

ROTARY CLUB OF NANAIMO

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Speaker Bob Mueller and President Jane hold the Emmy Award he earned for outstanding long sports feature on television titled *Finding your Butkus*.

Club Meeting Friday at 12:00 p.m.
at the Coast Bastion Inn
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Meeting Notes for Friday 9 March 2018

By John Shillabeer

President Jane Currie opened the meeting followed by the members singing O Canada. **Lila Tanner** gave the invocation expressing thanks for Rotary and the associated opportunities to be helpful to others. There were neither guests nor visiting Rotarians.



Announcements



On behalf of the membership committee, **Denise Wittkofski** invited everyone, including spouses and friends, to come along to the *Happy Happy Hour* at Minnoz on Monday from 5 to 7 pm.



Janeane Coutu reminded members about signing up for book sale shifts sooner rather than later and asked for volunteers to come help sort books any morning between about 9 and 11 am.



Charles Ramos gave notice of a motion to adopt the revised Club constitution and bylaws. Hard and soft copies of the current and draft versions are available and Charles asked members to review them before the vote.



Frank Shoemaker recommended a very inspiring film about polio on Netflix called "Breath". Frank also gave notice of a motion on behalf of the International Service Committee to contribute \$12,500 to help Nanaimo Daybreak Rotary fund rebuilding a school in Kathmandu. Frank gave notice of a second motion to contribute

\$2,250 to help Comox Rotary fund latrine construction in Haiti.

Douglas Anderson gave members a heads up that sometime soon on arrival for a Friday meeting we will all draw a number at random that will govern where we sit.



Doug Cowling, chair of the Community Grants Committee, said provided that the following four motions are approved, the Committee will have allocated \$27,000

this year and met its target. Doug stressed how the scope of the grants depends on the success of the book sale to raise the necessary funds.

Susie Stephens introduced the motions assisted by **Wendy Pratt**:



- To provide a grant of \$10,000 to help the Nanaimo Hospice Society to fund the "Griefmobile" (a mobile resource to assist those dealing with the death of someone dear to them). **Janeane Coutu** seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously on a show of hands.
- To provide a grant of \$4,000 to the Nanaimo Ladysmith Schools Foundation to support four \$1,000 Rotary Community Awards in May for the current school year. **Bob Janes** seconded the motion which was carried unanimously on a show of hands.
- To provide a grant of \$2,000 to the John Barsby First Nations Alternative program through the Nanaimo Ladysmith Schools Foundation. **Joan Ryan** seconded the motion which was carried unanimously on a show of hands.
- To provide a grant of \$7,000 in support of the Culture Days in the Big House (April 17-20). The grant will be equally divided between four participating schools. The motion was seconded by **John Salem** and was carried unanimously on a show of hands. In response to questions **Susie** and **Wendy** undertook to follow up about visible recognition of Rotary's support.



There was no sergeant-at-arms and no happy and sad bucks this week.

The Draw

Pat Cox won the table stakes and **Brenda Grice** won the card draw, but did not draw the Ace of Spades.



Bob Mueller: Finding Your Butkus

David Woodward introduced speaker **Bob Mueller** with “distinct personal pleasure.” Having met Bob 45+ years ago in high school, David touted Bob’s artistic talent (“literally gobsmaking”), his flair as a professional storyteller (the “tough guy, hard-nosed speaker”), his mission to help CEOs, and his Chicken Soup for the Soul Series and his new book, *Finding Your Butkus*, *How to be Unstoppable in Life and Business*. In 2008, Bob’s life story, “Finding Your Butkus,” won an emmy for outstanding long feature; he has been featured on ESPN, the NFL network, NFL Films, CTV, BBC and was a finalist on the *Dragons’ Den*. Bob’s mission is to help CEOs and companies to “dream bigger, embrace risk and become leaders in the rapidly changing world.” David then showed a short video clip of the documentary featuring Dick Butkus, the premise of Mr. Mueller’s talk.



Garbed in a Chicago Bears football helmet and shirt, Bob introduced himself as a “Dick Butkus wannabe – “the most feared name in football, the toughest man to ever plan the game.” As a 13-year old in 1969 playing for the Saanich Hornets, he revered Butkus as “everything football meant.”

