

# ROTARY CLUB OF NANAIMO

# “C O G S”

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Friday, March 17, 2017



President Debbie presents a cheque to Robert Grose of Travellers Lodge Society as a payment on our commitment of \$100,000 to their Eden Gardens project.  
*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 10th, 2017

By Janeane Coutu

**President Debbie Narver** opened the meeting by inviting us to rise and join in singing our national anthem. **Laurie Bienert** gave an inspiring invocation, and **John Salem** introduced visiting Rotarians and guests. We welcomed Rotarian **Robert Grose** of the Lantzville Club, and guests **John Blinston**, Barb's son visiting from Fort McMurray, and **Ann Holzwarth** who was introduced by **Douglas Anderson** (and not husband **Egon**?).

There was just one birthday reminder – for President Deb's husband, **Doug Narver**. Club anniversaries included **Fay Laing** 2 yrs, and **Douglas Anderson** 9 yrs.

In respect to *Health of the Club*, **Jane Currie** mentioned that she had taken **Iris Borisenko** to visit **Ed** in Victoria hospital last weekend, and that Ed had his heart valve surgery on Wednesday and was doing very well.

**President Deb** relayed that we had received two letters of thanks; from the Conservatory of Music for having them attend as guest speaker, and the Red Cross for our financial support this year.

### Cheque to Eden Gardens



**Robert Grose** provided a quick update on the new **Eden Gardens** building project by **Nanaimo Travelers Lodge Society**, stating “we’re almost there!” He had a short slideshow starting with the undeveloped property on Northfield Rd, the Sept 2015

ground breaking, a building by summer, and now down to the final weeks before taking possession on April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Rotarians did a hands-on project in early December planting the gardens in the parking lot, and applying varnish to the benches that will be placed about the many gardens.



Robert spoke about recognizing Rotary, our club specifically but also all Rotary clubs, for supporting the project with financial support and many hours of volunteer time. A rock will be placed outside the main entrance with the Rotary emblem to show how involved Rotary has been with the project. Moving day is April 28<sup>th</sup>.



**Lila Tanner** asked if we needed help, and the answer is **YES**. NTL has a volunteer co-ordinator who will have job list and organize volunteers, details will be sent out in the coming weeks for those interested in helping. **President Debbie** presented a cheque to Robert for \$40,000 to the project (total contribution to date = \$90,000).

### Club Announcements

On to announcements, **Dave Hammond** asked members of the Centennial project committee to stay behind to schedule meeting date/time to view the project site.

**Douglas Anderson** announced a new member proposal for **Mike Minhas** of Island Home Furniture, sponsored by **Lila Tanner**.



**Janeane Coutu** thanked the few members that responded to the email asking for book sorting help and reminded all members that the book sale was not just a 10-day event, there was work going on every day of the week and help is always needed, sorters are in the room every morning. For those that don't like sorting, we need help organizing non-fiction categories to make them look good for the sale.

Details on “*Adopt a Category*” will be emailed this week – a great opportunity to help when it suits your schedule.

### Sgt-at-Arms Report



**Wahid Ali** took over the meeting as **Sgt-at-Arms** and started with an open call for people on their phones, texting, talking or emailing to fess up and pay a fine. He called out **Susie Stephens** for getting a phone call but honest **John Heisterman** stood up and confessed it was his phone ringing. Wahid fined everyone at John's table because John was too poor to pay the fine! John referred to Wahid a “his new best friend”.

**David Woodward** suggested Wahid fine **Robert Grose** for receiving that big cheque – oh David, didn't you know that would get YOU fined? (and he was)

Wahid told us it was **National Fist Pump Day** and asked us to join in for one. He then asked how many days until **Canada's** 150<sup>th</sup> birthday? He fined everyone in the room because nobody had the answer – 113 days.

**Many happy and sad bucks** were given, and of special note....

Two members gave money towards the **Bob Fenty Memorial Scholarship** being created at **Nanaimo Ladysmith Schools Foundation** – if you would like to make a personal contribution, please give to Treasurer **Lynne Pankratz**.

**Lucie Gosselin** gave a thank you to Wahid and his family for stepping up to host the multi-club sponsored exchange student **Man**, and to **Henry Jiang** who is hosting after Wahid – both came through for the **Youth Exchange** program and as a club,





we are indebted.

