out of all who attended by putting forth a quiz from the Rotarian magazine. Various members had happy and sad bucks. We learned that **Wendy McFarlane** has a sinus disease which will require surgery in August. Wendy, we wish you all the best. **Debbie Narver** thanked all the volunteers who are helping make the summer games a success.

Lucie Gosselin won the table stakes and **Joyce Smith** won the right to draw a card but did not get the Ace of Spades. The pot of \$271.78 was won by **Susan Gerrand** just at the end of our Rotary year, so it will continue to grow in Bob Wilson's term of office. Good luck to all participants!



A good turnout for our Rotary Golf Tourney held at Winchelsea.

Guatemalan Dentistry

Report by John Shillabeer

Ross White welcomed back **Dr John Snively** for a follow up to his visit last year. Dr Snively has long been a member of the Oak Bay Rotary Club and is now moving to Nelson.

Dr Snively first thanked the mid Island Rotary Group for its recent support which allowed him to acquire a portable digital X ray machine. There was an immediate benefit so that he would not be working "blind" and exploring with the drill. In its first week, for example, he used it to identify a case of severely overgrown teeth in which three teeth were growing on top of and into each other. He was able to transmit the X ray image to a dental surgeon in Toronto via the internet and obtain immediate expert advice.

Dr Snively has decided to move.

Whereas he has until now set up on the east shore of Lake Atitlan and visited other villages by boat and set up temporary clinics for a few days at a time, he will in future centre his work on the north shore of the lake. He will move there because the villagers are most welcoming, other NGOs are well established there and it will save about a day each way loading and unloading boats to cross the lake.

People are largely illiterate. Most knowledge about food and good eating was passed on by word of mouth from one generation to the next. This was lost during the civil war because family units were broken up, villages were abandoned and many somehow just managed to survive in the jungle. Not only has traditional household knowledge been lost, but today kids and adults face additional health threats from cheap, sweat manufactured junk food and pop.

Through poor nutrition, dental infections in the region kill people, unlike in north America. Also, diabetes is the number two killer in Guatemala and people do not even know they have the disease. This too is through poor nutrition. There is no one to diagnose the diabetes and no one to take care of the sufferers .

Dr Snively plans to modify his approach to try stop" fighting fires" (i.e. simply fixing bad teeth) and will try to establish a long term self-sustaining approach by educating people so that they can take responsibility for their health. He intends to go into the schools to teach oral hygiene and nutrition and to teach pregnant mothers at home. Experience elsewhere has shows women are the most practical and influential people and that mothers will do almost anything for their children's' benefit.

Dr Snively's NGO (www.innovativecommunities.org) is a registered Canadian charity and spends 100% of the funds it collects in the field, largely

on dental supplies; staff is all volunteers and take no salary.

Frank Shoemaker thanked the speaker, gave him a Rotary pen and said we are very respectful of the impact he is having on the people in the area. We all hope that he is able to continue.



Dr Snively can be contacted at johnsnively@innovativecommunities.org.



The Coast Hotel put on their usual scrumptious buffet for our installation dinner.

ATTENDANCE

By Bob Janes

Attendance for June 13th was **60%**

We missed these Rotarians

Ali, W. Anderson, Blackmore, Blinston, Cantelon, Cowling, Currie, Gerrand, Hais, Henderson, Hewitt, Knutsson, McIver, Patrick, Ramos, Ryan, K. Smith, Stetar, Welch

Guests:

John Snively, Tina Belcourt, Marina Walker, Della Grice

Make ups:

Sharon Welch at Parksville

Birthdays:

Mikel Knutsson, June 28th

Spouse Birthdays:

Kay Peters (Bob) June 28th

Wedding Anniversaries:

Ross & Pam White, 53 yrs., July 1st

WEEKLY CLUB PROGRAMS

Friday, June 27th

GREETERS	Susan Gerrand, Brent Stetar, Mike Knutsson
CASHIERS	Al Smith
SGT-AT-ARMS	Wahid Ali
INVOCATION	Sharon Welch
HEAD TABLE	Pres. Bob, Pawel Szopa, Lila Tanner, Mikel Knutsson, Susan Gerrand, Brent Stetar, Sharon Welch

INTRODUCE
GUESTS

Guenther Raedler

INTRODUCE
SPEAKER

Lila Tanner

PROGRAM
HYPERBARIC OXYGEN THERAPY

Pawel Szopa

THANK
SPEAKER

Derek Lewis

Friday, July 4th

GREETERS Lila Tanner,
Bob McDougall, Bruce Gordon

CASHIERS Ed Borisenko

SGT-AT-ARMS Wayne Anderson

INVOCATION Ross White

HEAD
TABLE Pres. Bob, DG Michael Proctor,
Douglas Anderson, Bob Patrick, Ross
White, Tanner, McDougall, Gordon

INTRODUCE
GUESTS Charles Ramos

INTRODUCE
SPEAKER Douglas Anderson

PROGRAM
DISTRICT GOVERNOR VISIT

Michael Proctor

THANK
SPEAKER

President Bob Wilson

Friday, July 11th

GREETERS Keith McFarlane,
Art Vanidour, Lucie Gosselin

CASHIERS Ed Borisenko

SGT-AT-ARMS Bob Fenty

INVOCATION Joan Ryan

HEAD
TABLE Pres. Bob, Melanie Craik, Richard
Finnegan, Sharon Welch, Norm Myden,
McFarlane, Vanidour, Lucie Gosselin

INTRODUCE
GUESTS Ian Williams

INTRODUCE
SPEAKER Richard Finnegan

PROGRAM
TRAVEL INSURANCE TIPS

Melanie Craik

THANK
SPEAKER

Kevin Cantelon



Past President Douglas hands over the mantel of office to President Bob Wilson.

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Bob Fenty accepts the 2014 President's Award from President Douglas for his contributions over the year.



Don Bonner from the Daybreak Rotary Club brought greetings to our new president and executive from his club, as did other representatives from local clubs.



Paul Harris Awards were made to Doug Cowling, Neil Valsanger, President Douglas and Brenda Grice



The emcee gets a well-deserved refreshment.



President Bob with his first official remarks to the club.

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