

# ROTARY CLUB OF NANAIMO

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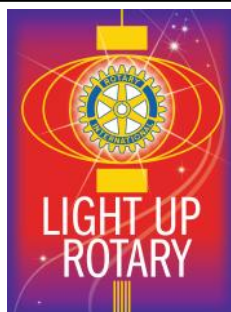


Spring comes to Bowen Park in Nanaimo—another local project supported by Rotary

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

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## Meeting Notes from March 20th

by Derek Lewis

**President Bob Wilson** welcomed the Club to its 4,671<sup>st</sup> meeting and asked all to rise for the singing of O'Canada. **President Bob** also provided the invocation, giving thanks for the spirit of Rotary and blessings for the food we had for lunch.

**Lynne Pankratz** called for the introduction of visiting Rotarians and guests. There were two visiting Rotarians: **Matthieu Ennis** from the Rotaract Club of Nanaimo and **Barry Sparkes**, Assistant Governor for District 5020. No guests were present.

There were no Club birthdays or wedding anniversaries. The only Club anniversary was Yvan Gosselin, 20 years on March 24<sup>th</sup>.

### President's Remarks:



AG Barry presents the RI Certificate of Appreciation recognizing some \$467,000 US in donations to Rotary Foundation.

**President Bob** asked **AG Barry Sparkes** to come forward to make a presentation. AG Sparkes commended the Club on their efforts over the years in support of the Rotary International Foundation and present a Certificate of Appreciation to our Club, which was graciously accepted by **Brenda Grice** on our behalf. Brenda stressed the importance of improving literacy not only locally but throughout the world and she advised that as a Club, we have donated over \$467,000 USD to the Rotary International Foundation.



**President Bob** advised that the five local Club presidents would be voting next month on whether or not to continue printing the Rosters, which feature the mem-

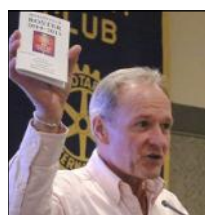
bership and contact information for all five clubs. The indication was that our Club would support continuing to print the Rosters. **Richard Finnegan** reminded us that there is a free online app, which features all of the information included in the Roster, but the information is limited to just our Club.

### Notices of Motion:



children.

**Norman Myden**, on behalf of the International Service Committee, notified the Club that we will be voting next week on donating \$2,000 to the Rotary Club of Ibaque in Columbia in support of their efforts to fund surgery for up to 100 local



allow 3 designated individuals from a corporate entity to attend the Club through a Corporate Membership. Corporate Membership annual fees would be 1.5 times a regular membership and the entry fee would be \$150.

### Announcements:



able to cheques or receipts if you made an on-line donation so that your contribution can be matched.

**Matthieu Ennis** from the Rotaract Club of Nanaimo announced that they were having a bottle drive on Saturday, so if you have any bottles to donate, let him know.

**Brent Stetar** announced that Rotary Family Bowling Night is back on Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup> starting at 6pm at Brechin Lanes. Snacks and pizza will be served.



Brent passed around a sign-up sheet so that we know how many will be attending.

**John Shillabeer** reminded the Club that we are only four weeks away from the start of the next book sale. Volunteers from the club

can start signing up through Club runner. Other volunteers will need to email **Ian Williams** and he'll input their name in the schedule.

**Dave Hammond** asked that members of the Centennial Committee stick around after the meeting to set a time for their next committee meeting. The program today was a representative from Parks and Rec here in Nanaimo to give us some ideas for a centennial project.

**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. He also notified us that the large signs are ready to be installed around town and was looking for additional volunteers for this process.

**Bob Janes** advised that there were extra Roster books on the Front Desk if anyone wanted one.

### Sergeant-at-Arms:

The Sergeant-at-Arms this week was **Dave Hammond**, who started off by fining **Helen Blackmore** \$1 for forgetting to sign in and **Derek Lewis** \$2 for forgetting to sign in for a second consecutive week.

Dave then fined **Brent Stetar** \$1 for offering to fix Barb Blinston's computer after poker last week, but not only leaving without fixing the computer, but also leaving with most of the host's money. Dave also fined **Joyce Smith** \$1 for her husband Ron telling everyone he cannot play poker, then winning everyone (but Brent's) money.

