

ROTARY CLUB OF NANAIMO

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Friday, March 9, 2018



Bob Wilson caught this dramatic picture of the Millstone River falls during a recent torrential downpour.

Club Meeting Friday at 12:00 p.m.
at the Coast Bastion Inn
CLUB OFFICERS 2017-2018

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Immediate Past President -- Debbie Narver



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Meeting Notes for Friday 2 March 2018

By John Shillabeer

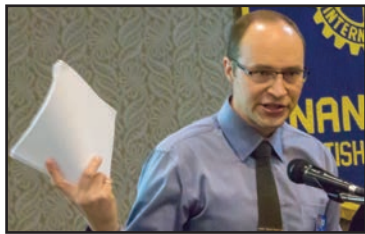
President Jane Currie opened the meeting and we sang O Canada and **Bob Janes** gave the Inspiration. He spoke of how he feels inspired by the work of Rotary, including the devoted work of the Book Sale volunteers at this time of year. There were no visiting Rotarians and no guests of Rotarians.

Announcements

Joan Ryan drew attention to the display provided by the District Public Image committee. In addition to the banner it included several smaller items and Joan suggested that members consider displaying them, where appropriate, in public areas at their places of work.



Charles Ramos handed out printed versions of the existing and proposed revised constitution and bylaws. He had also emailed them to members and requested that we review them before a vote is called. Charles will present a notice of motion on the revised documents next week and the acceptance vote will be held on 23 March.



Lila Tanner announced that from now on there will be a Foundation Table at every meeting at which members can contribute at their convenience.

Frank Shoemaker presented two notices of motions on behalf of the International Service Committee:



1. To donate US\$ 1,000 to ETTA projects in Bolivia. ETTA works to improve health, nutrition, water, sanitation and education in rural areas of Eastern Bolivia.

2. To donate C\$2,200 to Tembo Kenya. Tembo provides clean water wells for rural villages in western Kenya.

Janeane Coutu announced that sign up shift schedules for the book sale are now posted. She is very pleased at the number of people who have already signed up. She is looking forward to another excellent sale. As of 1 March, and with just six weeks to go, we have 87,000 well sorted books in stock while quality books continue to flow in daily.



Ian Williams asked any member who cannot volunteer for the sale to notify him by email. This will avoid Ian repeatedly bugging them to sign up.

Sgt-at-Arms

Sgt Dave Hammond called for a vote to decide who



Charles Ramos

Bob Wilson

was wearing the ugliest tie: **Charles Ramos** or **Bob Wilson**. **Bob** claimed victory without a vote since his tie was but one year younger than Charles himself.

Dave next attempted to catch slippery **Brent Barootes** for some misplaced mirth, which he denied at length and was let off.

Happy and Sad Bucks

Bob Wilson was happy to have been bike riding with **Dave Connolly** who is even faster than he was last year (bigger assist motor).

Janeane Coutu happily alleged that according to last week's COGS, your reporter doesn't know his carnations from his roses.

Debbie Narver was happy to announce that her husband Doug has decided to retire.

The Draw



Mikel Knutsson won the table stakes and **Wendy Pratt** could only manage the ace of hearts when chasing the ace, so the pot will grow for another week.

PROGRAM NOTES FOR MARCH 2, 2018

By Charles Ramos

Today's program was given by club members **Joan Ryan** and **Debbie Narver** on club initiatives they chair; Joan's presentation discussed Youth Services and Debbie discussed Community Partnerships.

President **Jane Currie** introduced the speakers:

Both Joan and Debbie are past club presidents and Paul Harris Fellows. Joan joined the club in 2003, she likes

to sing, and she is the district chair for Rotary youth services. Debbie joined the club in 2011 under a classification of Business Consulting; her expertise is in business strategic planning, and she put this skill to use in working with her committee.

Joan discussed the youth programs that Rotary supports.



There are two youth clubs: Interact for youth between 14-18 years or high school students and Rotaract for young adults between 18-30 years. Rotaractors are eligible for dual membership in a Rotary club, if they choose. The student exchange that the Nanaimo clubs participate in is organized and overseen by the Youth Services committee. This program is highly-regarded for the long term effects of engaging young people with service projects early in life. Joan also discussed some of the administrative and youth protections in place through the program.

