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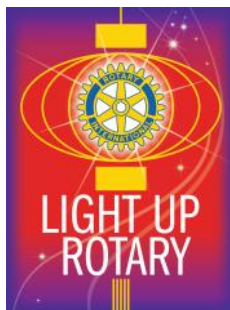


President-Elect Lila Tanner, Past President Bruce Gordon, Inductee Fay Laing and Past President John Salem all participated in the installation of Fay into the Rotary Club of Nanaimo.

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

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Meeting Notes from March 13th

By Derek Lewis

President Bob Wilson welcomed the Club to its 4,670th meeting and asked all to rise for the singing of O'Canada. **Ed Borisenko** provided the invocation giving thanks for Rotary and the service Rotarians provide to the community.

Debbie Narver called for the introduction of visiting Rotarians and guests. There were no visiting Rotarians. **John Morris'** guest, **Lisa Reid**, is an old family friend whom John has known since she was a baby.

Wedding anniversary for **Derek and Kim Lewis**, 7 years today.

Club anniversaries for **Douglas Anderson**, 7 years on March 14th, and **John Shillabeer**, 5 years on March 19th.

President's Remarks:



President Bob comments on today's attendance as the best he's seen in a long time. On that note, the Club is looking at beta testing a new on-line attendance system whereby each Club member would

confirm attendance or not at the weekly lunch meeting. This would allow the Club to work with the Coast Bastion Inn to better prepare food for the anticipated number of attendees. There will be an initial four week trial at which point the system will be re-evaluated.

Next, **President Bob** called on **Bruce Gordon** to induct the Club's newest member, **Fay Laing**. Fay was nominated for membership in the Club by **Lila Tanner**, who introduced Fay and gave a brief summary of Fay's background. Fay is the General Manager of *Nanaimo North Town Centre* and a huge advocate for our semi-annual book sale at the mall. She relocated to Nanaimo in 2007 from the Lower

Mainland and has worked as a Property Manager for over 30 years. For the past 8 years, Fay and her husband have been renovating a character home near downtown Nanaimo that was originally constructed in 1891. Fay is an alumni of UBC and enjoys gardening and travel.

John Salem will act as Fay's mentor to Rotary. Bruce presented Fay with her Rotary Certificate and John pinned her with her Rotary pin.



Announcements:



Yvan Gosselin advised the Club that in appreciation for the book donations from the Club, the Nanaimo Correctional Centre had invited members of the Club to *Aboriginal Days* on June 23rd or 25th between 10:30 am and 1pm to tour the facility. Email Yvan a.s.a.p. if you plan on attending as you will need to be cleared.

Lucie Gosselin notified the Club that *Leadership Vancouver Island* will be hosting the Nanaimo Volunteer Fair on April 10th at Woodgrove Centre.



Debbie Narver was looking for Rotary volunteers to run the hot dog/burger stand for the local high schools' *Battle of the Bands* on April 25th at 1pm.

John Shillabeer reminded the members of the Book Club Committee that they would be meeting after today's Club meeting to discuss the upcoming book sale.



Dave Hammond notified the Club that there will be a Celebration of Life for Bob Peters' wife Kay at the Nanaimo Golf Club tomorrow at 2pm.

Douglas Anderson is looking for feedback on the Five Clubs Meeting that was held in February so that it can be improved for next year.

Bob Fenty encouraged members of the Club to take posters advertising the



upcoming book sale and to hang them at work and other public spaces.

Brent Stetar gave notice that there would be poker next Thursday at **Barb Blinston's** home.

Sergeant-at-Arms:



Sergeant-at-Arms this week was **John Heisterman**, who announced that he would not be fining anyone, but did have a piece of halibut from the two he snared yesterday

near Victoria to auction off. **Brenda Grice** was the top bidder at \$20. John contributed \$10 of his own as well.

John then asked the Club what day it was – which was easy since it was Friday the 13th. John went around to each table asking for various Friday the 13th superstitions and anomalies, which included people putting loonies in their shoes to stave off bad luck, no 13th floor in most high rise buildings, and increased hospital room visits on Friday the 13th.

