

# ROTARY CLUB OF NANAIMO

# “C O G S”

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All-too-familiar scene these winter mornings! When is spring going to come?

*Photo by Barb Gordon*

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

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## Meeting Notes from February 24th, 2017

By Mike Herold



Today's meeting was chaired by **President Debbie Narver** and **John Shillabeer** introduced the visiting Rotarians and guests. **Brent Barootes** introduced visiting Rotarian **Darcy Jones** from Canmore, Alberta, and **Behzad Forghani** introduced his daughter but she had inadvertently slipped out of the

room. **Charles Ramos** introduced our special guest **Brent Fenty**, son of long standing **Bob Fenty** who passed away last weekend.

**Mike Herold** gave invocation and asked God look after our good friend **Bob Fenty**.



Today's meeting is dedicated to the memory of **Bob Fenty**—a big voice and big heart. Bob's son Brent attended Bob's final meeting today and thanked the club during this very difficult time. Brent said that his dad loved Rotary and lived by the motto "Rotary above Self"

The Club observed a minute of silence in memory of Bob. Bob's services will be Sunday March 5 at 1:00 pm until 4:00 pm at the Coast Bastion.

There was an announcement that the Nanaimo Women's Centre on Wallace Street is looking for help on Sunday February 26<sup>th</sup> to take stuff to the dump.

**John Shillabeer** as chair of *COGS* committee recognized club members **Ian Williams** and **Bruce Gordon** for putting out weekly our clubs great contribution. John said that the committee is looking for help on the committee especially from any new members.



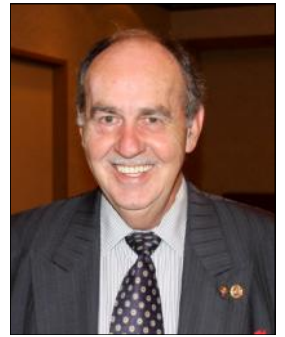
**Lila Tanner** on behalf of the Centennial committee is looking for names of non-Rotarians to be considered for two **Paul Harris** awards. **Lila** also thanked **Ian Williams** for putting together a slide show for our Centennial as well as praising **Derek Rickwood**, **Nelson Allen** and **Barry Clarke** from the other three Nanaimo clubs of their efforts towards the Centennial.



**Charles Ramos** announced that the Chamber of Commerce was hosting an unbiased forum about the proposed Nanaimo Events Centre Feb. 28th at 6:00pm at the Nanaimo Conference Centre.

**Bruce Samson** was Sargeant-At-Arms and said that he was honoured to be at the meeting today with Bob's son Brent and that there would be no fines or happy and sad bucks in honour of **Bob Fenty**.

## Club members talked about their memories of Bob Fenty:



**Dave Hammond**—remember Bob's fund raiser of selling chocolate covered bananas on Bathtub weekend, it was hot and they were melting quickly.

**Keith McFarlane**—also remember burning the chocolate for the bananas and people wanting their money back and Bob saying "NO".

**John Salem**—remember Bob being a big supporter of women joining rotary in 1992.

**Dave Connolly**—remember putting up and taking down signs for the Book Sale with Bob.

**Behzad Forghani**—after seeing the pictures of Bob on today's *COGS* it reminded him of an Iranian Poem that "good deeds are better than wealth".

**Brent Barootes**—remember meeting Bob when he joined our club in 2015 and that they both shared a common contact at the Calgary West Rotary Club.

**Lila Tanner**—remember Bob being on her Board during her Presidency—gave her a rough time in fun.

**John Heisterman**—remember Bob's dominating voice during O'Canada and their time at the John Barsby cooking class and never mentioning his store name so no fine.

**Charles Ramos**—remembered his time with Bob and our Slovakian exchange student telling Bob he was going to start a Tim Hortons.

**Frank Shoemaker**—remember the stories about Bob Fenty being a student of former club member Bob Pulleyblank.

**Keith McFarlane**—remember all the good things about Bob and what he gave to the club and our community.

**Brent Stetar**—remember Bob being like a bull in a china shop, always dropping things.

**Joan Ryan**—remember his work at Home Hardware.

**Lila Tanner**—remember Bob as a great jeweller.

**Bruce Samson**—remember Bob for not needing to use microphones for announcements and Sargeant-At-Arms and selling ice cream at fund raisers.

Table stakes were won by **Behzad Forghani** and the chance for the Ace of Spades was won by **Brent Barootes** but no luck.

As some of you may have heard, **Ed Borisenko** has been transported to the Royal Jubilee Hospital in Victoria. His heart valve that had been replaced in 2009 needs to be replaced again. As of today, it looks like Ed's surgery will probably be next Monday, March 6th.

Ed is happy to entertain guests and visitors at the hospital. Iris does not feel comfortable driving down to Victoria and so if anyone might be going for the day to Victoria if she could get a ride it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Iris direct at 250-390-8184.





Some of the fellow Rotarians who stood at the meeting last week and recalled fond memories of Bob Fenty, Past President and Paul Harris fellow who was remembered for his 30 years in our Rotary club and all his service to the community.

## VIU Dental Program

*Notes by John Shillabeer*

**John Heisterman** introduced **Marianne Roden**. She was born in Chilliwack and spent most of her life in Nanaimo. Marianne is part of the dental hygiene and dental assistant teaching programs at VIU. She spoke about the dental school helping disadvantaged children in the community.