Debbie presented on the Community Partnerships committee. This group actively searches for community humanitarian issues that can be helped with volunteer time or donations of money from the club. Some of the recent projects overseen by the committee were the Vancouver Island Mental Health Society's (VIMHS's) purchase



and assembly of beds, and the homeless clothing drive. Clubmembers **Laurie Bienert** and **Mike Minhas** were key leaders for these events. Both of these were 'hands-on' projects in which many clubmembers participated. The VIMHS project received a matching grant from Rotary International, which allowed the committee a greater impact. Clubmember **Ross White** is a key player in the committee; he volunteered at the Christmas food bank last year and is a frequent participant in the hands-on



events. The committee is always searching for deserving projects. Many of the projects are eligible for matching grants which multiplies the help that can be given.

Following the presentations, there were several questions, comments and accolades by clubmembers. **Wendy Pratt** thanked Joan and Debbie.

Rotary Update: Book Sale Preparation

Members will be pleased to learn that we are well on the way preparing for another very successful Grand Semi-Annual Used Book Sale. The sale will run from Friday 13 to Sunday 22 April.

Donations of books are running ahead of last year at this time and the quality of the books is very high. Our regular volunteers are managing to keep up with the initial sorting, but we are still looking for volunteers to take ownership of a category and to sort books within it to make them more accessible for buyers. See **Susie** or **Janeane** to volunteer to take on a section.

Nanaimo North Town Centre continues to allow us to use the "big room" for sorting and display of books and we think that this big airy room and layout helped make the buyers' experience and the last sale the best ever.

The sign-up sheets are posted for duties during the sale when it will be all hands on deck to get the job done. We expect all members to sign up together with family and friends to do their part in our most important fund raising endeavor.

As of Tuesday, March 6 we have 50 volunteers signed up, 21 of those are spouses or friends such as Altrusa.

Twenty six club members have yet to sign up. Hopefully some or all will help fill the 84 vacant positions:

Setup - 11, Cashier - 24, Tables - 38, Clean Up - 11.

An email will be sent to those who have not signed up. By clicking on **Sign Up** within the email you will be taken directly to the sign up sheet with a list of positions.

Please help with our primary fund raiser.

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SATURDAY MARCH 31ST

9 AM - 1 PM

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GRAND PACIFIC
VICTORIA**

REGISTER NOW

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WWW.ROTARY5020.ORG

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Nothing is impossible, the word itself says
"I'm possible"! - Audrey Hepburn



The Centennial Committee provides input to the Architect for our Club's 100th anniversary project.

Rotary Happy Happy Hour!

Join us for a fun evening of social networking.
Get to know new members and build ties with all.

When: Monday, March 12, 5-7pm

Where: Minnoz Bar, Coast Bastion Hotel

Who: All members, spouses, guests

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Spouse Birthday

Doug Narver, Debbie Mar 11

Date Joined Rotary

Douglas Anderson, 10 years Mar 14

DATES TO REMEMBER

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 9, 2018	March 16, 2018	March 23, 2018
Greeters	Janeane Coutu, Frank Shoemaker, Sean Martin	Norm Myden, Doug Cowling, Jason Bradley	Debbie Narver, Behzad Forghani, Joyce Smith
Cashier	Ed Borisenko	Ed Borisenko	Ed Borisenko
Sgt at Arms	John Heisterman	Joan Ryan	Wayne Anderson
Inspiration	Lila Tanner	Mike Knutsson	Doug Cowling
Head Table	Pres. Jane, Bob Mueller, Jason Bradley	Pres. Jane, Adrian Legin, Pat Cox	VP Carey, Mikel Knutsson, Charles Ramos
Intro Guests	Laurie Beinert	Barbara Blinston	John Shillabeer
Intro Speaker	David Woodward	Mike Minhaus	Charles Ramos
Program	Finding your Butkis Bob Mueller	Coastal Community Credit Union - Adrian Legin, CEO	Up to London to visit the Queen - Mikel Knutsson
Thank Speaker	Jason Bradley	Pat Cox	Bruce Samson