

# ROTARY CLUB OF NANAIMO

# “COGS”



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Friday, March 18, 2016



Late afternoon rainbow photographed from Piper's Lagoon - March 15 2016

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

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## Meeting Notes from March 11th, 2016

by Janeane Coutu

President **Lila Tanner** began the meeting with the traditional singing of the National Anthem, accompanied by **Ian William's** wonderful video set to music. **Donna Hais** delivered invocation followed by Ian introducing the visiting Rotarians which included **Bob Wall** from Daybreak Rotary and **Suzy Deplege** from



Nanaimo North Rotary. **Bright Jang** introduced his guest, **Sharon Li** who works at the Pacific Biological Station.

Lila announced birthdays and anniversaries of members, and caught one Rotarian with a special date by surprise (but I don't want to mention names and get Derek in trouble).

During announcements, Ian Williams delivered some very sad news that **Bruce Gordon's** youngest son passed away on Wednesday. He asked all Rotarians to keep Bruce and Barb in their thoughts these next few weeks. Our sincere sympathies to them both and their family at this time.

Ian also announced the book sale shift sign up will be posted by Sunday night and he will email us when it's ready. The book sale is a club project and our major fundraiser for the year. We need all members to be involved so please sign up early, and for multiple shifts. Family and friends are also welcome to volunteer and we welcome their participation. Please make an effort to fill up the spots ASAP.



**Janeane Coutu** announced she was selling 50/50 raffle tickets and promised this was the last time she was going to ask club members to purchase a fundraiser item for her daughter's school or volleyball team! (and thank you to all the members who bought a ticket!)



**Wendy Pratt** made an announcement about the 8 Syrian families with 21 children that have arrived in Nanaimo as refugees. The **Central VI Multicultural Society** has developed a fund specifically for people wishing to donate. The families are in need of

many things and the list includes; 6 cribs and high chairs, car seats, linens and towels, cooking utensils, mixing bowls, teapots, dishes, electronics, home decor, lamps, etc. If you can help, contact [admin@cvims.org](mailto:admin@cvims.org).

**John Heisterman** announced **Bowling Night**, a fellowship committee event. April 1st at **Brechin Bowling Lanes** with pizza and snacks served at 5:30pm, bowling at 6pm. Everyone welcome - kids, grandkids, friends and family members - the more the merrier. It's a lot of fun; we bowl one serious game and one fun game. RSVP to John Heisterman.

**Ladysmith Rotary** club is hosting a fundraising night with proceeds to fund **Disaster Aid Canada** relief kits. The event is at **Aggie Hall** on April 23, and they extend an invitation to all Rotarians to attend. **Westjet** has donated 2 airfare tickets anywhere for a raffle prize. (our club has already donated for one kit this year)

Take note - **NO meeting Good Friday March 25th.**

**Sgt-at-Arms Bruce Samson** began by fining Janeane, who seems to win a lot, for asking fellow Rotarians to buy tickets - and Janeane gladly paid the fine.

-Wendy Pratt started happy bucks by encouraging us all to drop by **Bowen Park** and see the spectacular falls - this is the time of year to see them.

-Donna Hais, an admittedly known lead foot, tattled on **Yvan Gosselin** for his fast driving in his fancy new





**Yvan explains his version of Donna's story**

him at such a speed he thought surely it was a stolen vehicle so he gave chase to get a description for what surely would be a police matter. He didn't recognize the driver who had a cell phone in one hand, and a sandwich in the other, and the make-up mirror was open. The driver was waving their arms erratically which scared Yvan so he thought he better get out of there and sped off. (now Yvan, *Is it the Truth?*). We all had a good laugh, including Donna and her father, Bob Wall.



**-Doug Cowling** had a few apology bucks for giving Lila the wrong date for a committee meeting, declining to help the Sgt-at-Arms, and an apology to the speaker for leaving early.

**-Douglas Anderson** was happy to have received his new passport after his expired in Hawaii.

**-Wahid Ali** had a happy buck for Donna Hais' presentation at a recent City Council meeting (he leads a



boring life and was watching it on TV). He was impressed with Donna's professional presentation and knowledge of her topic - job well done! He had some sad bucks to say he would miss the next 4 weeks as he is going to Arizona for 2 weeks and then busy with kids sports.

Ian Williams won the table stakes, and **Charles Ramos** had the lucky ticket on the card draw but drew the two of diamonds.

## Program Notes from March 11th, 2016

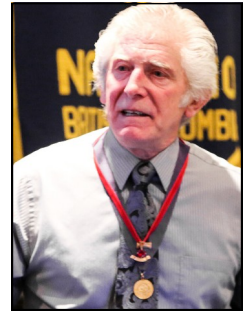
*By Charles Ramos*

Our speaker today was retired professional photographer, **Randy O'Donnell**.

truck.

