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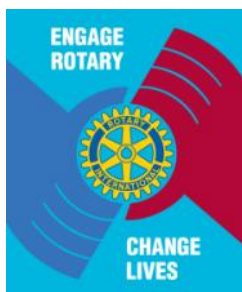


We don't often see where you go to find the elusive pot of gold at the end of a rainbow, but this photo manages to catch this double rainbow clearly over Newcastle Island—*Photo by Mike Thompson, Impact Digital Photography*

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

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Meeting Notes from May 30th

By: Kathy Smith

We did not need to be “upstanding” to sing Oh Canada today! **President Douglas** had us stand for our anthem and then **Brent Stetar** led us in grace.

Debbie Narver had the following guests be introduced:

Rob Waine from the North Club



Karen and Allen Ireland are Douglass' cousins from Ontario, who were introduced

by **Brenda Grice**.

Mike Thomas was a guest of **John Heisterman**.

Health of the Club – although **Yvan** was away and there was no official report. **Kathy Smith** mentioned how nice it is to see **John Morris** back after some illness.

Happy Birthday to **Keith McFarlane** and Club Anniversaries included **Brenda Grice** and **Doug McFadden**.

Talking about **Doug McFadden**, **President Douglas** had a brief chat with both him and **Doug Greer** at Berwick on the Lake – both are doing well.

Reminders: it is important to note any make ups that you make; if you do not want a full lunch, you can have coffee and dessert for \$10; May is Rotary Celebrations month and June is Fellowship Month (thanks to Bruce G. for knowing this)

Announcements:

Frank Shoemaker – had meetings with the Ghanains; NOTICE OF MOTION: for \$3000 to go from the International Service Committees budget to the Oceanside Rotary Club for school renovations in Ghana that will occur during the 2014/2015 Rotary year; there has been money accumulating for Malaria nets; these funds will be combined and a district grant will be applied or to double the money; not only will nets be pur-



chased but a sewing machine to mend the nets and buckets to be used to “retreat” the nets with solution; the International Services Committee is hopeful to do a latrine project with Tembo in Kenya



Lila Tanner – updated us on Shelterbox Canada; our club has donated \$1000 this year; Rotary is a world leader in emergency shelters; since 2000 there have been 240 disasters in-

volved in 90 countries helping over 1 million people; Canadians donated \$1.3 million to the Philippines Disaster sheltering 1300 families, saving lives, giving a means to rebuild and the dignity to carry on

Debbie Narver – has distributed BC Summer Games volunteer forms to the tables; please help out by completing a form and giving it to Debbie

Bob Fenty – attended a youth exchange meeting; we have a young man coming from Holland who has his first host family but we need two more in the Dover area – Dec – Mar and Apr – July; Bob also had tickets for sale for the watches and dive for watches – over \$2000 in prizes

Brent Stetar – the Fellowship Committee is hosting a golf tournament on June 13; please let Brent of **Dave Hammond** know if you want to play or join the group for dinner; \$25 golf, \$25 dinner



Wayne Anderson – The Book Committee used to give money to the *Friends of the Library* for their help with the book sale; this year the *Altrusa Club* helped out and so Wayne had a NOTICE OF MOTION to

donate \$1000 from the proceeds to the book sale to Altrusa.

Frank Shoemaker – let people know about the library with the Malahat First Nations, which is sponsored by the

Lake Cowichan Rotary Club, are having an Open House on June 4. At the District Conference, Stephen Point showed pictures of the new library and it looks fabulous

Lila Tanner – the Hospital Foundation needs 2 people for a bridge tournament May 31; see her if you want info.

Sgt-at-Arms:

Bruce Sampson first gave a big thank you to **Mike Knutson** who didn't want Bruce to have to sit alone. Happy bucks from **John Heisterman** who is going sailing with his friend Mike to gather food for the family. **Brenda**



Grice is happy to have relatives visiting and very happy her mom is settling nicely into Berwick. **Kathy Smith** is proud that her daughter is graduating from Interior design and noted that they had a great mini holiday on Quadra Island with the Gordon's and Myden's.



