

ROTARY CLUB OF NANAIMO

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Friday, March 24, 2017



President Debbie presents a cheque for \$21,000 to Michelle Hillier of Literacy Nanaimo, representing a share of the profits from last fall's Rotary Book Sale at Nanaimo North Town Centre.

Photos by Ian Williams

**Club Meeting Friday at 12:00 p.m.
at the Coast Bastion Inn
CLUB OFFICERS 2016-2017**

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Meeting Notes from March 17th, 2017

by Joyce Smith

President Debbie Narver opened the meeting by welcome everyone to *St Patrick's Day Rotary Meeting*. Several Rotary members were properly attired by wearing green but our **Sgt-at-Arms Dave Hammond** especially stood out with his very Irish top hat. **Barb Blinston** gave a truly Irish invocation after we sang the national anthem.

President Debbie talked about Service above Self—to give to the best of our ability without expecting anything in return. So, in recognition of some of Rotarians who had exemplified this Motto, Debbie recognized Past



Presidents, Board members, Chairs of Committees, assistant Governors and **Ross White** who previously served as District Governor. **President Debbie** reminded the Board that there will be a meeting on Tuesday at 5:30 at Debbie's house. There was also a reminder of a 5-Club meeting on April 1, 2017 to recognize people in the community, other than Rotarians, who have given to the Community. Of course, last but certainly not least, a reminder of the up and coming Book Sale. Birthdays – **Joyce Smith** and after much discussion since it is her birthday on Saturday not Friday, the club still ended up singing her happy birthday.



Club Anniversary – **John Shillabeer**

Michele Hillier, executive director for Literacy Nanaimo was asked to come up to the podium so **President Debbie** could present a cheque for \$21,000 towards Literacy Nanaimo. Michele gave us an update on Literacy activities. Because it was Literacy Nanaimo's 25th anniversary last year, the organization together with a VIU student are doing an assessment to determine the needs of the community and the effectiveness of



Literacy Nanaimo both financially and non-financially and to ask what do they need to do differently to improve their overall effectiveness. Michele mentioned that Shaw TV is featuring Literacy Nanaimo and she is going to make sure that Rotary's support is mentioned. There is a mini book fest featuring 8 local authors on Thursday March 23rd at 5:00 to 7:00. Michele mentioned that they are encouraging more and more readings from local authors. Michele mentioned the I-Path program which is working with Syrian mothers with children grade 1 to 5 and encouraging and working with the mothers. Volunteers are also working with Syrian teens to understand English.



Other Announcements

Lila Tanner mentioned that members of the club that are attending the 5- club meeting on April 1, 2017 at 6:00 at Beban Park should wear any pins and medallions that they have. So far there are 64 people coming. The Mayor has declared April 1st **Rotary Foundation Day** and Lila invited anyone who can to be at the Raising of the Flags at 11:00 a.m. at City Hall on that date.

Interact Club Bottle Drive was announced, please drop off bottles between 1:00 p.m. and 4: p.m. on Saturday at Kenworth Drive Bottle Depot.

Sgt-at-Arms Report



Dave Hammond, complete with Irish Hat and Whistle was the Sgt-at-Arms together with his assistant **Frank Shoemaker** with his Green ear ring.

Of course, those without Green were fined, **Bob Janes** was fined for trying to run



over the Sgt-at-Arms, **John Heisterman**, who pleaded poor last week paid his fine from last week. Wayne, Bob and John were also fined for trying to pass off a napkin as their green item. **Dave Hammond** recognized **Brent Barootes** for his bravery in standing up for the "yes" group despite the overwhelmingly defeated in the recent city vote.

Happy/Sad Bucks and Announcements

Brent Barootes announced that his daughter is singing in the *Sound of Music* and that he is going away on holidays tomorrow. **Norm Myden** attended Rotary at Mazatlan (all in Spanish) for the entire period he was there. **Joyce Smith** mentioned the Rotary meeting they attended at Puerto Escondido and the Rotary Valentines event they attended. **Wayne Anderson** gave happy bucks to see **Rotarians Art Vanidour** and **Bob McDougall**. **Yvan Gosselin** also welcomed Art and Bob. **Joan Ryan** announced the Health and Welfare event Friday and Saturday at Parkville. **Egon Holzwarth** promised we would all be rich since he spent money saved by parking at Gabriola Landing free to buy a



lottery ticket and promised to share his winnings with the club. **Frank Shoemaker** gave two happy bucks for the family of six from Syria who came to Gabriola Island—the father is now in full time employment, two of the children are in the school and they are integrating quite well in the community.

