

ROTARY CLUB OF NANAIMO

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Stone Wall at Neck Point - 3/8/17

Photos by Ian Williams

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

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Meeting Notes from March 3rd, 2017

By Janeane Coutu

We began our meeting with the national anthem and **Brent Barootes** led us in an eloquent invocation. **Faye Laing** introduced visiting Rotarians and guests.

We welcomed two guests, **Chioma Okafer**, an MBA intern student working with **Joan Ryan**, and **Adam Mabbott** of Terra-west in Nanaimo, who was a guest of **Charles Ramos**.



Chioma Okafer

Strategic Plan Update



President Debbie provided an update on the Strategic Plan for the 3 years 2017-2019 which is based on the 2011 Vision exercise. A small group which includes President Debbie, the next two incoming Presidents and two other Rotarians have been meeting to develop the plan. They have done some analysis and decided to pick a few key

items to take action on, considering RI changes, club and community drivers, and the engagement survey that was undertaken at the beginning of the Rotary year.

~**Rotary Service and Friendship** – both were recurring responses in the survey – we want more hands on projects and more social activities.

~**Opportunities in the community** – newcomers, under represents (& diverse) groups, small and home-based business, professional associations.

~**Explore and develop strategic partnerships.**

Next steps;

1. Communicate with those interested get input on how to implement
2. Director will connect with committee chairs
3. Possible small (or large) group discussions

Announcements

President Debbie announced the upcoming birthday of **John Salem**, and the 25th anniversary of **Lucie Gosselin** and **Janeane Coutu** joining the club (*part of the first group of women members inducted*) and **Frank Shoemaker** celebrates 19 years in the club.

We were reminded of **Bob Fenty**'s memorial service on Sunday at 1 pm at the **Coast Bastion**.



Lila Tanner announced that the club will be delivering \$40,000 to **Nanaimo Travellers Lodge Society** as the 2nd installment of our \$100k pledge. We are holding back \$10k awaiting the result of the bench project and District Grant application. **Dave Connelly** added that the grant

is a maximum \$3500 USD (roughly \$5K Cdn) and that the project is well in hand and paperwork to be submitted by May 31st to District 5020.

Lila also reminded us of the **Rotary Foundation** celebration meeting on April 1st at **Beban Park** starting at 6pm. Two citizens will receive **Paul Harris Fellow** awards from our club; **Dr. Whitelaw** and **Moira Jenkins**. Invitations are also going out to non-Rotarians.

Dave Hammond gave a brief update on the Centennial Project and they are planning of a tour of the project site at the end of the month, weather permitting. A meeting will be called afterwards to talk project specifics.

Dave also brought forward the news that the **City of Nanaimo** has purchased from **SD68** the site of the **Rotary Bowl** track and **Serauxman** stadium. They have redevelopment plans and there are lots of questions, but few answers at this time. **Tyler Heisterman**, as President of **Nanaimo Track and Field Club**, was scheduled to talk to us and will hopefully come to a meeting soon.

President Debbie wrapped up the announcements with two thank you's; **Lila Tanner** for her work organizing the April Foundation event and **Keith McFarlane** who will speak on behalf of the club at Bob's service. (*and Keith did a wonderful job on Sunday*)

Sgt-at-Arms Report



Sgt-at-Arms Wayne Anderson took over the meeting and fined **Mike Herold** for not showing up for greeter duty, and himself for not phoning and reminding Mike as is part of the Sgt's duty. He congratulated **Brent Barootes** (no fine) for stepping in at the last minute to represent the **YES** side at the debate on the proposed **Events Centre** going to referendum on March 11th.

Bob Wilson was singled out and recognized by those present for his weekly book pickups and he is handing over that duty to **Wahid Ali** while he goes on vacation.

Happy Bucks

Wilson wished he had **Doug Cowling**'s hair, and if he had he would look after it better. **Douglas Anderson** was happy to be back at Rotary after a vacation, **Wendy Pratt** was sad she missed the meeting at which we shared memories of **Bob Fenty**, but happy to have known him. **Dave Hammond** echoed comments on **Brent Barootes** stepping up at the debate, **Carey McIver** was happy to be at back after exotic travels to Bella Coola and Powell River. **Egon Holzwarth** disclosed his weakness for women with braids and asked guest **Chioma** how long it took to braid her hair (*all day!*).