President Douglas was happy to finally get Brenda's moms answering machine working after 22 missed calls. **Frank Shoemaker** had lunch with **Egon Holzwarth** and they were talking about WW II and how Henry Ford was able to have a bomber produced every 57 min – to which Egon said – “no wonder we lost the war, we couldn't shoot them down that fast!”

Brent Stetar is now a free agent; this is his last day at Investor's; he is excited for what the future might bring.

Table stakes were won by one of our guest speakers: **Bryson Beute**. Card Draw was won by **President Douglas**



who needed **Bob Jones** to read the number on his ticket and so Bob pulled the card for Douglas who didn't win! Did that confuse you yet? The 50-50 pot continues to grow!

Adventures in Forestry and RYLA

Report by John Shillabeer

Bob Fenty introduced three exceptional local, young people. **Bryson Beute** had recently returned from Prince George and "Adventures in Forestry"; **Catherine Nguyen** and **Julia Kadera** spoke of their experiences at RYLA in Seattle. Bob also took the opportunity to thank **Rob Wayne** of Nanaimo North Club who for many years has organised local support for RYLA and youth services generally.



Rob Wayne, long time organizer of RYLA.

Bryson attends John Barsby High School, is an army cadet and a qualified parachutist. He is one of very few Canadian cadets to have passed the military parachuting course at Trenton AFB, which is meant for adult soldiers. The Adventures in Forestry trip included visits to industrial sites, a tree nursery and the UNBC campus. He had the opportunity to find out about forest fire fighting and meet fire fighters as well as other forest industry workers. As a result of Adventures in Forestry, Bryson now has a clear career path in view: he wants to combine his parachuting with his love for the outdoors and to



Bryson Beute—future smoke jumper.

eventually become a "smoke jumper" forest fire fighter. Initially he plans to graduate from high School and then later this year to qualify as a faller. He ended by thanking the Club for the financial support that enabled him to attend the Adventures in Forestry.

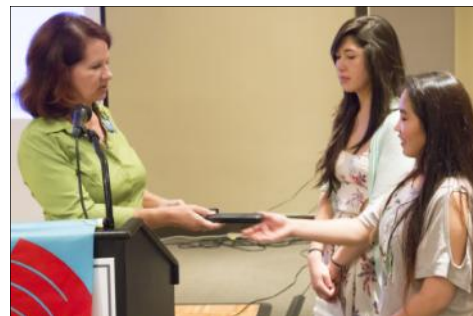
Catherine and **Julia** are both grade twelve students at John Barsby High School. Both are very active in the school social justice programme, various school clubs and volunteer extensively in Nanaimo. RYLA gave them the opportunity to meet many other young people from different backgrounds with similar interests. They were particularly impressed to hear from and meet one presenter who was a holocaust survivor and another who had coped with a difficult childhood, overcome dyslexia obtained a Master's degree and gone on to become a teacher.



Among their take-aways from RYLA were the realisations that:

- Being a leader is a mindset
- Coming together to make a contribution builds its own momentum
- RYLA helped them understand why they volunteer in the community
- They would recommend RYLA to anyone.

Julia and **Catherine** felt the experience will be a major and beneficial influence on them. They thanked the club for the opportunity to go to Seattle and experience RYLA.



Kathy Smith presenting Catherine and Julia with a Rotary pen.

Kathy Smith thanked the speakers and observed that Catherine and Julie are light years ahead of where Kathy was when she attended RYLA as a young woman.

All speakers were presented with the coveted Rotary Pen made by **Dave Connolly**.

What is Rotary's top philanthropic goal?

A major portion of the Rotary International Convention will be devoted to Rotary's top priority, the global eradication of the crippling disease polio, and many area residents will remember seeing the exterior of the iconic Sydney Opera House illuminated with Rotary's [End Polio Now](#) message in February 2009. The convention will include an update on Rotary's funding campaign with the [Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation](#), in which the latter will match 2 for 1 every new dollar Rotary commits to polio eradication up to AUD 38 million (USD 35 million) per year through 2018.