*Funny ending...* we were out of time and had to wrap up the Sgt time but then **Joan Ryan** stood up and paid a fine for receiving and reading an email – *Wahid's criminal record check!*

### Club Draws

**Barb Blinston** won the table stakes, and **Mikel Knutsson** didn't draw the Ace of spades so the pot continues to grow!



### Membership Proposal

Unless written objection is received by the Club Secretary within the mandatory seven [7] days, the following applicant will be invited to join the Rotary Club of Nanaimo:

**MIKE MINHAS**

Classification: Furniture, Retail

Proposed by: Lila Tanner

## Nanaimo Port Authority

by Jane K. Currie



**Charles Ramos** introduced **Bernie Dumas**, President and CEO of the Nanaimo Port Authority. The NPA is Vancouver Island's cargo and marine transportation centre, with the authority to manage, control and administer the harbour, waters and foreshore of the Georgia Strait in the area adjacent to Nanaimo. Bernie has been at the NPA since 2009, and has worked for 35 years in the marine industry.

Bernie was happy to be back to address our club, and missed **Mike Herold**, his guitar jam and singing buddy, who was in CA.

Bernie started his talk with Security and Safety, a key responsibility, before describing several development needs and opportunities. The NPA operates two patrol boats, each equipped with a fire pump. There is a MOU in place with the Nanaimo fire department and good coordination with the city.

Short sea-shipping, an efficient way to transport goods in ocean-containers along coastal routes, is a growth area for Vancouver Island. In 2012 about 4,200 containers were moved to Vancouver Island and in 2016 that had grown to 16,000. Changes in container management are creating new opportunities for small shipments (20 metric tonnes per box) to be expedited globally.

The Duke Point terminal, built in the 1980's needs an upgrade, to achieve a potential of \$60 million in coastal trade by 2020. The upgrade would be to earthquake standards, which would make this a uniquely dependable facility.

Helijet, at the cruise ship passenger terminal, has a new

contract for 7 days/week service to Vancouver.

'Passenger-only speed ferry service between Nanaimo and downtown Vancouver *might* be in place by the fall of 2017,

TBC. Applications have been received and reviewed. Island Ferry Services Ltd. (IFSL) was recently announced as the Preliminary Preferred Proponent. The proponent needs to arrange financing to proceed.

The Downtown Marina upgrade will cost about \$6-7 million and take place over 4-5 phases over several years. Old docks, plumbing and utilities all need to be replaced.

In 2017 the Cruise Ship terminal will receive 2 pocket cruise ships and 6 large vessels, for a total of 12,000 passengers. The NPA would like to see this number increase to 20-25/year, but competition with Victoria and Vancouver is challenging – we don't have enough world-class day-trip tours to offer cruise tourists when they arrive here.

The Q& A covered a variety of topics. One member suggested that more VIU interns be placed at the NPA, and that the VIU business program could help work on tourism development opportunities for the cruise industry. Another raised a chronic headache issue with fast ferries – how to manage the impact of a large wake and big waves on ocean-front properties, especially on Gabriola Island. Other types of local impact associated with increased coastal shipping traffic and parked freighters includes ship noise, pollution and intrusive lights, especially when anchored in certain areas close to island homes. Clearly NPA developments will require careful planning and impact assessment.

**Donna Hais**, who is on the board of the NPA, thanked Bernie for speaking to us. The NPA is vital to our community, ensuring public safety and employment in the local marine industry.



## ATTENDANCE

*By Bob Janes*

Attendance for **March 10<sup>th</sup>** was **50%**

### We missed the following Rotarians:

Barootes, Borisenko, Brand, Cowling, Forghani Targhi, Gerrand, Grice, Henderson, Laing, Lessan, McIver, Mougeot, Myden, Raedler, Samson, Shillabeer, J. Smith, Stetar,

Tessier, Wilson, Woychuck  
**Visiting Rotarians:**

Robert Grose, Lantzville  
**Guests:** Ann Holzwarth, John Blinston, and Bernie Dumas

**Makeups:** W. Anderson, 'Ali, Currie

### Birthdays:

Joyce Smith, March 18th

### Club Anniversary:

John Shillabeer, 7 years on March 19th

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## New book praises Rotary's role in fight to end polio

by Sallyann Price

A new book in the field of public health highlights Rotary's role in the global effort to wipe out polio, and places it in the context of humanity's relentless struggle to contain the world's epidemics.

