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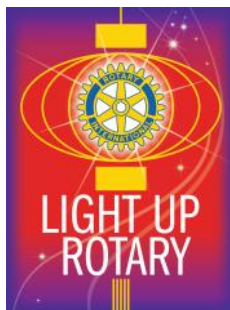


Tulips at the Sailors' Memorial, Swy-a-Lana Lagoon, Nanaimo

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

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Meeting Notes from May 8th

By Derek Lewis

President Bob Wilson welcomed the Club to its 4,676th meeting and asked all to rise for the singing of O'Canada. **Ian Williams** provided the invocation, giving thanks for the communities we live in, the fellowship of Rotary, helping others, and the food we ate for lunch.

Bruce Samson called for the introduction of visiting Rotarians and guests. There were two visiting Rotarians: **Matthieu Ennis** from the Rotaract Club of Nanaimo and **Jerome Stetar**, Brent's dad, visiting from Camrose. There were three guests present. **Barb Blinston** introduced her two guests: **Commander Peter Betcher**, the President of the United Services Institute in Nanaimo, President of the Navy League of Canada, Vancouver Island Division, and he also sits on the National Council for the Sea and Navy League Cadet programs, as well as other programs; and **Dick Stasiuk**, who is the past Vice-President of the BC/Yukon Royal Canadian Legion and is presently servicing as a Director on the Board of the United Services Institute of Nanaimo and North Vancouver Island. **Richard Finnegan** introduced our other guest, **Hilary Eastmure**, an on-air radio personality with 91.7 Coast FM, who will be taking part in the upcoming *Cops for Cancer – Tour de Rock* in support of the Canadian Cancer Society.

Announcements:

Janeane Coutu reminded everyone that it was Mother's Day on Sunday.

Richard Finnegan reminded the Club that the **Rotary Fun Car Rally** was coming up on Saturday, May 23rd and will be hosted by the Milestone Winery with prized donated by HeliJet, the Coast Bastion Inn, and Thrifty's Foods, among many other. Both Shaw TV and Coast FM will be in attendance.

Douglas Anderson reminded the Club of the upcoming District 5020 Conference right here in Nanaimo at the Vancouver Island Conference Centre from June 19th to June 21st. Attendance is free, but you are still encouraged to register online. If you stay for any of the

meals, there is a charge for each meal.

Keith MacFarlane announced that this year's Installation will be here at the Coast Bastion the evening of June 26th where we will welcome incoming President **Lila Tanner**, and say a fond farewell to outgoing President **Bob Wilson**. The *Wellington School Jazz Band* will be providing the entertainment for the evening.



Sergeant-at-Arms:

The Sergeant-at-Arms this week was **John Heisterman**, who paused the meeting to answer his cellular phone with the explanation that "I don't get many calls". Thankfully the chair of the Sergeant-at-Arms Committee, **Dave Hammond**, stepped in and fined John \$5 for his rudeness.

When John was finally done his phone call, he commented on what a great mood he was in due to the sunny weather and having time to work in the garden.

Finally getting down to business, John fined **Richard Finnegan's** table for the privilege of getting to sit with a local celebrity, **Hilary Eastmure** from 91.7 Coast FM. Richard graciously stepped up and paid for the entire table since Hilary was his guest.

John then asked for volunteers from the club to fine themselves if they've done something wrong. Having no takers, he then forced **Dave Hammond** to purchase a book about *Ben Hogan* from 1957 for \$5 with the explanation that maybe it would help Dave's golf game.

Next, John auctioned off a book about the *Clan MacFarlane* that **Bruce Samson** had uncovered at the recent book sale. Instead of just charging **Keith McFarlane**

for a book about his kin, John decided to allow the rest of the Club to drum up the price of the book with the explanation that Keith would pay whatever the final bid was, before backtracking and charging Keith just \$5 for the book.



Happy/Sad Bucks:

Art Vanidour had a cautious dollar after his daughter finished 1st and his granddaughter 2nd at a recent equestrian event. The reason he's cautious is because usually it's his granddaughter finishing 1st, not his daughter.

Charles Ramos had an informative dollar, letting us know that the reason **Mike Herold** was missing today's lunch was because he was up in Campbell River related to the Rotary Suspension Bridge.

Joan Ryan had a dollar to remind everyone that tomorrow was the *Walk With Your Doc* event at Maffeo Sutton Park starting at 10 a.m.

Eric Brand has a sad dollar that his home purchase that he had announced a few weeks ago fell through, so he is still homeless.

Lila Tanner had a sad/happy dollar. The sad dollar is for a family member from Lethbridge that passed away, so she will be driving there after the meeting. The happy dollar was that she stopped at the front desk here at the Coast Bastion and they set her up with a room at the local Coast Hotel in Lethbridge.



Brent Stetar had a happy dollar that his parents were visiting from Camrose.

Richard Finnegan has a happy \$5 dollars that even though he and Kevin joined Rotary together two years ago, he will always be three weeks younger than Kevin.

Egon Holzwarth had a dollar to announce that while going through some old files from 1969, he found his T1 tax filing that was only 1 page long. How the times have changed.

Wendy Pratt had two happy dollars. Firstly to welcome our presenter today, **Paris Gaudet**, and secondly that last weekend all four of her grandchildren visited at once and her four year old grandson saw a wedding ceremony at the park and told his mommy when he go home that he saw a fairy princess at the park.

John Heisterman felt that the \$5 Dave fined him earlier entitled him to a free story about how a local fishing

website was commenting on how any idiot could catch fish in the Georgia Straight right now they're biting so much, so John went fishing on Tuesday and came home empty handed. What exactly does this say about John?

