

# ROTARY CLUB OF NANAIMO

# “C O G S”

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4,750th Meeting

Friday, May 19, 2017



Douglas Anderson (far right) presented the District Literacy Award to our club. President Debbie Narver accepted the award on behalf of the club along with Wayne Anderson who submitted the application to District.

**Club Meeting Friday at 12:00 p.m.  
at the Coast Bastion Inn  
CLUB OFFICERS 2016-2017**

President ----- Debbie Narver  
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Treasurer ----- Lynne Pankratz  
President Elect ----- Jane Currie  
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**Serving Our Community Since  
May 1, 1920 - Charter Number 43**

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## May 12, 2017 Meeting

**President Debbie** brought the meeting to order at 12:20 PM and changed the structure to accommodate Susanne Rea's unexpected talk on World's Greatest Meals.

**Barb Myden** and **Sari Saunders** were introduced by their respective spouses. Visiting Rotarian **Graham Calder** was introduced by Joyce Smith.



Barbara Myden



Sari Saunders



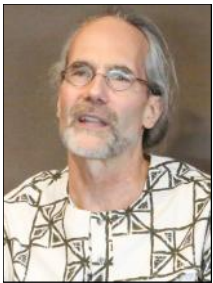
Graham Calder

President Debbie then asked Mike Herold to introduce our first speaker.

### Program - Bees for Babar

by Jane K. Currie

**Conrad Bérubé** is a Senior Environmental Protection Officer working for the BC government, where he also worked with Sari Saunders (Charles Ramos). Conrad's professional life as a biologist has taken him around the world on many diverse projects. Conrad opened his talk with a photo of a rotary school in Ghana!



Conrad is an entomologist – a scientist specializing in the wonderful world of insects. Often, entomologists working in North America deal with some aspect of agriculture, forestry, crop protection and pest control. Conrad's passion is bees and he has discovered a win/win/win in using his knowledge of bee behavior to prevent wild elephants from rampaging village crops, - which in turn prevents revenge poaching by aggrieved farmers. For farms located near national parks or game preserves, there is constant conflict between wild animals seeking food, and farmers trying to protect their crops.

The **Bees for Babar Society** consists of a small number of volunteers in Canada and Ghana reaching out to improve village life for subsistence farmers in northern Ghana. The grassroots society provides micro-loans tied to education and training to support small-scale beekeeping in rural areas, in order to protect crops frequently destroyed by wildlife. African bees are aggressive defenders of their hives and will swarm elephants that disturb their hives, driving them away by stinging in sensitive (thin) skin areas around the eyes, nose and



nether regions. The elephants are not harmed, but remember this unpleasant experience and learn to avoid repeating it.

We know the word "Babar" to be the name of a children's story elephant. In the Gonja language of northern Ghana, Babar means "come to my aid." By helping farmers strategically place specially designed beehives around their fields and take care of the bee colonies, wild animals can be trained (by the bees) to stay away from "bee territory." Farmers can also generate new income by selling honey and beeswax, and are better able to support and benefit from eco-tourism at nearby national parks or game reserves. Conrad showed many interesting photos from the Ghana project. More photos and info about other projects can be found at: <http://www3.telus.net/conrad/bees.htm>

Conrad wrapped up his talk with a request, not for money, but for business development aid, some guidance to help the local manager develop a business plan. **Debbie Narver** thanked Conrad for his fascinating work and talk.

### World's Greatest Meal - Susanne Rea

by Ian Williams





**Susanne Rea**, Rotarian and Polio Eradication advocate has travelled the world raising funds through the World's Greatest Meal, a project founded by her "with the blessing of my club" She is a Past President of the Rotary Club of Cairns Sunrise, District 9550. She has been given numerous awards for her efforts with the Rotary Foundation. She is a polio survivor, so understands first hand the effects this disease has on the world's children.

Susanne gave a very informative and entertaining Power Point presentation.

She said that Polio mainly affects children under 5 years of age. Susanne noted that Polio cases have decreased by over 99% since 1988, from an estimated 350 000 cases then, to 37 reported cases in 2016. As a result of the global effort to eradicate the disease, more than 16 million people have been saved from paralysis.

In 2016 she embarked on a world tour to promote her World's Greatest Meal program.



As of **May 12th, 2017**

- There have been **3,738 events** registered in **74 countries**.
- More than **211,700 participants** worldwide
- **USD \$2,485,865.00 has been raised**, this balloons to a total of **USD \$7,457,595.00** with matching funds from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.
- **These funds will buy more than 12,429,000 polio vaccinations!!**

There is still time left to reach \$7.5 Million by June 30th 2017. Participating is as **Easy as 1,2,3,4**

1. Plan an event – a meal, dinner or virtual meal to raise money for
2. Fill out the “[Before Event](#)” form on the WGM website
3. Have your event, enjoy, have fun, take pictures, raise funds and send them to [The Rotary Foundation's End Polio Now program](#)
4. Fill out the “[After Event](#)” form on the WGM website

The idea is so simple. You and/or your Club can arrange an event any time. By joining together in a world-wide event, many have greatly enjoyed international fellowship via Facebook.... **all monies collected go straight to The Rotary Foundation/End Polio Now account with full credit going to your Club.**

Following the presentation **Assistant Governor Bev Hilton** passed a polio box around to collect money for Susanne's project.

