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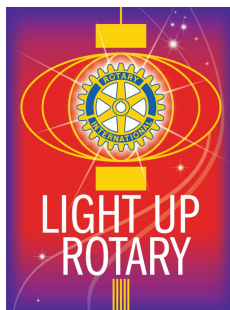


Nanaimo Estuary—Photo contributed by Nancy Vanidour

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

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Meeting Notes from April 24th

By Charles Ramos



President **Bob Wilson** called the meeting to order, and led the singing of the national anthem.

Our Invocation today was delivered by **Frank Shoemaker** who reminded us all to be mindful of the

small things near to us.

Visiting Rotarians and Guests

Dave Hammond called for visiting Rotarians and guests. **Ross White** introduced visiting Rotarians **Doug Pearson** and **Rob Waine**, from the Nanaimo North club, who are here today with a couple of the RYLA students. **Guenter Raedler** introduced guest **Chris Coutu**.

Health of the Club

Health wise our club seems to be doing fine. **Bill Horman** was seen at the book sale, and he looked good.

Announcements

Rob Waine announced that the Nanaimo North club is selling 50/50 tickets for a draw on May 26th. Unfortunately, he forgot to bring any with him.



John Shillabeer updated the club on the ongoing spring book sale, which seems to be shaping up as the best spring sale ever. Proceeds at end of sale on Thursday night were \$54,400, which is \$10K above the last year's, best

to date for a spring sale. He proposed a vote of thanks for **Brent Stetar** and **Rudi**, who have each been working very long hours. John mentioned that there was some concern from the club about the availability of volunteers, but noted that there are plenty of workers available and that a certain number of shifts will always require rescheduling. From an operational view, the lightweight tables purchased by the club are much easier to handle than the previous wooden ones, and greatly increase safety during setup and takedown.

Bob Wilson mentioned that the sorting of the books this year is excellent, and we are getting favourable comments from our many customers on the quality of our books for sale.



Douglas Anderson reminded members to register for the District Conference in Nanaimo this summer, and noted that it is free for all members.

Meals will still need to be purchased: either \$175 for a full conference meal package, or \$65 for the gala dinner alone.

Sergeant at Arms

Bruce Samson was today's Sgt-at-Arms. He began by fining visiting Rotarians **Rob Waine** and **Doug Pearson** \$2 each for coming to our club and forgetting their 50/50 tickets.



He nailed **Janeane Coutu** for not acknowledging her husband, **Chris**, who had been introduced separately to the club, and also for never invit-

ing Chris herself.

Chris Coutu was fined for not saving **Janeane** a seat.



Guenter Raedler was fined for not working the book sale this spring. Guenter claimed that work was taking all his time lately, and mentioned while paying

the fine that he hopes a portion goes to a new haircut for the Sergeant.

Happy and Sad Bucks

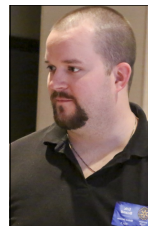
Happy and sad bucks were plentiful:

Eric Brand was happy to be closing on his first house,

Ross White was happy to be back in town from Arizona,

Ian Williams congratulated **John Shillabeer** and **Bruce Gordon** for their year-round work on the book sale,

John Shillabeer announced that he will be leaving next Saturday for a month's vacation in Prague,



Janeane Coutu announced that her daughter's volleyball team is fundraising at a fishing contest at Canadian Tire this Saturday from 10-2, and urged all to attend,

Egon Holzwarth mentioned that **Chris Coutu** seems to be eating fairly well, even though not invited to regular lunch meetings by Janeane.

Table stakes were won by **Ross**

White, and **Bob Patrick's** draw attempt for the Ace of Spades was unsuccessful.



RYLA Students Praise the Program

By John Shillabeer

This presentation was an information session about RYLA: Rotary Youth Leadership Assembly.

Douglas Anderson introduced our four presenters: **Doug Pearson** and **Rob**



Waine from the North Nanaimo Club who help to organise and administer RYLA among the five clubs, together with **Jocelyn Hitcher** and **Johnson Nguyen** who recently participated in the Assembly.

RYLA started in the early 1960's in Australia and came to our district 46 years ago. It is now jointly organised with District 5030

(Seattle area) and each year involves about 108 American and 30 Canadian young people over four days. Activities include team building, guest speakers, ingenuity exercises, generally having

fun and making friends. Rotarians can attend as chapters and/or as observers.

Johnson Nguyen attends Woodlands High School and said attending



RYLA was one of the most memorable experiences of his young life. He took a lot away from the experience. It "blew his expectations right out of the water". He was particularly impressed by the speakers, each of whom had unique and inspiring life stories. Johnson said that before RYLA he was unsure about his future, but now he is confident that he is taking steps in the right direction.



Jocelyn Hitcher recently transferred from Woodlands to Nanaimo District Secondary School. She said that attending RYLA opened her eyes to see

and appreciate the wide variety of people around her and that this in turn has helped her to settle in and make friends at her new school.

Like Johnson she appreciated the inspiring life stories of the guest speakers. These included a legless Vietnam vet who invented sit skiing, developed a company to manufacture skiing equipment and won a gold medal at the para Olympics. There was also the Nigerian who had beaten the odds to get a superior education and migrate to the USA and the young lady whose doctors told her she could never do anything. Now she has a Master's degree and is a consultant to several school districts.

Jocelyn has been accepted for entry to Memorial University, Newfoundland and will start there in the fall.

RYLA doesn't get the publicity in the schools that it should. The information too easily gets lost.

