

ROTARY CLUB OF NANAIMO

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Club Celebrates 95-year History in Nanaimo

On the occasion of the 95th anniversary of our Rotary Club, the Coast Bastion Inn provided a birthday cake for our members to enjoy. Our Rotary club was chartered May 1st, 1920 in the Windsor Hotel with 24 members and George Pearson as the first president.



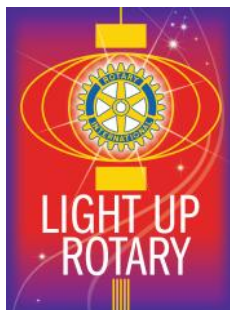
Happy Bucks Hijinks . . . A regular feature during the Sgt-at-Arms report is Happy Bucks, and above we see Charles Ramos paying for reporting a visit from an Exchange

Student, Keith McFarlane complaining about a fine he was levied, and Egon Holzwarth paying a Happy Buck in honour of all the good work the club has been doing in Africa.

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

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Meeting Notes from May 1st

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 **Joan Ryan**. Following the invocation, **President Bob** led us in the singing of Happy Birthday in honour of our club's 95th anniversary (today!).

Visiting Rotarians and Guests

John Salem called for visiting Rotarians and guests. **Bob Fenty** introduced visiting Rotaractor **Mathieu Ennis**, from VIU. There were no guests today.



Notices of Motion



Frank Shoemaker discussed the recent earthquake in Nepal, and made a notice of motion that our club donate \$1,500 to Shelter Box in support of the aid efforts. The club was in favour.

Wendy Pratt made a notice of motion that the club donate \$1,500 toward volunteer medical efforts by the 'Partners in Compassion' organization in Nepal. **Dr. Robin Love** from this organization will be presenting their work to our club on May 22. This motion will be voted on in two weeks' time.

Announcements

Brenda Grice announced that this is the last week to get matching points through our club for donating to Foundation.



Bob Fenty had numerous announcements, as follows:

- Thanks to all who helped with the book sale signs, particularly **Bob Wilson, Brent Stetar, Dave Connolly, Richard Finnegan, Wayne Anderson, Matt Ennis, Doug Cowling.**
- Dictionaries and thesauruses (thesauri?) were donated to the following Nanaimo schools: Chase River – 30 total, Bayview – 50, Park Avenue – 30, Georgia Avenue – 30,

Fairview – 64, Brechin – 32, Rock City – 28, Departure Bay – 24. A total of 290 were distributed.

- Community Grants Committee announced the following club donations:
- \$500 to Errington Therapeutic Riding Association
- \$1,000 to assist the Woodlands High School food program
- \$500 to the African Grannies Project
- \$1,000 to the Navy League Cadets towards the purchase of toilets and faucets for the Navy League Building. Home Hardware has also greatly reduced the price for the above items.
- Grade 12 student **Jacob Campbell** from Barsby will be attending the Adventures in Forestry Program, supported by our club.



Brent Stetar provided an update on the spring book sale just past. One thousand boxes of books were sold, or approximately 30% of our inventory, for a gross sales of \$65,000.

The average price per book was \$1.80. Good work to all!

Douglas Anderson announced that it is quite easy to check your lifetime Rotary Foundation donations through the RI website. This is a different site than Club Runner.

Brenda Grice announced that only the member can access their personal donation history.



Janeane Coutu announced that volunteers are needed for the SD 68 dry grad. 300 volunteers are needed for the June 26, 8pm-5am celebration. The following volunteers are needed:

- Setup/decorating the night before - June 25th and during the day on June 26th
- Dry Grad event itself, 8pm to 5am.
- Help running the Clairvoyant room.
- If you buy your gas next week at Co-op gas stations, they are donating a portion of all gas sales to Dry Grad.

Ian Williams announced that we have started a pre-signup through Club Runner to allow the Coast Bastion a better

idea of Friday meals needed by the club.

Bob Wilson noted that the pre-signup will help keep the Coast's, and thus our, prices down.

Sergeant at Arms

Dave Hammond was today's Sergeant, and he began by immediately fining **Douglas Anderson** for long-windedness. **Janeane Coutu** was also fined for cheekily summarizing Douglas's rambling monologue in two words.

Keith McFarlane was fined for disrespecting the greeters.

As this is the club's 95th anniversary, and **John Morris** is also 95, all members were requested to donate \$1 for the honour of being in his company.

A 95-year quiz was given to all tables regarding the local political scene on May 1, 1920. Most tables paid for incorrect answers.

Happy and Sad Bucks

Happy and sad bucks were plentiful:

Brenda Grice gave bucks to announce pre-



vious exchange student, Get, from Thailand has been accepted at the Emily Carr university

Egon Holzwarth gave happy bucks for our efforts in Sunyani, Ghana

Charles Ramos gave happy bucks for a host family thank you dinner at Boston Pizza by our exchange student, **Bas**, and his parents. Also happy bucks to **Bob Wilson** that all the Garry Oaks transplanted from his house have survived.

Bill Horman mentioned that he has now been a member for 60 years, and it was brought home to him when he noticed a sign from 1955 with a picture of his father at the Bowen Park Rotary project.