Rotary members donated \$625.00 on Friday.

Following the presentations Ian Williams was presented with his fourth Paul Harris Fellow.



Jane Currie caught John struggling to take a picture of Frank Shoemaker (Left) and Ian Williams with an unfamiliar camera.

Joyce Smith and Graham Calder promoted the Australian Friendship Exchange. They



asked for support and announced a party at Joyce Smith's house on May 24th.

Our club and Rotary Daybreak are co-hosting a kitchen party to welcome the Australian's as part of their itinerary for the Nanaimo leg of their trip. The party is being held at 2495 Cosgrove crescent (right on the 17th hole of Nanaimo golf course starting at 5:00 pm. The club is

providing the meat for the BQ and the refreshments for the Australians but we will need Rotarians to bring one potluck item, appetizer, dessert, main course or side dish and BYOB. Please let Joyce know if you can attend and if so how many will attend and what you will be bringing, this would be helpful to the cook. Come out and enjoy great fellowship.

Frank Shoemaker presented the District Literacy Award to our club. President Debbie accepted on behalf of the club and Wayne Anderson was recognized for submitting the application.



The Card draw was won by Bob Janes but he missed the Ace of Spades. He's still smiling because he hasn't seen the 8 of Diamonds yet. The pot grows.

The book sale committee met on Saturday (13th) to discuss this last sale and the upcoming sale in October.



**Rotary Club of Nanaimo**  
**DAYBREAK**  
SERVING IN OUR COMMUNITY

**Golf Fore**  
**Nanaimo Youth**  
AT THE 15<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL  
**SPRING CLASSIC**  
**CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT 2017**

**Cottonwood Golf Course**  
**Friday May 26th 2017**  
**Tournament Schedule**  
Registration 12:00  
1:30 PM – Tee off  
1:30 PM – SHOTGUN START  
7:00 PM – Buffet Dinner  
8:00 PM – Awards, Prizes, and Special Events  
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## VISITORS, BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

**Visiting Rotarians:** Cheryl Leukefeld AG, Ladysmith Nelson & Donna Allen, Daybreak  
Graham Calder, Daybreak  
Bev Hilton AG, Oceanside

**Guests:** Susanne Rea, Cairns Australia  
Sari Saunders, Conrad Berube, Barbara Myden

**Birthdays:**  
Dale Huck, May 21st  
Fay Laing, May 23rd

**Spouse Birthdays:**  
Steve Afantas [Susan Gerrand] on May 19th  
Sari Saunders [Charles Ramos] on May 23rd

**Wedding Anniversaries:**  
Debbie & Doug Narver, 34 years on May 21st

**Club Anniversaries:**

## DATES TO REMEMBER

**May 13**—Oceanside Rotary James Bond Night, 007 *Moonraker*. Beban Auditorium. Dinner, auction, dancing. Tickets \$125/ea.

**May 24** - Kitchen Party at Joyce Smith's house.

## WEEKLY CLUB PROGRAMS & MEMBER DUTIES

MEETING DATE	May 19th, 2017	May 26th, 2017	June 2nd, 2017
GREETERS	Lynne Pankratz, Susan Gerrand, Bob Wilson	David Woodward, Chris Parsons, Charlotte Mougeot	Lucie Gosselin, John Woychuk, Moira Jenkins
CASHIER	Ed Borisenko	Ed Borisenko	Allan Smith
SGT-AT-ARMS	Bruce Samson	Wayne Anderson	Wahid Ali
INVOCATION	Behzad Forghani	Susan Gerrand	Lucie Gosselin
HEAD TABLE	Pres Debbie, Behzad Forghani, Wayne Anderson, Fay Laing, Dale Huck, Lynne Pankratz, Bob Wilson	Pres Debbie, speaker, Keith McFarlane, David Woodward, Chris Parsons, Charlotte Mougeot	Pres Debbie, speaker, Keith McFarlane, David Woodward, Chris Parsons, Charlotte Mougeot
INTRO GUESTS	Bob Wilson	David Woodward	John Woychuk
INTRO SPEAKER	Wayne Anderson	President Debbie	Dave Connolly
PROGRAM	<b>Multiplying Help to the Foundation</b> <i>Behzad Forghani Targhi</i>	<b>MENTORING NEW MEMBERS</b> <i>Douglas Anderson</i>	<b>PALLIATIVE CARE CONFERENCE</b> <i>Margaret Murphy</i>
THANK SPEAKER	Lucie Gosselin	Wayne Anderson	Susie Stephens