Charles Ramos was happy that after 7 years, everyone knows his name and isn't afraid to ridicule him. **Joan Ryan** used her buck to announce a *Family Health and Wellness Event* in Parksville Mar 18/19.



Faye Laing won the table stakes, and **Dave Hammond** won the 50-50 card draw but didn't draw the Ace of Spades, so the pot will continue to grow until the ace is found and the pot is claimed.



Chamber of Commerce Report

By Mike Herold

Today's speaker needed no introduction but club member **Brent Barootes** gave today's speaker **Kim Smythe** a short welcome.



Kim Smythe is currently CEO of the Greater Nanaimo Chamber of Commerce. Kim mentioned that the main reason that Brent's introduction was short was that Kim forgot to send Brent his biography due to the busy week.

Twenty five years ago with his wife and small child, Kim and his family decided to leave the hustle and bustle of Kitsilano and their small condo and move to Vancouver Island. Closing his eyes and pointing to the map of the island his finger landed on Nanaimo and off they set.

Upon arrival, Kim met club member **Bruce Gordon** who told him it was a poor idea to move to the island but Kim did not listen to Bruce (*no one does*) and moved with his family two months later to Nanaimo.

Kim has been at the Chamber of Commerce for the past 3 1/2 years as President and CEO and the Chamber boasts of a current membership of the 700 members representing various business interests in the area.

Benefits for a business being a member of the Chamber includes company benefit packages for smaller businesses, networking and discounts at member businesses among many other benefits.

Kim remembers last speaking at Rotary 10 years ago when he was involved with the Vancouver Island Children's Festival which has stopped due to lack of government funds.

The Chamber promotes many annual events which can be found on their website. Some of these events include Dine About, and the Annual Business Achievement Awards which this year will be the 21st Awards and will be like an Oscar style event held at the Port Theatre. Last year over 400 people attended this event.

Other events include the Annual Golf Tournament at Cottonwood Golf Course in June, Business Expo for 120 local

businesses at the Vancouver Island Conference Centre, Xmas sale in December and many luncheons with key note speakers.

Dr. Ralph Nilson from Vancouver Island University gives an annual talk at a Chamber lunch. The Chamber helps members with professional development, they are an advocacy for government and the community working well with the City Councillors and Kim is currently working with the BC and Canadian Chamber of Commerce to look at ways to modify the local Government Act on how Municipal Councillors are selected.



The Chamber brings in Provincial elected officials like the recent breakfast meeting with Finance Minister **Mike de Jong** and works well with local governments to get projects going like the downtown hotel and the Medical Marijuana Facility at Duke Point.

The Chambers most recent event was the hosting of the debate on the Nanaimo Events Centre that started off not so good but ended well. Kim thanked club member **Brent Barootes** for sitting in on the "Yes" group for the debate. Kim reminded everyone to get out and vote on March 11th at the Event Centre funding.

The Chamber is funded by annual dues, hosting events, rental of Chamber office and is always interested in finding other sources of funding as well as looking for new members on the Board.

Club member **Dave Hammond** thanked Kim for his talk today and reminded us that Nanaimo businesses are lucky to have someone like Kim as our representative.



ATTENDANCE

By Bob Janes

Attendance for **March 3rd** was **46%**

We missed the following Rotarians

Ali, Borisenko, Brand, Currie, Forghani Targhi, Gerrand, Hais, Henderson, Lessan, Mougeot, Myden, Parsons, Raedler, Salem, Samson, Shillabeer, J. Smith, Stephens, Tessier,

Wittkofski, Woodward, Woychuck

Visiting Guests: Adam Mabbott, Chioma Okafor

Makeups: Pratt, Wayne Anderson

Spouse Birthdays:

Doug Narver [Debbie] on March 11th

Club Anniversary:

Fay Laing, 2 yrs, Mar 13
Douglas Anderson, 9 yrs, March 14th

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Rotary Club of Nanaimo Names for Recognition:

Gord Nowicki - local RCMP Officer, works with school liaison program, youth and Pee Wee hockey volunteer.

Ralph Nilson – VIU President

Ian Ilina - CEO Boys and Girls Clubs. Also developmental work with First Nations.

Leon Davis - Branch Manager BC SPCA- amazing dedication & commitment to work for animals in our community.