Marianne opened by drawing parallels between her dental program work in the community and that of Rotary: both are focused on schools in the south end of Nanaimo.

In Nanaimo 27.7% of kids are brought up in poverty. In many cases the parent(s) is working full time and has very little time to look after the children. Often the children must prepare lunch from whatever they can find and get them-

selves off to school. Brushing teeth is not top of mind for these young folk and also they have no idea about sensible nutrition. The VIU dental program is doing its part to help

### ATTENDANCE

*By Bob Janes*

Attendance for **Feb 24th** was **47%**

#### We missed the following Rotarians

Ali, D. Anderson, W. Anderson, Borisenko, Brand, Cowling, Currie, Gerrand, Grice, Henderson, Jiang, Laing, Lessan, McIver, Mougéot, Myden, Parsons, Pratt, Raedler, J. Smith, Tessier, Wittkofski, Woychuk

**Visiting Rotarians:** Darcy Jones, Canmore Alberta

**Guests:** Brent Fenty, Saba Forghani Targhi, Marianne Roden

#### Birthdays:

John Salem, March 4th  
Bob Fenty, March 5th

#### Club Anniversary:

Janeane Coutu, 25 years on March 6th  
Lucie Gosselin, 25 years on March 6th  
Frank Shoemaker, 19 yrs, on March 6th

break the cycle of poverty by teaching aural hygiene, providing dental care and giving nutritional instruction. Before exposure to the program many kids do not own a tooth brush and many more do not know how to use one.

Research has shown that oral health is a necessary ingredient of pride, self-worth and betterment. VIU is partnering with kids in disadvantaged areas to promote oral health and so help them break out of poverty. The interventions with the kids takes place at VIU in the school of dentistry and a by-product is that it opens the children's eyes to the possibilities of attending VIU in the future (with help from scholarships, etc.). It is also a great opportunity to introduce the dental program students to the importance of service to the community.

The VIU dental program is active in the schools in the south end of the City: John Barsby, Park Avenue, Bayview, Georgia Avenue and Brechin. There is a special Skills for Life program for kids with learning disabilities at John Barsby School. Oral health and nutrition are integrated with such activities as learning to ride a bike, learning to cook and basic personal banking.

The dental program started last year at Brechin School which is on the border between the south end and north end schools. The school neighbourhood has a high proportion of rental properties and First Nations people living off reserve. The dental students found a very high level of neglect among their young patients. The program there embraces grades 4 to 7 and involves bussing to VIU, partnering with a dental hygiene or dental assistant student, cleaning, instruction in oral care and nutrition, examination by a dentist and the children are sent home with oral health aids. Only 34 patients partici-



pated last year (probably for a lack of understanding) but a full 50 have been promised for 2017.

Marianne said their program in south end schools costs \$20 per child over and above those costs covered by the province or VIU and she suggested that in future Rotary should consider partnering with VIU in this very worthwhile project.

In thanking Marianne and presenting her with a handmade Rotary pen,

**Dave Hammond** admitted that it never occurred to him that their might be children who do not know how to clean their teeth. It is very important for our collective future to fix this problem among our poor residents: remember that aural hygiene leads to increased self-confidence and potential.



### DATES TO REMEMBER

**March 4**—Duncan Rotary Whisky Festival, Beverly Corners Liquor Store. \$85 per ticket. "Sample over 50 distinctive whiskies from around the world." Tickets & info: [cuvwhiskyfest.ca](http://cuvwhiskyfest.ca)

**March 5**—Celebration of Life for Rotarian Bob Fenty, 1:00 to 4:00 PM at the Coast Bastion Inn

**April 1**—Celebrating 100 years of the Rotary Foundation

**April 21 to 30**—Rotary Used Book Sale, Nanaimo North Town Centre

**May 4, 5, 6, 2017**—Spirit of Rotary DTA & Conference, Suquamish, WA. More details at [www.rotary5020.org](http://www.rotary5020.org)

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

## WEEKLY CLUB PROGRAMS & MEMBER DUTIES

MEETING DATE	March 3rd, 2017	March 10th, 2017	March 17th, 2017
GREETERS	Laurie Beinert, Bruce Samson, Mike Herold	Barbara Blinston, John Salem, Egon Holzwarth	Frank Shoemaker, Bob Janes, Charlotte Mougeot
CASHIER	Henry Jiang	Henry Jiang	Henry Jiang
SGT-AT-ARMS	Wayne Anderson	Wahid Ali	Dave Hammond
INVOCATION	Brent Barootes	Laurie Beinert	Barbara Blinston
HEAD TABLE	Pres Debbie, Kim Smythe, Brent Barootes, John Salem, Mike Herold, Bruce Samson, Laurie Beinert	Pres Debbie, Bernie Dumas, Mike Herold, Barbara Blinston, Egon Holzwarth, John Shillabeer,	Pres Debbie, Art Vanidour, Bob McDougall, Frank Shoemaker, Bob Janes, Charlotte Mougeot
INTRO GUESTS	Bruce Samson	John Salem	Frank Shoemaker
INTRO SPEAKER	Brent Barootes	Mike Herold	President Debbie
PROGRAM	<b>TODAY'S CHAMBER</b> <i>CEO Kim Smythe</i>	<b>NANAIMO AIRPORT AUTHORITY</b> <i>CEO Bernie Dumas</i>	<b>Honorary Members Presentation</b> ~~~
THANK SPEAKER	Dave Hammond	Donna Hais	_____