Yvan Gosselin won the table stakes and **John Salem** won the right to draw for the 50/50 but did not win.

Service Above Self Honours

By Joyce Smith

President Debbie was our program speaker for the day. Today's program focused on honouring members who have as Debbie said, "Given Service Above Self."

Three Rotarians were honored for this award. **Bob Fenty**, before he passed away was given his Certificate of Recognition, and **Art Vanidour** and **Bob McDougall**, who were presented at the meeting were given their Certificate of Recognition today.



Art Vanidour became a Rotarian in 1967 and his category was school maintenance. He became a *Paul Harris Fellow*, in charge of Committee programs and instrumental in development of the Rotary Bowl.

Bob McDougall became a Rotary member in 1962 (55 years ago) and his classification was Chartered Accountant. He is a past president, treasurer for many years and *Paul Harris Fellow*.

Yvan Gosselin mentioned that Art & wife Bev have shown up for every book sale since inception. Everyone joined in helping honor both Bob and Art's contribution.

Bob and Art both gave a brief thank you for the recognition given by the Rotary club.

Three other people who also contributed to the club were presented with a Pin for *Service above Self* and 100 Paul Harris points in their names:

Brent Stetar, Janeane Coutu and Wayne Anderson.



Three Pins for *Service above Self* were auctioned off to be given to others. **Bruce Gordon** was honoured by **Yvan Gosselin**, and **Bob McDougall** and **Art Vanidour** were honored by **Brent Barootes**.

Lila Tanner honored **Egon Holzwarth** for his contributions to the club as well.

A toast to Rotary was given by **President Debbie** to conclude the meeting.



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DATES TO REMEMBER

April 1—Celebrating 100 years of the Rotary Foundation starting at 6:00 pm at Beban Park. Several PHF pins to be awarded.

April 21 to 30—Rotary Used Book Sale, Nanaimo North Town Centre. Sign up on-line today—*many hands make light work!*

May 4, 5, 6, 2017—Spirit of Rotary DTA & Conference, Suquamish, WA. More details at www.rotary5020.org

May 13—Oceanside Rotary James Bond Night, 007 Moonraker. Beban Auditorium. Dinner, auction, dancing. Tickets \$125/ea.

ATTENDANCE

By Bob Janes

Attendance for **March 17th**
was **38%**

We missed the following Rotarians:

D. Anderson, Bienert, Borisenko, Brand, Coutu, Cowling, Forghani Targhi, Gerrand, Grice, Hais, Henderson, Liang, Lessan, McIver, Mougeot, Parsons, Pratt, Raedler, Ramos, Samson, Shillabeer, Stephens, Tessier, Wilson, Wittkofski, Woodward, Woychuck

Guests: Michelle Hillier

Makeups: W. Anderson, Ali, Currie, Joyce Smith, Barootes

Birthdays:

Susan Gerrand, March 29

Spouse Birthdays:

Ashley Nadeau [Eric Brand] on March 26th

Club Anniversary:

Yvan Gosselin, 22 years on March 24th

Bob Janes, 7 years on March 28th

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HAPPY FRIDAY



Rotarians Brent Stetar, Wayne Anderson and Dave Connolly formed a work party to begin assembling benches at Eden Gardens on Monday morning.

WEEKLY CLUB PROGRAMS & MEMBER DUTIES

MEETING DATE	March 24th, 2017	March 31st, 2017	April 7th, 2017
GREETERS	Christine Parsons, David Woodward, Wendy Pratt	Mikel Knutsson, Dave Connolly, Susie Stephens	Mikel Knutsson, Dave Connolly, Susie Stephens
CASHIER	Henry Jiang	Henry Jiang	Brent Barootes
SGT-AT-ARMS	John Heisterman	Dave Hammond	Bruce Samson
INVOCATION	Lynne Pankratz	Joan Ryan	Dave Connolly
HEAD TABLE	Pres Debbie, Barb Ashmead, Wendy Pratt, Susan Gerrand, Christine Parsons, David Woodward	Pres Debbie, Aleksander Udev, Behzad Forghani, Eric Brand, Susie Stephens, Dave Connolly	Pres Debbie, speaker, Susan Gerrand, Janeane Coutu, Brent Stetar, Fay Laing
INTRO GUESTS	Bruce Gordon	Susie Stephens	Brent Stetar
INTRO SPEAKER	Wendy Pratt	Behzad Forghani	~~~
PROGRAM	V. I. COMPASSION DOGS <i>Barb Ashmead</i>	EATING FOR HEALTH & WELLNESS <i>Aleksander Udev</i>	TBA —
THANK SPEAKER	Joan Ryan	Keith McFarlane	~~~