

# ROTARY CLUB OF NANAIMO

# “COGS”

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Friday, March 23, 2018



Rotarian Wendy Pratt (Right) presented a cheque for \$7000.00 to Pam Dawson from Bayview school to enable 700 students from Bayview, Fairview, Gabriola and Qwam Qwum schools to participate in Aboriginal Cultural Days to take place April 24 -27, 2018

Club Meeting Friday at 12:00 p.m.  
at the Coast Bastion Inn  
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## Meeting Notes for Friday 16 March 2018

By John Shillabeer

**President Jane Currie** opened the meeting and the members tried singing the revised version of O Canada to the only available new recording which is by mezzo-soprano Julie Nesrallah. Unfortunately none of us are operatic stars... and it showed! But thanks to Ian Williams for searching out the new version of O Canada.

**Mikel Knutsson** gave the invocation expressing gratitude for the opportunity to be of service through Rotary.

### Guests

**Dave Hammond** called for the introduction of guests and visiting Rotarians. **Peggy Richardson** introduced **Adrian Burridge** and **Justin Molander**. **Bob Janes** introduced **Garrett Myden**, son of **Norm**. **Ian Williams** introduced **Dave Brown**, a Rotarian visiting from Saskatoon and **Craig Clarke** from Nanaimo North Club.

### Announcements

**President Jane** drew attention to the upcoming James Bond Night fund-raiser put on by Oceanside and asked us to support it, since they support our Book Sale.



**President Jane** invited incoming directors to attend any or all of the remaining meetings of this Rotary year. Meetings are scheduled for 20 March, 15 May and 19 June. The District Training Conference is coming soon

on May 4-5 and President Jane urged us to attend as we need more qualified grant application writers. Members' expenses will be reimbursed by the Club for up to \$200.

**Janeane Coutu** reminded members to come help sort books and to sign up for Book Sale shifts.

**Wendy Pratt** reported that she had already received letters of thanks for the \$7,000 contribution to the schools' cultural days at the big house. She re-assured members that Rotary will be acknowledged at the event.

**Peggy Richardson** asked members to actually click "Going" on the Book Sale Event page on Facebook. This energizes the Facebook algorithms to spread the word more widely.

**Dave Hammond** announced that there will be a meeting of the Centennial Committee after Rotary next Friday to review the revised plans for the park. All members of the Club will be welcome.

### Motions

Having given the required two weeks' notice, **Frank**

**Shoemaker** proposed the following two motions on behalf of the International Service Committee:



*To donate US\$1,000 to ETTA projects Bolivia.* **Douglas Anderson** seconded the motion which was carried unanimously on a show of hands.

*To donate C\$2,200 to Tembo Kenya.* The motions was seconded by **Lila Tanner** and carried unanimously on a

show of hands.

### Induction

**Sean Martin** was inducted and welcomed into the Club by **President Jane**. **Carey McIver** and **Dave Hammond** will be Sean's mentors.



### Sgt-at-Arms

**Sgt Joan Ryan** fined **Dave Hammond** for fumbling the introductions, **Janeane Coutu** (under protest) for heckling and several members for missing St Patrick's Day, which was, in fact, the following Saturday.

### Happy and Sad Bucks

**Bob Janes** was very happy to have welcomed two grandchildren into the world in the last few days.

**Norm Myden** was happy on two counts: he had his son with him and he was happy to be back from Mazatlan, where he attended Rotary every week during his two months absence.



Jason Bradley

**Jason Bradley** was sad that our exchange student, **Peter**, was suddenly overcome by extreme homesickness and went home early.

**Joan Ryan** was happy and grateful



that her intern, involved in a bad car accident recently, was rescued by some of Jason's colleagues from the Fire Service.

**Carey McIver** and **Wendy Pratt** were happy and energized from the atmosphere at today's meeting.

**Denise Wittkofski** was happy to welcome **Sean** our



Denise Wittkofski

Sean Martin

newest member, together with **Justin** and **Adrian**.

**Shawn Martin** was happy that he already felt at home in Rotary.

### The Draw



**Brent Stetar** won the table stakes and **Bob Janes** won the draw but he did not manage to pick the ace of spades. Sorry Bob but closing your eyes does not improve your chances.