-Yvan paid to tell a tale of a crazy driver in a RW Wall truck that sped past

Mr. O'Donnell was introduced by club member **Wayne Anderson**. Randy is a former Rotarian of the Lantzville Club, and was the owner of Benson View Photographic Arts for many years. He retired a few years ago, but has stayed very active, continuing to teach photography and conducting informative presentations such as today's. One of his pas-



sions is fly-fishing, which also provides ample photographic opportunities.

Mr. O'Donnell began his presentation with a brief summary of the history of photography. The first known photo was created in 1826, and a steady progression in quality was made through the late 1900's. In 1975, Kodak created the first digital photograph; however, they failed to recognize the potential, and unwittingly set the stage for their company's demise. Other companies did recognize the potential and took full advantage. This paradigm shift caused what is known to photographers around the world as the 'digital revolution'. Today, digital point and shoot cameras and cell phones, have nearly completely replaced traditional film photography.

Randy then discussed photographic tips for greater picture quality, and demonstrated the subtle differences with a series of slides. Photos are often taken in ways

## ATTENDANCE

*by Bob Janes*

Attendance for **Feb 26<sup>th</sup>** was **53%**

### We missed these Rotarians;

Barootes, Blinston, Currie, Fenty, Gerrand, Grice, Hammond, Henderson, Holzwarth, King, Laing, Lessan, Narver, Parsons, Patrick, Raedler, Ross, Ryan, Salem, J. Smith, Stephens, Tessier, Wilson, Woodward, Woychuk

### Visiting Rotarians:

Bob Wall - Daybreak  
Suzy Deplege -  
Nanaimo North

**Guests:** Sharon Li guest  
of Bright Jang

### Birthdays:

Joyce Smith, March 18

### Make ups:

Brenda Grice District  
Finance Meeting,  
Bob Fenty Book Sale

### Club Anniversaries:

John Shillabeer, 6 years on  
March 19th  
Yvan Gosselin, 21 years on  
March 24

that do not flatter or accentuate the subject as much as possible, and it can be amazingly effective to slightly shift the angle of light or perspective of the subject. Some of the examples showed the effects of slightly different body position in relation to the sun, zooming in to specific features, and the effective use of natural light.



Some specific tips were to position the subject to take advantage of indirect light and the interplay of lighting/shading effects, change perspective often, take advantage of early and late light within the first and last hours of the day, and to edit ruthlessly.

An important strategy with digital photography is to organize and file the photos regularly, particularly if you are taking hundreds each year. There is a very good free management program available through Faststone at <http://tinyurl.com/9m7py>, or just Google 'faststone'.

One thing that all digital camera owners should do is to write their contact information on a piece of paper, then take a picture of that paper and 'protect' the image within the camera's memory, so anyone finding a lost camera will be able to review the photo and return the camera if they're so inclined.



After several questions from the floor, member **Lucie Gosselin** thanked our speaker for the very interesting and informative program, and said that he is a true professional since he was able to bring the complexity of the subject matter down to our level.

Lucie then presented Mr. O'Donnell with a pen handmade by **Allan Smith** as a token of the club's appreciation.

### What Paul Harris Said:

*When an individual, a sect, a clique or a nation hates and despises another individual, sect, clique or nation, he or they simply do not know the objects of their hatred. Ignorance is at the bottom of it.*

### DATES TO REMEMBER

**April 1** - Rotary Bowling, 5:30 Pizza, 6:00 Bowling  
**April 1-3**—District Leadership Training Assembly, Victoria. For more info go to [Rotary5020.org](http://Rotary5020.org)  
**April 8-17**—Rotary Book Sale, Nanaimo North Town Centre. Sign up for your shifts now!  
**June 24-25**—District 5020 Conference in Olympia Washington. Join District Governor Rose Bowman and the Rotary District Committee at the Red Lion Hotel in Olympia to celebrate Rotary!

## WEEKLY CLUB PROGRAMS & MEMBER DUTIES

MEETING DATE	March 18th, 2016	March 25th, 2016	April 1st, 2016
GREETERS	Bill King, Eric Brand, John Salem		Derek Lewis, Janeane Coutu, Frank Shoemaker
CASHIER	John Shillabeer		Henry Jiang
SGT-AT-ARMS	Dave Hammond		Dave Hammond
INVOCATION	Bob Janes		Brent Barootes
HEAD TABLE	Pres Lila, Michele Hillier, John Shillabeer, Joyce Smith, Bill King, Eric Brand, John Salem		Pres Lila, Guest Speaker, Eric Brand, Derek Lewis, Helen Blackmore, Lucie Gosselin
INTRO GUESTS	Brent Barootes		Ed Borisenko
INTRO SPEAKER	John Shillabeer		Lila Tanner
PROGRAM	<b>LITERACY NANAIMO</b> <b>Michele Hillier</b>	<b>NO</b> <b>ROTARY</b>	<b>PETS Video</b> <b>Debbie Narver</b>
THANK SPEAKER	Wendy Pratt		-



**GOOD FRIDAY**