

ROTARY CLUB OF NANAIMO

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Friday, June 29, 2018



Low evening sun on June 26 2018 at Sunset Beach in Neck Point Park, Nanaimo

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

CLUB OFFICERS 2017-2018

President ----- Charles Ramos
Vice President ----- Wahid Ali
Secretary ----- Bob Janes
Treasurer ----- Lynne Pankratz
President Elect ----- Janeane Coutu
Immediate Past President ----- Jane Currie



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May 1, 1920 - Charter Number 43

DIRECTORS

Wendy Pratt Peggy Richardson John Shillabeer
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Gateway Rotary, Olympia, WA Nanaimo Oceanside

Meeting notes – June 22, 2018

by Lucie Gosselin

Master of Ceremonies **Keith McFarlane** extended **President Jane Currie's** regrets for missing this meeting. She is with her husband John who was undergoing a medical procedure at 10:30 this morning. We sang O'Canada which was followed by an invocation given by **Donna Hais**. **David Hammond** proposed a toast to the spouses and partners of Rotarians. He also reminded everyone of the golf tournament and barbecue starting at 3:00 this afternoon.

Keith McFarlane began the proceedings by introducing the guests at his table and then asking **President Elect Charles Ramos** to introduce the guests at his table and



the visiting Rotary President-elects from other clubs of Nanaimo and Lantzville.

Denise Wittkofski introduced this year's new Rotarians: **Jason Bradley**, a captain of Informatics and Communication with Nanaimo Fire and Rescue who is already very active with Rotary youth exchange in our club and was recently appointed to a district committee; **Sean Martin** who joined us in March of this year and is a financial advisor; and **Justin Molander**, our newest member, just inducted on June 1 is an investment banker, acts as a mentor to MBA finance students and works with Aboriginal businesses.

Bob Janes then had the honour of giving out the perfect attendance pins. **Susie Stevens, Lynne Pankratz, Jane Currie and Lila Tanner** received pins for 1, 2, 3 and 4 years respectively. **Brent Stetar** received a 7 year pin, **Joan Ryan**, a 13 year pin and **Egon Holtzwarth** received a pin for 35 years of perfect attendance.

Ian Williams presented the [annual video](#) of the year's highlights. The video started with a tribute to **Bill Horman** and **Bob Peters**, two long term dedicated Rotarians who passed away during the year. As usual, the video was well done and enjoyed by everyone.



100% attendance left to right - Brent, Susie, Lynne, Lila Past president **Debbie Narver** acted on behalf of **President Jane**. She read a speech prepared by Jane whereby she thanked everyone for a great year. She then presented the President's award for 2017-18 to **Ian Williams**



for all the work he does in being the club photographer, for looking after the audio-visual equipment for weekly meetings, for leading O'Canada with both music and video, for producing the annual video and for producing COGS, the weekly bulletin. Ian received a standing ovation.

Installation of club officers, June 22, 2018 by Denise Wittkofski

Ian Williams led the installation of new directors and officers, thanking outgoing directors **Moe Lessan** and **Susie Stephens**, and the continuing officers **Lynne Pankratz** and **Bob Janes**.

He introduced **Janeane Coutu** as President Elect, and the new directors, **Wendy Pratt.**, **Peggy Richardson** and **John Shillabeer**.

Ian then conducted the installation of our new President, **Charles** with an "expression of confidence in your abilities." **Charles** repeated the vow of administering



Ian Williams, Janeane Coutu, Wendy Pratt, Peggy Richardson, John Shillabeer.

the duties of the office of President. Staying with tradition of the club installations, **Dave Hammond** then presented **Charles** with the Rotary blazer donated by Bill



Horman's men's wear thirty plus years ago and worn by many President's since.

Ian presented him the gavel as a symbol of the transfer



of the club's administration, and **Debbie Narver** with the President's pin, claiming "Charles is now in charge."

Charles offered an inspiring new President's speech. (Abridged version)

I'm honored to accept the presidency of this club. I will do my best to live up to your expectations. I appreciate



the confidence. My 10 years with club have been very rewarding getting to know each and everyone of you through Club projects, Club committees, Club activities, personal friendships, personal mentorship, business mentorship, solicited advice and of course the ever popular unsolicited advice. I couldn't asked for a better group of friends, colleagues and associates. There's a great dignity in being a Rotarian. Other organizations come and go but Rotary continues because there's something here that speaks to everyone of us. Our club has a 99 year history in Nanaimo. All sizes, shapes, races, creeds, religions and lifestyles are welcomed and molded into a single organization that helps others through the instruments of peace.