Dave reference the picture on this week's *COGS* in which **Bruce Gordon** looked so distinguished. He subsequently fined everyone at Bruce's table for the

## DATES TO REMEMBER

**March 27**—Rotary Family Bowling Nite at Brechin Lanes. Food at 6 pm and bowling at 6:30. Adults \$15, Children \$5, Spectators \$10.

**FROM NOW TO APRIL 17th**—Rotary volunteers are called upon to *Adopt a Category* and help sort the various categories for our book sale. *Do you 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

**June 23/25**—Nanaimo Correctional Centre Aboriginal Days between 10:30 am - 1 pm. Contact Yvan Gosselin for more info.

pleasure of sitting with him.

Dave next fined **President Bob \$1** for incorrectly referring to Assistant Governor **Barry Sparkes** as the District Governor earlier in the meeting.

Dave then asked everyone if they know what day it was, which was easy since it was the Spring Equinox. Dave had a short and, for the most part, easy quiz of Equinox questions.

#### **Happy/Sad Bucks:**

**Bruce Gordon** had a happy dollar that it was draw day for the **Lotto for Life** in support of the Nanaimo & District Hospital Foundation and that the lottery had sold out.

**Wayne Anderson** had a happy 25 cents to announce that it had been one year and two days since he was sharing a hospital room with **Doug Cowling** and he reminded us all to continue to get regular annual check-ups.

**Bruce Samson** had \$1 to announce the Bath Tub race this year was starting downtown and finishing at the Frank Ney Statue.

**Ellen Ross** had a penance dollar for taking her nametag home by accident last week.

**Barb Blinston** has a dollar to defend Brent and thank him for fixing her computer.

#### **Draws:**

The Sgt-at-Arms **Dave Hammond** had to implement a one dollar fine to **President Bob** for trying to steal his job (i.e. the two draws).

Table stakes were won by **Dave Hammond**. The Card Draw was won by **Henry Jiang**, who did not draw the ace of spades, so the 50-50 pot continues to grow.



## **Rotary Centennial Project Possibilities**

*By Joyce Smith*

**Brenda Grice** introduced the speaker **Kirsty McDonald**, city of Nanaimo Parks and Open Space Planner who spoke about possibilities for the Centennial Project. Kirsty as well as Brenda is a landscape architect. Kirsty was born and raised in Nanaimo, plays piano and harp and is an avid kayaker.



In 2020 Rotary will be 100 years old, our Centennial Project must be planned and constructed within the next five years to be ready for 2020. As Kirsty explained there are several possible projects that could fit this time line within the Maffeo Sutton Park.

Areas that need improvement and could be considered for the Centennial Project are as follows:

1. Playground-some of the playground should have been removed over five years ago and definitely needs to be upgraded. This upgrade would last approximately 25 years.
2. Performance space-there is a lot of need for additional performance space besides the Lions Pavilion. There have been suggestions of portable buildings that could be raised for special events.
3. Creation of more places to actually touch the waterfront. A safe fishing area to fish pink salmon and access points to get to the water would definitely enhance the Park
4. Artwork—outdoor art work anywhere from \$5,000 to \$150,000 could enhance the waterfront
5. Swy-a-lana Lagoon-is near the end of its cycle. There are a lot of issues with the erosion of concrete and pipes to prevent water contamination. This

replacement project would last approximately 20 years. This could include opportunities to connect the Lagoon to other areas of the Park.

6. More youth facilities – such as a skate park
7. New Washroom Building that would possibly incorporate other amenities such as commercial retail space. The cost of a New Washroom Building would be from \$1.5 million and up—the washrooms were built in the 1970. It is estimated a new washroom building would last 50 years.
8. Other improvements—walkway along the shore, seating area and environment improvements

Kirsty not only offered pictures of the existing areas that needed improvements but with each suggestion she offered visual examples of sites in Canada that have incorporated one of the improvements in their recreation space. Kirsty ended her speech by saying the city would be very excited to partner with Rotary. The City will be developing concrete illustrations of improvements for Maffeo Sutton Park to be ready for public input by the end of 2015.