The premise of Mr. Mueller’s talk: Butkus is a metaphor for what you could be...that everything you do is a fraction of what you want. It’s a gut feeling. Most of us never give it a thought. When you have a metaphor for life, whether it’s business or personal, it transforms people’s imaginations of not just what you are, but would you could be. And that’s what *Finding Your Butkus* is about.

Why did he have a helmet and football costume on? To mitigate risk, gain confidence, take chances, go farther in life.

Taking his helmet off, Bob talked about Oprah, who claims we should all have one goal in life: to go as far as we can in the sphere of who we are in order to find our own true purpose. He implored us: You, what you are, what makes you get up in the morning...what is your story? Few of us take the time to tell our story.

With that, he encouraged us to tell our unique stories and follow our dreams. He related how, as a youngster

he learned to draw by copying super heroes in cartoons. But his father threw out his drawings “because it was his right to tell him [Bob] what was right to do in life.”

Under his father’s influence, his love for football and for art quickly eroded. He went on to become an entrepreneur—building houses, opening martial arts studios—and went down this path for 35 years. At 47, he found his life empty. He was divorced and did what any lonely soul does: he took up yoga, hot Bikram Yoga, at that. “Does this body look like a yogi?” he joked. He even went on to teach yoga in 120 degree rooms.

But in 2002, he came back to some realizations along with his new girlfriend, now wife. Surfing the Internet, they discovered eBay, which begged the question: What do you want, what are you interested in?

For Bob, it was Dick Butkus and art. With that realization, he started buying a lot of Butkus paraphernalia on eBay and went to the art store for art supplies. He went on a mission to find Butkus and meet him in person. After chasing him across the US, he finally met up with his revered football hero in Pittsburgh, and came to the conclusion that he needed to tell the Dick Butkus story. He contacted Steve Sabol, President of NFL films and told him his idea of his story to “Find his Butkus.” To his surprise, the Sabol liked the story, sent a film crew with an Emmy winning director to Kelowna, BC and captured the essence of Bob Mueller’s desire to live his dreams. The short documentary was nominated and won the top Emmy in 2008.

Bob closed his talk by stressing the importance of our own personal story. It is essential to tell because it is your life story. He implored us to look back on our past and ask, what makes us tick? It isn’t to get a paycheck and then a pension. We must all say to ourselves: “I will persist until I succeed.”



Jason Bradley kindly thanked the speaker for his amazing story and presented him with a member-crafted pen.

Bob then gave a print of his art to **Denise Wittkofski** who answered his question correctly.



Rotary Happy Hour at the Coast Bastion, Monday March 12, 2018

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Member Birthday

Smith, Joyce Mar 18

Date Joined Rotary

Shillabeer, John 8 years Mar 19

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DATES TO REMEMBER

March 31 2018, Membership & PI Summit. Grand Pacific Victoria 9 - 1.

April 13-22 2018, ROTARY USED BOOK SALE

May 4 - Meeting at Eden Gardens

May 4-5 2018, District Training and Conference

June 22 - Installation - noon Coast Bastion Inn

June 23-27 2018, Rotary International Conference

WEEKLY CLUB PROGRAMS AND MEMBER DUTIES

Meeting Date	March 16, 2018	March 23, 2018	March 30 2018
Greeters	Norm Myden, Doug Cowling, Jason Bradley	Debbie Narver, Behzad Forghani, Joyce Smith	
Cashier	Ed Borisenko	Ed Borisenko	
Sgt at Arms	Joan Ryan	Wayne Anderson	
Inspiration	Mike Knutsson	Doug Cowling	
Head Table	Pres. Jane, Adrian Legin, Pat Cox	VP Carey, Mikel Knutsson, Charles Ramos	
Intro Guests	Barbara Blinston	John Shillabeer	
Intro Speaker	Mike Minhaus	Charles Ramos	
Program	Coastal Community Credit Union - Adrian Legin, CEO	Up to London to visit the Queen - Mikel Knutsson	
Thank Speaker	Pat Cox	Bruce Samson	

NO MEETING