In **"The Health of Nations: The Campaign to End Polio and Eradicate Epidemic Diseases"** (Oneworld Publications), British journalist and Sunday Times best-selling author Karen Bartlett surveys the global landscape of epidemics past, present, and future. Beginning with the 1980 eradication of smallpox, she guides us through more timely threats such as the Ebola and Zika viruses, and looks ahead to a future without malaria, measles, or polio.

"Who decided to rid the world of polio? Not politicians or global health organizations, as you might expect," she writes, in one of several chapters devoted to polio. "The starting gun was fired by Rotary International, a network of businessmen more used to enjoying convivial dinners, raising money for local good causes, and organizing floats to carry Santa Claus around suburban neighborhoods at Christmas."

Bartlett offers a comprehensive, readable account of the polio-eradication campaign's history and Rotary's unlikely role as its chief advocate. From epidemiologist John Sever's early suggestion that Rotary adopt ending polio as an organizational mission to the first immunization drives in the Philippines and Central and South America, the world community doubted both the idea of a campaign targeting a single disease and Rotary's capacity as a volunteer organization to execute it.

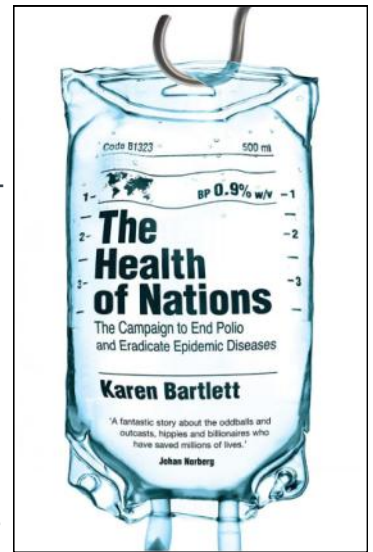
The narrative traces Rotary's mission to reach all the world's children with Albert Sabin's polio vaccine, the

formation of the **Global Polio Eradication Initiative** (GPEI), and the struggle to interrupt transmission in the world's poorest communities, particularly in densely populated countries like India, which has not reported a new case since 2011.

"Polio eradication is a twentieth-century dream, conceived by idealists and driven by big international institutions and mass mobilizations of volunteers, working together to make a better world for all," Bartlett writes. "It must succeed or fail, however, in a twenty-first century marked by factionalism, religious intolerance, and rising inequality."

Aziz Memon, chair of Rotary's National PolioPlus Committee in Pakistan, is interviewed about the challenges facing his country, one of the few where polio remains endemic and conflict has slowed progress. Carol Pandak, director of PolioPlus at Rotary headquarters, weighs in on the contributions of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, in both funding and high-profile advocacy. Other prominent voices from Rotary's GPEI partners chime in throughout.

Based in London, Bartlett has previously worked in politics and written for Newsweek and Wired. She's produced documentary films and written nonfiction books, including a biography of musician Dusty Springfield and a collaboration with Anne Frank's step-sister Eva Schloss on Schloss' memoirs.



## WEEKLY CLUB PROGRAMS & MEMBER DUTIES

MEETING DATE	March 17th, 2017	March 24th, 2017	March 31st, 2017
GREETERS	Frank Shoemaker, Bob Janes, Charlotte Mougeot	Christine Parsons, David Woodward, Wendy Pratt	Mikel Knutsson, Dave Connolly, Susie Stephens
CASHIER	Henry Jiang	Henry Jiang	Henry Jiang
SGT-AT-ARMS	Dave Hammond	John Heisterman	Brent Barootes
INVOCATION	Barbara Blinston	Lynne Pankratz	Joan Ryan
HEAD TABLE	Pres Debbie, Art Vanidour, Bob McDougall, Frank Shoemaker, Bob Janes, Charlotte Mougeot	Pres Debbie, Barb Ashmead, Wendy Pratt, Susan Gerrand, Christine Parsons, David Woodward	Pres Debbie, Aleksander Udev, Behzad Forghani, Eric Brand, Susie Stephens, Dave Connolly
INTRO GUESTS	Frank Shoemaker	Bruce Gordon	Susie Stephens
INTRO SPEAKER	President Debbie	Wendy Pratt	Behzad Forghani
PROGRAM	<b>Honorary Members Presentation</b> <i>St Patrick's Day</i>	<b>V. I. COMPASSION DOGS</b> <i>Barb Ashmead</i>	<b>EATING FOR HEALTH &amp; WELLNESS</b> <i>Aleksander Udev</i>
THANK SPEAKER	—	Joan Ryan	Keith McFarlane