Some of the guidelines from the legacy committee was accessibility to the waterfront and visibility of our contribution and Kirsty believes that improvements to the park could fit into this criteria. Our club expects to raise around \$500,000 of the money toward the project. Kirsty provided the members with the Maffeo Sutton Park Improvement Plan map to see areas that can be improved.

**Brent Stetar** thanked Kirsty for providing us with some visual references and also comparisons to other communities which has been very helpful.



## **ATTENDANCE**

*By Bob Janes*

Attendance for March 20th was **60%**

### **We missed the following Rotarians**

Ali, Brand, Cantelon, Cowling, Gerrand, L & Y Gosselin, Hais, Henderson, Lessan, McIver, Narver, Raedler, Ryan, Salem, Walker, Welch.

### **Visiting Rotarians:**

Mathieu Ennis, Rotaract  
Barry Sparkes, DDG, Lantzville

**Guests:** Kirsty MacDonald

### **Birthday:**

Susan Gerrand, March 29th

**Wedding Anniversaries:** None

### **Club Anniversaries:**

Bob Janes, 5 years, March 28th

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## WEEKLY CLUB PROGRAMS

### 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	<b>Youth Exchange Rebound Experience</b> <i>Celia Guadagni</i>
THANK SPEAKER	Susie Walker

### Friday, April 3rd

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

### Friday, April 10th

GREETERS	John Heisterman Norm Myden, Janeane Coutu
CASHIERS	John Shillabeer
SGT-AT-ARMS	Lila Tanner
INVOCATION	Brent Stetar
HEAD TABLE	President Bob, Henry, Ellen, Fay, John Morris, Helen Blackmore, Charles Ramos, Lucie Gosselin, Wayne Anderson
INTRODUCE GUESTS	Guenter Raedler
INTRODUCE SPEAKER	Douglas Anderson
PROGRAM	<b>NEW MEMBER TALKS</b> <i>Henry Jiang, Ellen Ross, Fay Laing</i>
THANK SPEAKER	President Bob

## ROTARY WINS PRESTIGIOUS SILVER TELLY FOR AIDS DOCUMENTARY

A [documentary film](#) produced by Rotary's broadcast media department that features Rotary member Marion Bunch and her work to prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS in underprivileged African communities won two 2015 [Telly Awards](#).



Marion Bunch with Me Maria, South African Grandmother who is raising two grandsons

The prestigious awards are given annually to the finest film and video productions. Rotary's documentary, "Rotary Family Health Days" received a Silver Telly, the highest honor, in the online video-documentary category, and a Bronze Telly in the online video-branded content and entertainment category. The documentary was shown by the South African Broadcasting Corporation and throughout Africa.

"What we tried to accomplish with the film was to get the good news and the good deeds out there so that the non-Rotary world can see it," says producer Andrew Chudzinski. "It was a great collaborative project."

The film documents the tremendous burden HIV/AIDS places on African families and communities. It covers the journeys of two women: South African grandmother Me Maria, who is raising her two grandsons whose parents died of AIDS, and Bunch, from Atlanta, Georgia, USA, who became a global advocate for AIDS prevention and the inspiration for [Rotary Family Health Days](#) after she lost her son to the disease.

"Because of that one single tragedy, my life's journey changed dramatically, from a very engaged businesswoman to a warrior on AIDS and advocate of human rights," Bunch told senior White House staff in October, when she was honored as one of 10 [Rotary Women of Action](#) for 2014. A member of the Rotary Club of Dunwoody, Bunch is the founder and CEO of Rotarians for Family Health and AIDS Prevention, a group of members that collaborates with Rotary clubs and districts on health-related projects.

The Rotary Health Days project, now in its fifth year and supported by Rotary clubs in Africa, has grown to deliver free basic health care, including HIV/AIDS screening and other preventive services, to underserved communities in Ghana, Nigeria, South Africa, and Uganda. It began in 2010, when Ugandan Stephen Mwanje, then governor of District 9211, asked Bunch if the Rotarian group would organize a multisite, comprehensive health event. [.....more](#)



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