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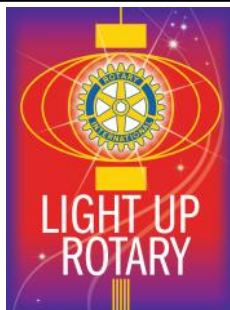


Two of our newest members gave their classification talks last week: with President Bob are Shan Jiang and Fay Laing. Ellen Ross, who also just joined our club, gave her talk a few weeks ago.

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

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## Meeting Notes from May 22nd

by Kathy Smith

**President Bob** started the meeting letting us know that it was our 4679<sup>th</sup> meeting. He was at a Gyro meeting last night at it was their 4000 meeting and so we are older than them. For invocation, **Debbie Narver** suggested that we think about those in countries who are suffering from heat, earthquakes and other tragedies and be grateful for the wonderful life we have.



President Bob exchanges banners with Dodie Wise and a Rotary pin from Iris Violeta Diaz.



Visiting Rotarians today included **Mathieu Ennis** who is a Rotaractor; **Iris Violeta Diaz** the president of the e-club in Puerto Rico; and **Dodie Wise** the President of the Carlisle Sunrise club in Pennsylvania. Also, **Dave Hammond** introduced **Doug Bradford** who was visiting from the Lower Mainland. Doug is a past president of our club – Dave is happy and sad that Doug moved away – sad that he misses him but happy that now someone else can win at poker and bridge.

### Health of the Club:

There was no one present with updates on the health of **Art Vanidour**; **Kevin Cantelon** is home with a “man cold.”

### Presentations:

Presentations included the exchanging of club banners with **Dodie Wise** and a pin/banner exchange with **Iris Diaz**. **Mathieu** invited all members to join the Rotaract meeting on June 8 at 5:45 pm at the Dinghy Dock Pub.



**Dave Hammond** reminded members of the upcoming fun golf tournament at Winchelsea Golf Course. Golf is \$25/ person with tee times starting at 3 pm and dinner, which starts at 6 pm,

is also \$25 per person.

**Richard Finnegan** thanked everyone who participated in the Car Rally; thanked **Mathieu** for cooking and let everyone know that the winner – **Brent Stetar**, will be the one to organize it next year.



**Frank Shoemaker** hopes to see all members attending the District Conference, in Nanaimo, on June 19/20. The conference is free but meals must be purchases.

**Janeane Coutu** invited all to attend the *Interact Battle of the Bands* on Sat. at the *Diana Krall Plaza* from 1 – 6pm. She has enough people volunteer to help cook the hot dogs but invited all others to come enjoy the activity.

On top of the District Conference and the Golf tournament, **President Bob** reminded members of the Installation dinner on June 26.

### Sgt-at-Arms:



Sgt-at-Arms was **Lila Tanner** who started by fining **Bill King** for not being there as a greeter and fining all who did not confirm their meeting attendance online as asked. She then had a quiz about thunder and lightening – Table #1 – question on strikes was answered correctly; Table #2 – question on # killed was answered incorrectly; Table #3 – injuries per year answered wrong; Table #4 – fires from lightening wrong; Table #5 – correct on if you are close to thunder you are close to lightening.

### Happy/Sad Bucks:

**Debbie Narver** – for Rotaract inviting us to their meeting; **Douglas Anderson** for the interest in his spare computer which went to the First Nations classroom at Dover Bay; **Brenda Grice** thanked organizers for the great Car Rally; **Ross White** had no money but was



Past President Doug Bradford, visiting from the mainland, donated \$20 to the Rotaract Club.

happy the computer went to Dover Bay where his grandson works and for our great community who have impressed our guest Rotarians; **Dodie** for the great welcome from our club and community; **Iris** let us know that her Puerto Rico e-club has 113 members; **Doug Bradford** donated \$20 to the Rotaract club; **Henry Jiang** announced that it was his son's birthday and **Bob Wilson** recounted a time in his youth when a man flying a model airplane was struck and killed by lightning.

Table stakes was won by **Janeane Coutu** and **John Morris** won the right to draw for the 50-50 prize but failed to pick the Ace of Spades.



## Classification Talks: Fay Laing & Henry Jiang

By Janeane Coutu

**Fay Laing** was born in **North Battleford, Saskatchewan** and moved to **Langley** at the age of sixteen to live



with her grandma and aunt. (And she can honestly say, she never wanted to return to Saskatchewan.)

Fay has had a varied career in real estate over the years, but her first job was at the Surrey Credit

Union in Cloverdale. In 1983 she worked for Jack Poole, a major developer in the province of BC who was also involved in getting the Olympics to



Vancouver.

A career spanning 32 years in real estate has led Fay from Winnipeg to Victoria, although most of it was in Vancouver, and the last 8 years on Vancouver Island. Much of her work has been with new development and redevelopment of existing shopping centers. (We met Fay through our partnership with Nanaimo North Town Centre for our book sale.) She will be retiring at the end of June and then embarking on a 6-month travelling tour with her husband, David. One of their first stops will be northern Italy to visit her son, daughter-in-law and two grandchildren.

Fay has studied marketing, accounting, human resources and business management at the post-secondary level. In 1999 she completed a degree in garden design at UBC and went on to work at the VanDusen Botanical Gardens in Vancouver, becoming a Master Gardener.

In 2005, Fay and her husband purchased an 1891-built Victorian home in downtown Nanaimo as a restoration project and they have been working on it ever since – and loving every minute of it. They are proud of their home and gardens.