These Instruments are understanding, friendship, education, resources for medical care, clean water and food. The instruments of peace are used to improve conditions of those who live in poverty, under strife, conflict, ignorance and fear. As Rotarians we all play our own small role in deploying the instruments of peace. For 120 years Rotary has demonstrated that people can live, work, share and serve together.

We shown it's possible to have one world Organization committed to friendship, cooperation and volunteer service leading to peace.

This is true even with all the differences of philosophy, religion, language, customs and political organization. The long history of rotary conveys expectations, assumptions and understandings about individual Rotarians. It's understood as a Rotarian that you have integrity and practice fair dealings. That you are honest. That your word is good. That you can be trusted. I found it to be true in my 10 years as a Rotarian. I first join the Club after conversation with my father-in-law in which he mentioned that the Rotarians he's known have all been good people. Coming from some-

one who's very candid of opinions this meant a lot.

We have differences in our club. There are all types of personalities from the eager to the cynical. From the constantly cheerful to the constant curmudgeon, The super productive to the not so productive, the US Americans to the Canadians and all following the rotary goal Service Above Self. Everyone joins Rotary voluntarily and chooses to remain voluntarily. And everyone helps in their own way and at their own pace. There are members who will have a lot on their plate this year and may not be able to give a lot. That's okay. There are members who will be putting in hundreds of hours in the book sale or other rotary projects. That's okay, it's actually very good. There are Rotarians who don't like the rain and will leave us for five months. That's okay, if they come back with a gift. Rotary is a long-term commitment and the same person who may not be able to give a lot this year could be the one who heads up a school building project in Ghana next year. Or a project in Mexico. Or an expedition to Nepal. How many members do we know who travel somewhere, see a humanitarian issue, come back to the club and throw all their time and energy into resolving it through Rotary. We all have access to the instruments of peace.

I hope to be a president who supports the club without pushing an agenda. What we do this year will be your decision. And the initiatives we take on will be your initiatives. If There's a bottleneck or an administrative issue I'll take care of it. Other than that do what you do best. There's a business adage that says you should



concentrate on building your strengths. If a member has great motivation to work on a service committee but doesn't like public relations, we won't put them in public relations just to fill the spot. If there's a committee that has very low volunteer interest that committee may have to die on the vine. Let's have fun this year.

We're not going to do things just for the sake of doing them. We'll do them because we want to. Because it promotes instruments piece. Because they have a champion or several champions in the Club. So again let's have fun. This will be a team effort as my golf team this afternoon will quickly find out. My weaknesses far exceed my strengths. So it depends on all of you. I will play my role to the best of my ability. I look very much forward to the year ahead and I thank you all again for all your support and your confidence.

Master of Ceremonies **Keith McFarlane** wrapped up the installation session.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Member Birthdays - None

Spouse Birthdays - None

Anniversaries

Ross and Pam White, Jul 01 56 years

Club Anniversary - None

DATES TO REMEMBER

Aug. 10 - Offsite meeting - Tour of Tillicum Le'lum facilities, 479 10th st.

WEEKLY CLUB PROGRAMS AND MEMBER DUTIES

Meeting Date	June 29, 2018	July 6 2018	July 13 2018
Greeters	Justin Molander, Lynne Pankratz	Mike Minhas, Brent Barootes	Wendy Pratt, John Salem
Cashier	Lila Tanner	Ed Borisenko	Ed Borisenko
Sgt at Arms	Dave Hammond	Bruce Samson	Brent Barootes
Inspiration	Dave Connolly	John Salem	John Shillabeer
Head Table	Pres. Charles, Julie Pisani, Wayne Anderson, Wendy Pratt	Pres. Charles, Lynne Pankratz, Bob Janes	Pres. Charles, Guest Speaker, Susie Stephens, Joan Ryan
Intro Guests	Doug Cowling	Carlene Shaw	Frank Shoemaker
Intro Speaker	Wayne Anderson		Susie Stephens
Program	RDN's Drinking Water and Watershed Protection Initiatives. Julie Pisani	Rotary Budget Discussion Pres. Charles, Lynne Pankratz	LGBTQ - understanding what it all means - Laurel Semple
Thank Speaker	Wendy Pratt		Joan Ryan