ATTENDANCE

By Bob Janes

Attendance for May 30th was **51%**

We missed these Rotarians

Ali, Blackmore, Blinston, Buchanan, Cantelon, Currie, L & Y Gosselin, Hais, Hammond, Henderson, Hewitt, Lewis, McIver, Myden, Patrick, Raedler, Ramos, Ryan, A. Smith, J. Smith, Welch

Visiting Rotarians: Rob Wayne, Nanaimo North

Guests:

Karin & Allan Ireland, Mike Thomas, Bryson Bente

Make ups:

Joan Ryan at RI Convention, Sydney, Australia

Birthdays:

Harry Cicconi, June 8th

Spouse Birthdays:

Joan Huck (Dale) June 8th

Marie Fenty (Bob) June 9th

Sandy Herold (Mike) June 9th

Beverley Vanidour (Art) June 12th



PP Joan Ryan making up at the R.I. Convention in Sydney, Australia.

WEEKLY CLUB PROGRAMS

Friday, June 6th

GREETERS	Joyce Smith, Bill King, Bob Fenty
CASHIERS	Al Smith
SGT-AT-ARMS	Bruce Samson
INVOCATION	Lila Tanner
HEAD TABLE	Pres. Douglas, Sara Lindhagen, Janeane Coutu, Joyce Smith, Bill King, Bob Fenty, Bob Patrick
INTRODUCE GUESTS	Lynne Pankratz
INTRODUCE SPEAKER	Janeane Coutu
PROGRAM	SWEDEN—MY HOME COUNTRY <i>Sara Lindhagen</i>
THANK SPEAKER	Debbie Narver

Friday, June 13th

GREETERS	Kathy Smith, Derek Lewis, Richard Finnegan
CASHIERS	Al Smith
SGT-AT-ARMS	Lila Tanner
INVOCATION	Susie Walker
HEAD TABLE	Pres. Douglas, Dr. John Snively, Ross White, Joyce Smith, Bill King, Bob Fenty, Bob Patrick
INTRODUCE GUESTS	Bob Patrick
INTRODUCE SPEAKER	Ross White
PROGRAM	GUATEMALA DENTISTRY <i>Dr. John Snively</i>
THANK SPEAKER	Frank Shoemaker

Friday, June 20th

**INSTALLATION
MEETING**
AT THE
COAST BASTION INN
Fellowship 6:00 p.m.
Dinner 7:00 p.m.
Installation
of Robert Wilson
and the 2014-15
Executive
To Follow

Polio Takes a Hit



Polio took a hit at this year's Rotary convention in Sydney, Australia. First there was the record-breaking climb across the Sydney Harbour Bridge that raised enough money to protect 240,000 kids from polio. On 30 May, two days before the official opening of the convention, 340 participants ascended the bridge, eclipsing the record previously held by Oprah Winfrey for most climbers on the bridge. Waving 278 flags, they also broke the Guinness World Record for most flags flown on a bridge. Then it was announced that the World's Biggest Commercial, Rotary's public awareness campaign for polio eradication, set a Guinness World Record for largest photo awareness campaign. More than 100,000 people from 170 countries have uploaded their photos, including Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Bill Gates, Archie Panjabi, Jackie Chan, and many more.

But the biggest news was the \$101 million pledged to polio eradication. Australian Prime Minister Tony Abbott opened the convention on 1 June with a commitment from his government of \$100 million to the PolioPlus campaign. Two days later, Sir Emeka Offor, executive vice chair of Chrome Group, announced a \$1 million gift to The Rotary Foundation to help end polio.

"Scores of my friends and classmates fell victim to this dreaded disease," said Sir Emeka, who serves as Rotary's PolioPlus ambassador in Nigeria.

"As a young man I vowed that I would someday do something significant to end polio in Nigeria."

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DATES TO REMEMBER

June 13—Rotary Golf Tournament at Winchelsea Golf Course. Best ball, BBQ and lots of good fellowship. Cost: \$25 for golf, \$25 for BBQ.

June 20—Rotary Installation of Bob Wilson and his 2014-15 Rotary Executive, Coast Bastion Inn. Fellowship 6:00 p.m., dinner 7:00.

June 26—Lantzville Rotary Installation, Nanaimo Golf Club, 6:00 p.m.



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