Up until the last year the couple owned and sailed a 32' boat around the Gulf Islands and Strait of Georgia. They have done lots of travel and enjoy the experience of different cultures and environments, but also love Nanaimo and consider it a special place to live.

Fay is looking forward to getting involved in the club after her sabbatical to travel, and is thankful for the opportunity to join Rotary.

**Shan “Henry” Jiang** calls **Qingdao** in **China’s** eastern **Shandong province** his home city. It is a city of skyscrapers, parks and beaches bordering the Yellow Sea. Twenty years ago the new downtown was farmland, now it is a modern city of 3.6m people, 8m in general area. Called **China’s Sailing City**, it has hosted the regattas of the **Olympic Games** and the Volvo Ocean Race. Home to the longest sea bridge stretching 34km, they also have the 3<sup>rd</sup> longest undersea tunnel of 3.95km underwater, 7.8km in total length.

**Shan** means mountain in Chinese and **Jiang** means river. His English name of **Henry** was given to him 25 years ago while attending school in North America, studying finance and economics. His major was international trade. Henry was born in NE China, about 8000 km away from his home city. His father was a projectionist in the movie theatre (naturally he grew up with a love of movies), his mother a pharmacist. Henry is married to Alice and they have one son.

After working 16 years in the biggest foreign trade company in China, he set up his own company in 2006 exporting kids clothing and products. These are fashionable products and are upper middle grade licensed products like Disney and Hello Kitty – that is how they survive. Customers include Sears, Target, Walmart, Costco, Toys-R



-Us, Old Navy to name a few. Workers earn \$500 USD/month but his company is still competitive to Vietnam and Cambodia (where workers earn 1/10<sup>th</sup> of that) due to work efficiency, upstream supply chain and experienced workers.

Henry got to know Rotary from the fall book sale where he met **Susan Gerand**. His first book purchase was a 1990 calendar of Norman Rockwell paintings. He enjoyed reading our 75<sup>th</sup> year history book and quoted from Paul Harris – “*This is a changing world and we must be prepared to change with it. The story of Rotary will have to be written again and again.*”

Henry commented that new members bring something new to each club and he is glad to be part of ours. He hopes to host anyone interested in his home city of Qingdao, he knows China and East Asia very well due to his business travels. (*Lila suggests getting a travel club together with Henry as our guide!*)

President **Bob Wilson** thanked both of our speakers for excellent presentations, commented that you always learn something not expected during a new member talk. Each were gifted with a hand-crafted pen to mark the occasion.



**ROTARY DISTRICT 5020  
CONFERENCE—JUNE 19-21  
Conference Centre, Nanaimo**



**ROTARY GOLF TOURNAMENT**  
**Winchelsea Links**  
**Shotgun Start—Best Ball**  
**FRIDAY JUNE 12th**



Golfing at 3 o'clock  
Dinner at 6 o'clock  
\$25 for round of golf,  
\$25 for Steak or Chicken

## ATTENDANCE

*Report by Bob Janes*

Attendance for May 29nd was **53%**

**We missed the following Rotarians:**

Ali, Brand, Cantelon, Cowling, L. & Y. Gosselin, Hais, Heisterman, Henderson, Knutsson, Lewis, Patrick, Pratt, Raedler, Ramos, Ross, Ryan, Salem, Shillabeer, J. Smith, A. Smith, Walker, Welch.

**Visiting Rotarians:** Mathew Ennis, Dodie Wise, Iris Violeta Diaz

**Guests:** Doug Bradford

**Birthdays:** None

**Spouse's Birthday:**

Joan Huck (Dale) June 8th  
Marie Fenty (Bob) June 9th  
Sandy Herold (Mike) June 9th

**Wedding Anniversaries:** None

**Date of Joining Rotary:** None

## WEEKLY CLUB PROGRAMS

### Friday, June 5th

GREETERS	Moe Lessan, Joan Ryan, Donna Hais
CASHIERS	Al Smith
SGT-AT-ARMS	Lila Tanner
INVOCATION	Barbara Blinston
HEAD TABLE	President Bob, Kathy Smith, Lynn Pankratz, Egon Holzwarth, Moe Lessan, Joan Ryan, Donna Hais
INTRODUCE GUESTS	Joyce Smith
INTRODUCE SPEAKER	Lynn Pankratz
PROGRAM	<b>SOUTH AMERICAN EXCURSION</b> <i>Kathy Smith</i>
THANK SPEAKER	Bob Patrick

### Friday, June 12th

GREETERS	Dave Hammond, Derek Lewis, John Salem
CASHIERS	Al Smith
SGT-AT-ARMS	Bob Fenty
INVOCATION	Ed Borisenko
HEAD TABLE	Pres. Bob, Kait Burgan, Bob Fenty, Art Vanidour, John Salem, Dave Hammond, Derek Lewis,
INTRODUCE GUESTS	Kathy Smith
INTRODUCE SPEAKER	Bob Fenty
PROGRAM	<b>ROTARY RALLY COVERAGE</b> <i>Kait Burgan</i>
THANK SPEAKER	Richard Finnegan

### 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	<b>From Life in a Wheelchair to Sports</b> <i>Mike Bellis</i>
THANK SPEAKER	Carmon Henderson



Rotarians who worked at "Battle of the Bands" on Saturday.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

**June 12**—Rotary Golf Tournament at Winchelsea, \$25 for golf and \$25 for dinner—chicken or steak.

**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.



Winner of  
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