

# ROTARY CLUB OF NANAIMO

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4814<sup>th</sup> Meeting

Friday, May 18 2018



**Brenda Grice returned from District Conference with our Club's *Governor's Literacy Award* banner.**

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

President ----- Jane K. Currie  
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Treasurer ----- Lynne Pankratz  
President Elect ----- Charles Ramos  
Immediate Past President -- Debbie Narver



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## PROGRAM NOTES FOR May 11, 2018

By Mike Herold



Pres. Jane

President **Jane Currie** Presided over today's meeting and O'Canada was sung in acapella.

Today's Inspiration was given by **Peggy Richardson** and while we did not have any visiting Rotarians this week, we were rewarded with guest **Maggie Turpeinen** from

Finland who many of you will remember **Maija** as an Exchange student 10 years ago.

Announcements included **Janeane Coutu** reminding Board members of the Board Meeting May 15<sup>th</sup> and secondly Janene informed members that the club is still looking at another option for lunch somewhere in between the \$25 buffet and the \$10 light desert snack.

**Debbie Narver** told the club that the Community Partnerships committee, which was started one year ago, is working with Vancouver Island University (VIU) on their Registered Education Savings Plan (RESP) accelerator program to provide opportunity for children of low income families (the beneficiaries) to access

higher education, thus increasing their chances of breaking the poverty cycle. Our club would propose using \$10,000 to help VIU achieve it's goal of \$50,000. Funds raised will add \$500 to the RESP of each child enrolled in the pilot project. Debbie answered numerous questions from club members regarding this initiative.

**Charles Ramos** told club members that next week's meeting we will discuss the budget as part of our **Constitution & Bylaws**.



**Brenda Grice** told us about the recent District Conference attended by her along with club members **Douglas Anderson**, **Joan Ryan**, **Wayne Anderson** and **President Jane**.

**Brenda** told us that District Governor **Tom Carroll's** term is coming to an end and that district is offering 100 matching points for any Rotarians who sign on to Rotary Direct. Brenda has information for sign up.

**Maija Turpeinen** gave a short talk to the club

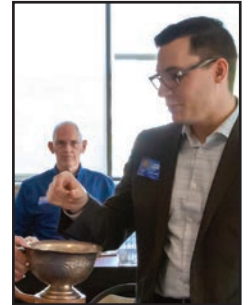


about her time as an Exchange student here in 2008-2009. Maija is a Practical Nurse and Paramedic and is visiting Rotary friends in Nanaimo with her five year old daughter.

**Sergeant At Arms Joan Ryan** started off her job as SAA saying there would be no fines today and then fined nearly every member a total of \$3.00 each. So much for trust!

**Happy and Sad bucks** included **Douglas**

**Anderson** enjoying the great speakers at the District Conference, **Debbie Narver** happy to have daughter & son-in-law home from Australia, **Charles Ramos** reminding us of the spirited budget discussions scheduled for next week and **Sean Martin** reminding us of Mother's Day this weekend.



Sean Martin

**Wendy Pratt** had a happy buck because of her volunteering at Eden Gardens and maybe a sad buck about her photo on the cover of this week's COGS, **Ian Williams** pointed out that it was the best of the five photos taken. Ian then threw in some money for Wendy's stress and also a thank-you buck to **Bob Janes** for his printing of COGS every week at no cost to the club. Thanks Bob.



Egon Holzworth

**Egon Holzworth** offer club members who do not have the correct amount of money for lunch should either join the cashier committee or donate the money in excess of the meal. **President Jane** had a sympathy buck for Wendy and **Janene Coutu** has a \$5 to have Maija at today's meeting.



For the first time ever, one of our club member took the Triple Crown at today's meeting. **Brenda Grice** won the table stakes, the opportunity for the draw and won the draw by pulling the Ace of Spades. Way to Go Brenda!

## PROGRAM NOTES FOR MAY 11, 2018

By Charles Ramos

Today's program was given by the Nanaimo Art Gallery's Executive Director, **Julie Bevan**. Gallery director, **Deborah Zorkin**, was also on hand. **Wendy Pratt** introduced Julie. Julie has been the executive director for 6 years and has been working in this area for 15 years. She loves to share the work of artists and is excited by the innovative shows they've been able to host in the last few years. Julie's father was a Rotarian and she is acquainted with Ken Hammer, who encouraged her to become more involved with the organization.

Julie shared the work and initiatives of the Nanaimo Art Gallery. The gallery has now been in operation for 40 years. There have been an enormous



amount of innovative programs in the last few years, featuring largely youth and First Nations work. The atmosphere of learning and collaboration has resulted in national and international recognition, as well as numerous awards. The exhibitions they host display collections of many different artists and genres.

Community art has been a recent focus, with classroom visits and hands-on projects. This has helped build bridges in the community by working with the City, Regional District, local First Nations, and Arts organizations. Their programs for on-line and social media appreciation have been very popular.

Following the presentations, there were several



Deborah Zorkin, Julie Bevan

questions, comments and accolades by club members. **Jane Currie** thanked the speaker, and presented her with a pen, hand-made by one of our members.