In answer to questions from the floor, Doug and Rob admitted that RYLA does not get as much publicity among the schools as they would like. It depends on the school principal and staff. Johnson thought that it was easy for the information to get lost among so much that goes on and other potential opportunities on offer. Nevertheless both Johnson and Jocelyn were advised to apply to go to RYLA by their school councillor and principal.

We are limited to sending eight students each year from Nanaimo. It costs the clubs about \$800 per student and in addition the number is limited by the carrying capacity of the type of van that only requires the driver to have a class 5 licence.



President Bob thanked the four speakers for their presentation and observed that it was good to see the positive results that had come from our efforts. He presented the coveted Rotary Pens to Jocelyn and Johnson and hoped the pens would help them get a good start along their chosen career paths.

**ROTARY DISTRICT 5020
CONFERENCE—JUNE 19-21
Conference Centre, Nanaimo**



ATTENDANCE

By Janeane Coutu

Attendance for April 24th was **34%**

We missed these Rotarians;

Ali, W. Anderson, Blinston, Cantelon, Cowling, Fenty, Finnegan, Gerrand, L. Gosselin, Y. Gosselin, Grice, Hais, Heisterman, Henderson, Janes, Jiang, King, Laing, Lessan, McIver, Narver, Pankratz, Pratt, Ross, Ryan, Salem, A. Smith, J. Smith, K. Smith, Stetar, Walker, Welch

Visiting Rotarians;

Rob Wayne and Doug Pearson, Nanaimo North

Guests;

Johnson Nguyen, RYLA student
Jocelyn Hitchen, RYKA student
Chris Coutu was the guest of Guenter Raedler

Book Sale Tally

Our Rotary Book Sale CEO, Rudi Steinmetz has crunched the numbers for our just-finished Spring Book Sale and the final tally shows we are slightly ahead of last spring's sale with sales of \$66,000.

At the beginning of this sale we had 97,000 books displayed for sale and we sold 36,686 books at an average price of \$1.79.

The fiction categories pretty well held their percentage of the sales with 28% of hard covers and 45% of paperbacks, with Arts & Music category showing the largest increase at 26%. We did not sell as many Cook Books, Geography, How To and Self Improvement books.

DATES TO REMEMBER

May 1—Rotary Club of Nanaimo's 95th Anniversary from date of charter.

May 23—Rotary Fun Car Rally, 10 am to 2 pm, Bowen Park, fee \$10 per car. Prizes to be won including \$500 HeliJet Trip.

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

June 26—Rotary Installation Night, with fellowship starting at 6:00 pm with dinner at 7:00 pm. This is a pre-paid evening for Rotarians and their partners, so come out to wish PE Lila Tanner and her executive a good year. More details as they become available.

Book sale make-ups

Ali, D. Anderson, W. Anderson, Blinston, Borisenko, Brand, Coutu, Fenty, Finnegan, Gerrand, L. Gosselin, Y. Gosselin, Grice, Hammond, Heisterman, Holzwarth, Janes, Jiang, King, Knutsson, Lessan, Lewis, McFarlane, McIver, Myden, Narver, Pankratz, Patrick, Pratt, Ramos, Ross, Ryan, Salem, Samson, Shoemaker, J. Smith, Stetar, Walker, Wilson

Birthdays: *None to report*

Spouse's Birthday:

Debbie Marshall (Bruce Samson) on May 5th

Wedding Anniversaries:

Mike & Sandy Herold, 45 years, on May 2nd

Keith & Wendy McFarlane, 36 years, on May 4th

Bob & Louise Patrick, 32 years, on May 6

WEEKLY CLUB PROGRAMS

Friday, May 1st

GREETERS	Egon Holzwarth, Bob Patrick, Susan Gerrand
CASHIERS	Ed Borisenko
SGT-AT-ARMS	Dave Hammond
INVOCATION	Ross White
HEAD TABLE	President Bob, Ellen Ross, Henry Jiang, Douglas Anderson, Egon Holzwarth Bob Patrick, Susan Gerrand
INTRODUCE GUESTS	John Salem
INTRODUCE SPEAKER	Douglas Anderson
PROGRAM	CLASSIFICATION TALKS <i>Ellen Ross, Henry Jiang</i>
THANK SPEAKER	President Robert

Friday, May 8th

GREETERS	Wendy Pratt, Debbie Narver, Doug Cowling
CASHIERS	Ed Borisenko
SGT-AT-ARMS	John Heisterman
INVOCATION	Ian Williams
HEAD TABLE	Pres. Bob, Paris Gaudet, Art Vanidour, Kevin Cantelon, Jane Currie, John Marlow, Bruce Samson
INTRODUCE GUESTS	Bruce Samson
INTRODUCE SPEAKER	Art Vanidour
PROGRAM	Innovation Island Technology Ass'n <i>Paris Gaudet</i>
THANK SPEAKER	Dave Connolly

Friday, May 15th

GREETERS	Guenter Raedler, Bob Janes, Lucie Gosselin
CASHIERS	Ed Borisenko
SGT-AT-ARMS	Joan Ryan
INVOCATION	Douglas Anderson
HEAD TABLE	Pres. Bob, 5 School Principals, Bob Fenty, Kevin Cantelon, Dale Huck, Raedler, Bob Janes, L. Gosselin
INTRODUCE GUESTS	Bruce Gordon
INTRODUCE SPEAKER	Bob Fenty
PROGRAM	EDUCATING IN THE NEW MELINIUM <i>5 School Principals</i>
THANK SPEAKER	Kevin Cantelon

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Huck, Dale	Welch, Herb



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