Maeve O'Byrne – Retired CEO and President of Nanaimo Hospital Foundation

Erin van Steen – Retired Nanaimo Schools Foundation. Instrumental in thousands of students get scholarships, bursaries and awards. Also instrumental in expansion of the Foundation to support meal programs fund projects, start funds that awarded monies to help needy – “Mini O” for special needs students.

Rogie Vachon- retired, served 40 yrs. RCMP auxiliary program, road checks, road safety.

Jennifer Doyle – Manager volunteer Resources VIHA.

***Dr. John P. Whitelaw** - Retired Pathologist. As well as diagnostic Accreditation Program Inspector for the College of Physicians Surgeons, volunteer pathologist Vientiane Laos, worked with National Geographic Wildlife photographer & presently President of the board Nanaimo Conservatory of Music.

Tom Harris Director of Nanaimo Community Foundation, President of Nanaimo & District Hospital Foundation, past chair Canadian Automobile Dealers.

Don Hubbard – Past VIU Foundation board & VIU Board of Governors. Past Director of Ducks Unlimited and presently Board Chair Island Health.

Shirley Lance – City councilor, many years on city Parks

and Recreation Commission, Chief City Electoral Officer, and other community initiatives.

***Moira Jenkins** - Current chair Nanaimo Port Authority, Treasurer Nanaimo Hospital Foundation, past chair Nanaimo Economic Development Group. And others.

Rick Wong– Mrs. Ritchie's, cooked 8 turkeys, hundreds of pounds of potatoes and carrots for the Bayview Christmas lunch program for the last 9 years.

Theresa Korney, Johnston Wholesale.

Mikel Knutson – **Thrifty's at Park Place.** Rotary member.

Guenther Raedler – **Mr. Lube.** Rotary member.

Carol Matthews – recipient of the province's highest honor “Order of BC Award”. Former VIU Dean, educator, writer and community leader. Founded Nanaimo Family Life Association. Served on boards of Kids International, Nanaimo Youth Services, Nanaimo Port authority and Port Theatre.

Brenda Fowler, Executive Director, People for a Healthy Community on Gabriola.

Michelle Benjamin, Executive Director, Gabriola Arts Council.

The above citizens named are recommended for honour at the 100-year Celebration of Rotary Foundation to be held at Beban Park on April 1st, 2017, at six o'clock in the evening.

*Denotes proposed Paul Harris Fellowship Recipients

DATES TO REMEMBER

April 1—Celebrating 100 years of the Rotary Foundation starting at 6:00 pm at Beban Park. Several PHF pins to be awarded.

April 21 to 30—Rotary Used Book Sale, Nanaimo North Town Centre

May 4, 5, 6, 2017—Spirit of Rotary DTA & Conference, Suquamish, WA. More details at www.rotary5020.org

May 13—Oceanside Rotary Janes Bond Night, 007 Moonraker. Beban Auditorium. Dinner, auction, dancing. Tickets \$125/ea.

WEEKLY CLUB PROGRAMS & MEMBER DUTIES

MEETING DATE	March 10th, 2017	March 17th, 2017	March 24th, 2017
GREETERS	Barbara Blinston, John Salem, Egon Holzwarth	Frank Shoemaker, Bob Janes, Charlotte Mougeot	Christine Parsons, David Woodward, Wendy Pratt
CASHIER	Henry Jiang	Henry Jiang	Henry Jiang
SGT-AT-ARMS	Wahid Ali	Dave Hammond	John Heisterman
INVOCATION	Laurie Beinert	Barbara Blinston	Lynne Pankratz
HEAD TABLE	Pres Debbie, Bernie Dumas, Mike Herold, Barbara Blinston, Egon Holzwarth, John Salem	Pres Debbie, Art Vanidour, Bob McDougall, Frank Shoemaker, Bob Janes, Charlotte Mougeot	Pres Debbie, Barb Ashmead, Wendy Pratt, Susan Gerrand, Christine Parsons, David Woodward
INTRO GUESTS	John Salem	Frank Shoemaker	Bruce Gordon
INTRO SPEAKER	Mike Herold	President Debbie	Wendy Pratt
PROGRAM	NANAIMO PORT AUTHORITY <i>CEO Bernie Dumas</i>	Honorary Members Presentation <i>St Patrick's Day</i>	V. I. COMPASSION DOGS <i>Barb Ashmead</i>
THANK SPEAKER	Donna Hais	_____	Joan Ryan