John Heisterman gave happy bucks that he was able to treat his wife to a new, 56 year-old stove that he found on Craigslist

Table stakes were won by **Bruce Gordon**, and **Helen Blackmore's** draw attempt for the Ace of Spades was unsuccessful.



Classification Talk: Ellen Ross

By Mike Herold



Today's Program was a classification or "baby talk" by club member **Ellen Ross**.

Ellen started the talk by saying she is not 95 years old, like our club is.

Ellen was born and raised on a farm in Georgetown Ontario and was the middle child in a family of 5 children. She was a farm girl for 11 years until her family moved to a little hamlet called Glen Williams in Ontario and moved into a historic home that was the home of an early landscape architect. While growing up she had many jobs including a paper route when she was nine years old and she can recall some pretty cold days delivering the paper. She also had a job as a house keeper for one of her neighbours.

Ellen left home at age 16 to "live the dream" and moved to Victoria and lying about her age, landed a job at the Bank of Montreal and then took a job as a dental assistant for Dr. Thompson.



After 20 years of being out of the school system, she went back to high school in Ontario and after graduation moved back to Victoria and then on to Powell River where she worked in the school system and met her husband Don and was married six months later.

Ellen and Don had a son, Colin who was born in Powell River and is now 35 years old. Ellen, Don and Colin left for Powell River for the Great White North and moved to Fort Smith in the NWT. They met lots of good friends and they figured out unique ways of brining spe-

cialty seafood products into their community via the air lines.

Ellen thought that living in Ontario was not cold compared to living in Fort Smith which could drop to minus 58 degrees.

After Fort Smith they moved to Edmonton where they adopted their second son Bryce and from Edmonton the family moved to Oakville Ontario where Ellen worked in the public health system for 20 years.

After their sons left home, Ellen and Don moved back to Victoria where Don worked in dentistry at CFB Esquimalt and after Victoria moved to Nanaimo to start a position at VIU as a clinical instructor and is currently working on her teaching diploma.



Our newest member was thanked for her presentation by **President Bob**, and then presented with the coveted Rotary Pen by the pen's creator, **Dave Connolly**.



Dave Connolly presents Ellen with a hand made pen he created as a memo of her first talk to the Rotary club she has just joined.

District Leadership Training

By Meredith Green

What wonderful presentations we experienced at DLTA! We started off with the Zone Institute training regarding the club new membership focus. Zone 2526 membership resources can be found at <http://zone2526.org/membership/>.

Other presentations from the breakout sessions are available on the District 5020 website on the Training Page. You will be prompted to open or save most presentations.

DLTA 2016 will be held April 1 - 3 in Victoria, and we anticipate starting registration in January. If you have suggestions for sessions or would like to volunteer for the training committee, please email me at meredith.rotary@gmail.com

All district training business is handled via conference call or email, so anyone can participate!

DATES TO REMEMBER

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.

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



ATTENDANCE

By Bob Janes

Attendance for May 1st was **68%**

We missed the following Rotarians

Ali, Cantelon, Finnegan, Gerrand, Y. Gosselin, King, Knutsson, Patrick, Raedler, Samson, Shillabeer, A. J. And K. Smith, Welch.

Visiting Rotarian: Mathew Ennis

Birthdays:

Kevin Cantelon, May 9th
Jane Currie, May 9th
Herb Welch, May 9th
John Marlow, May 10th

Bruce Samson, May 12th

Spouse's Birthday:

Catherine Knutsson (Mikel) on May 10th

Chris Coutu (Janeane) on May 12th

Wedding Anniversaries:

Norman & Barbara Myden, 46 years, May 10th

Donna & Robert Hais, 21 years, on May 14th

Frank & June Shoemaker, 38 years, May 14th

Date of Joining Rotary:

Kevin Cantelon, 2 years, May 10th

Richard Finnegan, 2 years, May 10th

WEEKLY CLUB PROGRAMS

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 MILLENIUM <i>5 School Principals</i>
THANK SPEAKER	Kevin Cantelon

Friday, May 22nd

GREETERS	Charles Ramos, Henry Jiang, Yvan Gosselin
CASHIERS	Ed Borisenko
SGT-AT-ARMS	Bruce Samson
INVOCATION	Wayne Anderson
HEAD TABLE	Pres. Bob, Dr. Chadani, Dr. Love, Carmon Henderson, Richard Finnegan, Charles Ramos, Henry Jiang, Y. Gosselin
INTRODUCE GUESTS	Frank Shoemaker
INTRODUCE SPEAKER	Carmon Henderson
PROGRAM	Nepal Partners in Compassion Project <i>Dr. Chadani / Dr. Robin Love</i>
THANK SPEAKER	Wendy Pratt



Bill Horman talked about this tribute to Rotary located in Bowen Park. The missing piece in the wheel is a tribute to Bill's dad who died while working during the park development. The plaque reads in part

**"MAY THIS PLAQUE COMMEMORATE THE
BOWEN PARK DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION
ORGANIZED AND SPONSORED BY THE
NANAIMO ROTARY CLUB"**

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