Better luck next time, Bob!

## Program Notes, March 16, 2018

by Denise Wittkofski

### Adrian Legin: Coastal Community Credit Union

**Mike Minhaus** introduced speaker **Adrian Legin**, CEO of the Coastal Community Credit Union (CCCU). With an MBA from Queen's University, Adrian focuses on issues that help build healthier regions and communities.



Adrian prefaced his talk by thanking Rotary "for all the work you do in our community" and was energized by being at our meeting. He noted that

his presentation would be quick as he was hoping to have more dialogue with the members. His talk began by defining credit unions as "full financial services

cooperatives." They are regulated entities, just like all the banks and compete in a highly competitive market.

CCCU has a democratically elected board of directors and are very proud of the very strong governance. Adrian and various board members go through special training and are certified as professional directors.

Some distinctions: All profits that CCCU makes goes go back into the community, much like the connections that Rotary has with the community. CCCU was asked to join an international group and chosen by its leaders as one of five credit unions in Canada as one of the most innovative.

Credit Unions and Caisse Populaires (in Quebec) are the leaders in small business lending in Canada, contributing \$6.5B directly and indirectly to Canada's GDP. Credit unions also directly and indirectly employ more than 58,000 Canadians.

Adrian stressed that credit unions and caisse populaires are the major lenders to small businesses in Canada. Although this is an honor that they share with one of the largest banks, collectively focusing on small businesses is very important.

CCCU, like its counterparts, is "different on purpose," and is not solely profit-driven, although its roots as a cooperative were to help particular groups, such as farmers, to work together to ensure they could fulfill a market need.

Having been in business for 70+ years, its head office is located in the Diana Krall plaza in Nanaimo, is the largest Island-based financial institution, and is in the top ten credit unions by size in Canada.

Making the connection to Rotary, CCCU is "different on purpose" by putting all of its profits back into the communities it serves. Its vision is to build healthy communities and enrich people's lives--from helping people get their first homes to buying their first cars to supporting the small businesses that are the life blood of the Island.

CCCU is locally purposed, has a strong understanding of the environment and has local decision-making. Its vision—the "why" of CCCU—is building relationships that:

- Improve financial health
- Build healthier communities
- Enrich people's lives



CCCU's greatest strength: Its people. Adrian is proud to be a part of this team, having joined nine years ago and saw its strength as "people that care about people." Its focus on engagement is much like the work Rotarians do, engaging with people and helping people locally.

CCCU prides itself in leadership innovation. Particularly, it was the first to lend to women in their own names. Brenda Grice said: "I remember that!"

## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

### Member Birthday

Gerrand, Susan Mar 29

### Date Joined Rotary

Gosselin, Yvan 23 years Mar 24

Janes, Bob 8 years Mar 28

After showing a few slides regarding its long list of innovations and "testimonials," Adrian closed his presentation and opened the floor to questions. Of particular interest to the women in the group was lending to women "in their own names." Brenda told her story about looking for lenders in the early 80s to start her own business, and was frustrated by the fact that she could not find a lender without "her man's" signature. Lila Tanner wanted to know when CCCU hired its first female bank manager. Janeane Coutu told Adrian that she appreciated CCCU for its insurance services to her company and for being her customer at her IT business—that CCCU understands the importance of buying local.



After a few more questions and discussions, **Charles Ramos** kindly thanked Adrian and presented him with a member-crafted pen.

## 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 23, 2018	March 30 2018	April 6, 2018
Greeters	Debbie Narver, Behzad Forghani, Joyce Smith		Laurie Bienert, Sean Martin, Susie Stephens
Cashier	Ed Borisenko		Christine Parsons
Sgt at Arms	Wayne Anderson		Wahid Ali
Inspiration	Doug Cowling		Keith McFarlane
Head Table	VP Carey, Mikel Knutsson, Charles Ramos		Pres. Jane, Dave Hammond, Kirsty MacDonald, Wendy
Intro Guests	John Shillabeer		
Intro Speaker	Charles Ramos		Dave Hammond
Program	<b>Up to London to visit the Queen - Mikel Knutsson</b>		<b>Club Centennial Project Update. Kirsty MacDonald</b>
Thank Speaker	Bruce Samson		Wendy Pratt

**NO MEETING**