**Rotary Golf Tournament and Dinner**  
**Fun Food Fellowship!**



Winchelsea Golf Course  
7655 Harby Rd, Lantzville  
June 22, 2018 - \$25  
3:00 PM start  
BBQ Dinner - \$25  
6:00 - 6:30 PM  
Steak or Chicken

### BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

#### Member Birthday

Dale Huck, May 21

#### Spouse Birthday

Steve Afantas, Susan Gerrand, May 19

#### Anniversary

Debbie and Doug Narver May 21 35 years

#### Club Anniversary

Ross White, 31 years May 22

### DATES TO REMEMBER

**June 11 - Happy Hour 5PM Minoz Bar CBI**

**June 22 - Installation - noon Coast Bastion Inn**

**June 22 - Golf Tournament and dinner -**

**Winchelsea Golf Course**

**June 23-27 2018, Rotary International Conference**

### Summer Happy Happy Hour

Our first was so much fun, we can't wait to get together again! Mark your calendars.

When: Monday, June 11, 5-7pm

Where: Minnoz Bar, Coast Bastion Hotel

Who: All members, spouses, guests



## Top Rotaract honor goes to club that empowers women who have HIV

The 2018 Rotaract Outstanding Project Award recognized the Rotaract Club of Edulink International Campus, Western Province, Sri Lanka, for a project that teaches entrepreneurial skills to women with HIV to empower them to earn a living.

The club created the Dream Store online platform, where the women can sell products they make and have their earnings go straight to their bank accounts. After meeting with the women to assess their abilities, the club partnered with local experts and Rotarians to expand the women's skills or teach them new ones. The women also received training in basic business and personal finance. The club arranged with several leading companies, including the largest gift shop in Sri Lanka, to carry the women's products to ensure they had a customer base. The club hopes it can remove some of the stigma around HIV and AIDS by allowing the women to showcase their talents, giving people a way to support them through commerce, and holding events aimed at educating the public about the disease.

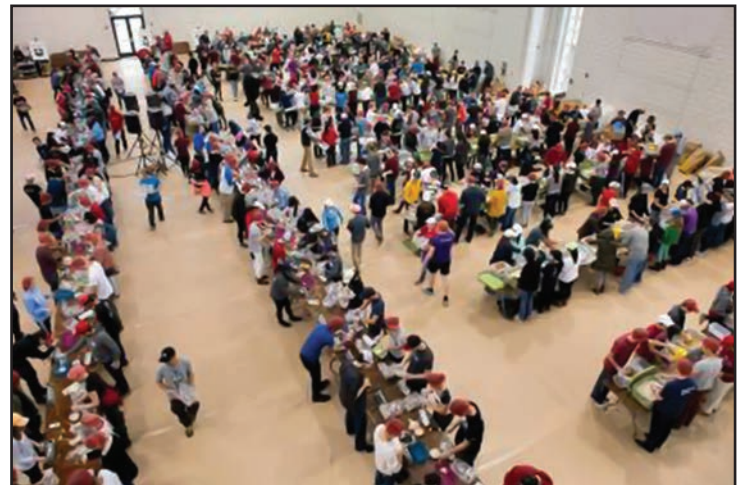
"Before, these women were unemployed, because nobody would provide them jobs," says Nipun Peiris, past president of the club. "They had no choice but to beg on the street."

The recognition "confirms our hard work and the obstacles we overcame," he says. "I am very proud of what we have achieved."

The award for best multidistrict project went to the European Rotaract Information Centre, a multidistrict organization that promotes collaboration and

development of service projects among 115 districts and 24,000 Rotaractors in more than 45 countries. The organization compiles project descriptions and uploads them to a library, where results can be shared. A "twinning accelerator" serves as a search engine to connect clubs with mutual interests in service and friendship.

For this year's awards, more than 470 projects were nominated in 59 countries. In addition to the best single-club project and multidistrict project, the awards recognized outstanding service projects in each of six geographical regions. The best single-club project and best multidistrict project receive \$1,000 each for future service activities, and members are invited to inspire other Rotaractors and Rotarians at the Rotaract Preconvention in Toronto, Ontario, Canada.



Rotaractors assemble food boxes for Rise Against Hunger during the European Rotaract Conference.

### WEEKLY CLUB PROGRAMS AND MEMBER DUTIES

Meeting Date	May 18, 2018	May 25, 2018	June 1, 2018
Greeters	Bob Wilson, Denise Wittkofski	Lila Tanner, David Woodward	Douglas Anderson, Laurie Bienert
Cashier	Egon Holzwarth	Egon Holzwarth	Lila Tanner
Sgt at Arms	Wayne Anderson	Wahid Ali	Brent Barootes
Inspiration	Ross White	Brenda Grice	Debbie Narver
Head Table	Pres. Jane, Michelle Hillier, Carlene Shaw, Geoff Clay	Pres. Jane, Paul Manly, Dave Connolly, Brenda Grice	P. Jane, Debbie Narver, Brent Barootes
Intro Guests	Barbara Blinston	Janeane Coutu	Lila Tanner
Intro Speaker	Geoff Clay	Dave Connolly	President Jane
Program	<b>LITERACY Central Vancouver Island - Michelle Hillier</b>	<b>Setting the Table Project Paul Manly - Foodshare</b>	<b>International &amp; Community Service Committees</b>
Thank Speaker	Carey McIver	Debbie Narver	