Happy/Sad Bucks:



Eric Brand had a sad \$5 for the Canadian soldier killed in a friendly fire accident in Iraq last week. While Eric did not know the soldier personally, he knew of him as he was in the same regiment that Eric served in.

Doug Cowling at \$2 since his table was put together at the last minute and had no bowl for table stakes.

John Shillabeer had a happy \$1 as he announce reconnecting with an old friend that lives in Zimbabwe. This friend was the best-man at John's wedding, but John had feared the worse because of the instability in Zimbabwe.



Lila Tanner had a happy \$5 for her phenomenal time at PETS (President-Elect Training Seminar) from March 6th to March 8th in Seattle.

Douglas Anderson had \$1 to encourage Club members to attend DTLA (District Leadership Training Assembly). The next DTLA is March 27th and 28th in Centralia, Washington State.

Yvan Gosselin, Wayne Anderson, Brent Stetar and John Salem all had happy dollars to welcome our newest member **Fay Laing**.

Ed Borisenko had an informative dollar to announce that his daughter had her next UN assignment and would be heading to Brunei.

Bob Janes had \$1 to announce that everyone had signed in today except **Derek Lewis**. Thanks Bob!

Draws:



Table stakes were won by **Lynne Pankratz**. The 50-50 Card Draw was won by

Bob Patrick, who did not draw the ace of spades, so the pot continues to grow.

DATES TO REMEMBER

March 17—Rotary Family Bowling Nite at Brechin Lanes. Food at 6 pm and bowling at 6:30. Adults \$15, Children \$5, Spectators \$10. *Come and join the fun and fellowship.*

FROM NOW TO APRIL 17th—Rotary volunteers are called upon to **Adopt a Category** and help sort the various categories for our book sale. *Like Biographies or Hobbies? Come and sort that category and help your club get ready for the sale.*

April 10—Nanaimo Volunteer Fair, 10 am to 7 pm at Woodgrove Centre

April 17 to 26—Rotary Used Book Sale, Nanaimo North Town Centre during mall hours. *Many hands make light work!*

May 23—Rotary Car Rally, 10 am to 2 pm, Bowen Park, fee \$10 per car

**ROTARY DISTRICT 5020
CONFERENCE—JUNE 19-21
Conference Centre, Nanaimo**



Nanaimo Aboriginal Centre

By Joyce Smith

Introducing both **Chris Beaton**, Executive Director of Nanaimo Aboriginal Center and **Ian Kalina**, Executive Director of the Boys & Girls Club of Central Vancouver Island was **Bob Janes**.

Both speakers were passionate about community development. Chris has been 20 years in the non profit sector and is a father of 4 sons. Ian has been with Boys & Girls club for 10 years and is father of 1 boy and 1 girl and has been in the non profit sector for 27 years. Both have a lot in common including partnership in development of programs for education of aboriginal youth and children.



Chris Beaton,
Executive Director
of Nanaimo
Aboriginal Centre.

Chris was the first speaker to give an update of where the Nanaimo Aboriginal Centre is after one full year of operation. The non-profit organization's goal is to have 100% graduation of aboriginal students from grade 12. Over the

last year they have been focusing on the early years believing that starting young will be the best place to instill the value of education. One year ago when they opened the Centre they had no staff, no programs and a \$12,000 budget. This year their budget is \$165,000 and they project a budget of \$200,000 for next year and have come a long way developing programs. Their focus is to not do things on their own and they have built bridges on all programs with partners who can help provide the service. The focus has been on what works so that the youth can graduate by not duplicat-

ing existing service but trying different approaches. In the coming year, they are working with VIU to evaluation their service delivery.

Some of the programs and activities are as follows:

- First urban public school opened last year—the elementary center is hosted inside the Boys and Girls club.
- Aboriginal Hippy-preschool youngsters learning at home. Once a week teachers pass on literacy skills to parents and students who are learning at home. The parents have to make a commitment to 5 hours of schooling for the preschool youngsters each week.
- National Aboriginal day—over 900 community members attended at Bowen park
- Aboriginal Family Night- meant to provide social interaction for the families, a nutritional meal for the students and development of the Aboriginal culture.
- Aboriginal scholarship fund—currently 1/3 to 1/2 of the high school students do not graduate. This fund focuses on the younger youth. Aboriginal childcare costs covers off family portion of childcare so they can attend Boys & Girls Club for free.
- Outreach Aboriginal is a program that looks for Aboriginal families, going door to door, to find those families with children so they can reach out and help them. This has been very successful, their goal is in 20 months to reach out to 150 families, to date in 6 months they have reached 62 families

In partnership with Rotary, NAC has sent a student to RLA and together with **Joan Ryan** they have put together some Christmas hampers for needy families.

