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Friday, May 20, 2016



Sunset at Neck Point

Photo by Lee Gordon

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

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Meeting Notes from May 13th, 2016

by Janeane Coutu

We didn't have **Ian Williams** at the meeting but **Brent Stetar** stepped in to be our AV man and we had a successful rendition of *Oh Canada!* to the video and music. **Frank Shoemaker** gave invocation with grace, after being interrupted by the replay of the national anthem.... Oops! (we missed you Ian.)

Carmen Henderson called for introduction of visiting Rotarians and guests. We had three guests; **Rachel Zitek** and **Brittany Wakely**, grade 11 students from Aspengrove School, and **Tyler Heisterman** of Nanaimo.

President Lila announced birthdays and anniversaries of our members and carried into announcements. The Board voted to contribute \$5000 to the **Red Cross** for the **Fort McMurray** fire relief fund after the club voted last week to support a contribution, but left the amount to the Board discretion.

Lila also announced an invitation for any member to attend the **Navy League Cadet Corps 52nd** annual Ceremonial Review to be held May 29th at **Maffeo Sutton Park**, 10:45am – 1:30pm.

John Salem called for golfers for the annual fun golf day June 3rd at **Nanaimo Golf Course**. \$50 for golf and dinner, or \$25 for dinner only. Please email or call John Salem if you want on the list as he needs a count next week.

Ross White asked all those under 50-years of age to stand, and then asked “*who would attend a free breakfast, lunch or dinner?*” No hands raised ... Ross was pressed for more details but he wasn't giving any – the breakfast hour seemed the most favourable, but for what????

Mike Herold announced he had seen **Bob Peters** recently and learned he was not doing well, had in fact been hospitalized for many weeks. Mike reported he has since learned Bob has fallen again and is back in NRGH.

Bob Fenty desperately needs 2 host families for next year's incoming **Exchange Student** who will attend **Wellington Secondary**. Does not need to be a Rotarian, so ask friends and family in the catchment area.

Tyler Heisterman, President of **Nanaimo Track and Field Club** gave us an update on the club's recent activities. He said hundreds of people are taking advantage of the lights on the track we helped pay for, and he feels proud every time he sees them lit and thinks of us Rotarians. Our club has been long term partners of the track club, having it named after us “**Rotary Bowl**”. He gave thanks for the defibrillator now onsite, mentioned wash-room renovations were underway, and had exciting news for us. They are hosting the **BC High School Track & Field Championships** June 2-4 that will see 5,000 ath-

letes come to Nanaimo, filling every hotel room from here to Parksville. A great economic boon to our community. This is the first time this event has been held off the mainland, and why? Because they have a first class facility to host the competition. Tyler said they can't thank us enough for everything Rotary has done for the club over the years. President Lila thanked Tyler for all of his many years of hard work as a volunteer with the club.

Lila read two thank you notes; **Discover Montessori School** was thankful for the \$50 book sale coupon, and **Rebecca Kim**, **Upper Island Music Festival** bursary award recipient. We provided \$500 for the **Andrew Dunsmuir Memorial Bursary** which was awarded to four students; **Hannah Stroink** (\$200), **Rebecca Kim**, **Habin Yun** and **Teah Schneidereit** (\$100 each), all for piano.

Sgt-at-arms Bob Fenty took over the meeting, fining **Brent Barootes** for disappearing when it was time to introduce his guest. The guest speaker stepped in to do it!

Bob also tattled on a red car without bumper in the parkade to which President Lila stepped up to give the advice “never argue with a trailer hitch... it wins every time!”

Happy dollars followed with Brent Barootes leading the way being happy to have the 2 girls be present to hear **Tim Malone's** presentation on **Mercy Ships**.

Donna Hais had \$25 proud parent bucks to announce daughter **Kaitlyn** not only graduated from college but is fully employed and self-sufficient, working in her field of graphic design. And youngest child **Matthew** who is graduating from grade 12 has won the **President's Award** to attend a full ride at **VIU**.

Rachel and Brittany of Aspengrove happily presented guest speaker Tim with a donation of \$380 to Mercy Ships. The girls has a CAS group project – *Community, Action & Service* – and Mercy Ships was their topic.