Draws:

Table stakes were won by **Dave Hammond**. The Card Draw was won by **Janeane Coutu**,

who was close, but not close enough, so the pot continues to grow.



Innovation Island: Technology Happens Here

By Janeane Coutu

Paris Gaudet is the Executive Director of Innovation Island and has 15 years' experience in economic development, having held management and leadership roles in both public and private sector organizations.



Our speaker was introduced by Art Vanidour.

Prior to her appointment as Executive Director in 2010, Paris served as Innovation Island's Programs Manager, with responsibility for developing programs and services to assist early-stage tech companies. Paris is an "island girl", having been born in Campbell River and grew up in Nanaimo.

Innovation Island used to be known as MISTIC and underwent a name change in 2012 to better reflect their purpose. Innovation Island's goal is simple: support entrepreneurs to start and grow technology companies by providing them with programs and resources they need to succeed.

The organization has a large territory, supporting 79 municipalities, 8 Regional Districts, and 13 School Districts from the Malahat north including the Sunshine Coast and Gulf Islands. Their goal is to make technology the number one economic driver in the region.

Innovation Island has two funding



partners; BC Innovation Council and (federally) the National Research Council. They have to areas of focus; Community building – getting the word out, making presentations, hosting events and seminars, and Entrepreneurial development – structured programs that support technology entrepreneurs to accelerate and grow. Their regional impact – worked with 91 companies, raised \$1.5m in capital funding, \$400K in gov't grant, \$840K in revenue generated, 33 full time jobs and 35 partnership agreements.

You may ask, what is technology?

Building product and/or productized services with engineering attributes that are scalable to national or international markets. Tech startups share characteristics of rapid growth, innovative, visionary, scalable to global markets and are culture driven. Tech now employs more people in our province than oil, gas and forestry. Stats from 2013 show \$23 billion in annual economic impact, wages are 65% higher than BC averages, and involves over 40,000 businesses- although they may only have 1-2 employees.

Paris cited the "Club Penguin" story – an online software game developed as a safe, advertising-free game for young children developed by two dads in Kelowna, BC. They eventually sold to Walt Disney Corporation for \$700m fuelling the development of Kelowna as a tech industry town – key to successful

economic growth for the community.

During questions, Paris made it very clear that we need to change how our school system addresses technology and digital learning for our youth. Girls in particular are underrepresented in the tech industry and she is passionate about changing this statistics. Ladies Learn

Code is just one program target for girls to get engaged in the tech industry.

Brent Stetar thanked Paris for her enthusiastic presentation to our club.



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For those who are interested in the Green side of things; it is interesting to note that in the recycling of books from our Book Sale inventory, Rotary has saved 680 trees in the past year.

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. More details as they become available.

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



ATTENDANCE

By Janeane Coutu

Attendance for **May 8th** was **63%**.

We missed these Rotarians;

Ali, D. Anderson, Cowling, Gerrand, Y. Gosselin, Hais, Henderson, Janes, King, Knutsson, Patrick, Raedler, Salem, Shillabeer, A. Smith, J. Smith, K. Smith, Welch

Visiting Rotarians;

Mathieu Ennis, Rotaract
Jerome Stetar, Camrose Rotary

Guests;

Peter Betcher, and Richard Stasiuk, guests of Barb Blinston
Hillary Eastmure, guest of Richard

Finnegan

Birthdays:

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 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

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

Friday, May 29th

GREETERS	Brenda Grice, Ellen Ross, Bill King
CASHIERS	Ed Borisenko
SGT-AT-ARMS	John Shillabeer
INVOCATION	Helen Blackmore
HEAD TABLE	Pres. Bob, Fay Laing, Henry Jiang, Douglas Anderson, Keith McFarlane, Ellen Ross, Brenda Grice, Bill King
INTRODUCE GUESTS	Allan Smith
INTRODUCE SPEAKER	Douglas Anderson
PROGRAM	CLASSIFICATION TALKS <i>Fay Laing and Henry Jiang</i>
THANK SPEAKER	President Bob

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Prepare For Major Rotary Year Celebrations



Next month marks the celebration of the 2014-15 Rotary Year, as districts around the world mark their achievements at their Annual District Conference.

The 2015 District Conference committee has been working very hard to showcase the many projects undertaken by our district 5020 clubs. There will also be many projects displayed in the House of Friendship when the Conference convenes June 19-21 in Nanaimo. Clubs and members who have contributed significantly to Rotary in the past year will be recognized with special awards.

I have to celebrate the most amazing and rewarding journey that I could ever have been the given the opportunity to take as a member of Rotary – the privilege of being your District Governor for this Rotary year. Past District Governors told me that the highlight of my year would be the opportunity to visit all our clubs and meet so many fine Rotary members. They were right. My 88 official District Governor club visits were completed on December 3rd.

The Second Time Around

Someone asked me then how many clubs I planned to visit a second time. My first response was, “Not very many,” but then I started my second round of visits. Lo and behold, by the end of May, I will have visited nearly all our clubs for a second time.

I especially enjoyed the special foundation dinners presented by the three Gig Harbor clubs and also all the clubs in Thurston County. Another group event was organized by the four Nanaimo and one Lantzville club to celebrate “Light Up Rotary” in Nanaimo.

I found myself making so many second visits because of the wonderful reception I had received from our clubs, and also because it was so enjoyable to see as many members as possible for a second time.

Now what I would very much like to do is visit with each of you for a third time this Rotary year. The only way that I can do this is if you **plan to attend our District Conference in Nanaimo on June 19th to 21st.** It is being held at a wonderful new facility -- the Vancouver Island Conference Center.

What a wonderful way for us all to celebrate our Rotary year!



Winner of
District 5020
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