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ATTENDANCE

By Bob Janes

Attendance for March 13th was **73%**

We missed the following Rotarians:

Cantelon, Hais, Henderson, McIver, Lessan, Raedler, Ramos, Ryan, Welch.

Visiting Rotarians: None

Guests:

Lisa Reid was John Morris' guest
Chris Beaton, Ian Kalina; club guests

Spouse Birthday: Ashley Nadeau [Eric Brand] on March 26th

Wedding Anniversaries: None

Club Anniversaries:

Yvan Gosselin, 20 years, March 24

WEEKLY CLUB PROGRAMS

Friday, March 20th

GREETERS	Mike Knutsson, Brenda Grice, Ed Borisenko
CASHIERS	Norman Myden
SGT-AT-ARMS	Dave Hammond
INVOCATION	Frank Shoemaker
HEAD TABLE	President Bob, Kirsty MacDonald, Carmon Henderson, Mike Knutsson, Brenda Grice, Yvan Gosselin
INTRODUCE GUESTS	Lynne Pankratz
INTRODUCE SPEAKER	Carmon Henderson
PROGRAM	CENTENNIAL PROJECT POSSIBILITIES <i>Kirsty MacDonald</i>
THANK SPEAKER	Guenter Raedler

Friday, March 27th

GREETERS	Keith McFarlane, Donna Hais, Kevin Cantelon
CASHIERS	Norman Myden
SGT-AT-ARMS	Bruce Samson
INVOCATION	Joyce Smith
HEAD TABLE	President Bob, Celina Guadagni, Bill King, Susan Gerrand, Susie Walker, Eric Brand, Derek Lewis
INTRODUCE GUESTS	Bob Patrick
INTRODUCE SPEAKER	Bill King
PROGRAM	Youth Exchange Rebound Experience <i>Celia Guadagni</i>
THANK SPEAKER	Susie Walker

Friday, April 3rd

GREETERS	GOOD FRIDAY
CASHIERS	
SGT-AT-ARMS	
INVOCATION	
HEAD TABLE	NO NOON MEETING
INTRODUCE GUESTS	
INTRODUCE SPEAKER	
PROGRAM	
THANK SPEAKER	

Up and coming programs:

- Daycare
- Second Class room
- Aboriginal housing project—to help house students who are parents themselves and are attending VIU for an education.



Ian Kalina,
Executive Director
of Boys & Girls
Club of Central
Vancouver Island

Our next speaker was **Ian Kalina**. Ian spoke of the partnership with **Chris Beaton**. Ian mentioned that Nanaimo child poverty rates are one of the highest in BC. He is interested in innovation and the Nanaimo Aboriginal Centre

partnership with Boys and Girls Club has been very successful and energizing.

Some of the Questions about the program:

Question-How many students? 14, Kindergarten to Grade 3, with a capacity to double with second classroom. A

single teacher's capacity is to 16 students. They plan to add Grade 4 in September.

Aboriginal Scholarship Fund? It has been determined that daycare is more expensive than university!

Aboriginal graduation rates have gone from 29% to 53% but are still far behind non-aboriginal rates. Everyone agreed it is amazing how far NAC has come and achieved in 18 months with action at the local level without waiting for delayed government action.



Doug Cowling thanked both speakers and was very excited for the city and the community to have such a good partnership and such good people. Each speaker received a coveted handmade Rotary pen.



Rotary Family Bowling Nite

Brechin Lanes

All kinds of Fun Bowling

This coming Friday, March 27th

Food at 6:00 p.m.

Bowling begins at 6:30 p.m.

Adults \$15.00—Children \$5

Spectators \$10



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District 5020
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Awards**

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