Mike Herold has a curious dollar for **Tyler Heisterman** – did he have to pay for poor pensioner dad's lunch today?

Brent Stetar had \$5 care of **Brooklyn Barootes** – Brent found a Harry Potter game in the donation bin and knowing what a fan of the books Brooklyn is, sent her the game. She responded with a thank you note and \$5 donation to the book sale.

Wendy Pratt was happy to have the two girls from Aspengrove attend and learn of their philanthropy efforts at such a young age, inspiring!

Sgt. Bob auctioned off a book about Mercy Ships donated by guest speaker **Tim Malone**, and **Henry Jiang** has the winning bid of \$25.

Janeane Coutu won the table stakes, and Wendy Pratt tried for the Ace but no luck!

Mercy Ships

bringing hope and healing to the world's poorest of people

By: Mike Herold

Our speaker today was **Timothy Malone** who is the National Director of *Mercy Ships* and was introduced by Club Member **Brent Barootes**.

Timothy started his talk by saying that *Mercy Ships* will be the world's largest Hospital Ship with the construction of their newest ship which will be twice the size of their existing ship.

Mercy Ships typically have an on-board volunteer staff of 450 people and they represent 40-50 countries around the world. The vessel is 500ft long and kitchen staff alone prepare 2000 meals each day. The ship is complete with a small Starbucks Coffee shop donated by Starbucks.

Started in 1978, *Mercy Ships* has brought transformational health care, relief aid and community support to the forgotten poor. *Mercy Ships* follows the 2000 year old model of Jesus, bringing hope and healing to the world's poorest of people in need of proper health care.

Since 1978 *Mercy Ships* has been in 57 Countries, visited 579 Ports, transformed 2,500,000 lives and provided \$1B in free medical aid.

To help mitigate costs, volunteers pay for their own transportation to and from the ship as well as pay room and board while on the ship. In 2015, *Mercy Ships* Canada had revenues and expenses of \$3,458,167.

Mercy Ships only travel to Countries that invite them. Prior to reaching a proposed destination they advertise through social media and word of mouth of their arrival and people line up in hopes of being helped. In 2014 when *Mercy Ships* arrived at Congo there were 7400 hopeful patriots waiting to be interviewed. Those patients that qualify for the procedures carried out by *Mercy Ships* are given an appointment date.

Some of the many Services provided by *Mercy Ships* includes reconstructive surgeries, eye surgeries, orthopaedic surgeries, VVF surgeries, dental care, palliative care, education and skill training, leadership development and construction.

Madagascar is where *Mercy Ships* is currently stationed.

Volunteers at the ship also are the blood bank for surgeries.

Since 1987, Rotary has partnered with *Mercy Ships* and has provided \$10.6 Million in financial help.



National Director of Mercy Ships, Timothy Malone, speaks to our club about Mercy Ships' newest ship which will be the world's largest.

For the last 8 months in Madagascar, *Mercy Ships* has completed 1269 surgeries, 2914 therapy services, 431 health care participations and 464 leadership courses.

Mercy Ships has been praised by numerous African Leaders including **Nelson Mandela**, former president of South Africa, **Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf**, President of Liberia and **Desmond Tutu**, Archbishop Emeritus of South Africa.

There were many questions from club members and Timothy was thanked by **Bob Fenty** from the club who said he is a converted *Mercy Ships* supporter and would be interested in volunteering his time as a cook on the ship.

ATTENDANCE

By Janeane Coutu

Attendance report May 13 was **35%**

We missed Rotarians;

Ali, D. Anderson, Blinston, Borisenko, Cowling, Currie, Gerrand, L. Gosselin, Y. Gosselin, Grice, Janes, King, Knutsson, Laing, Lesan, Lewis, McIver, Myden, Narver, Parsons, Patrick, Raedler, Ross, Ryan, Shillabeer, A. Smith, J. Smith, K. Smith, Tessier, Williams, Woodward, Woychuck, Zhang

Guests of Rotarians

Rachel Zitek and Brittany Wakely of Aspengrove

School, guests of Brent Barootes

Tyler Heisterman, guest of John Heisterman

Make ups:

Debbie Narver x 2
John Shillabeer

Birthdays:

Dale Huck, May 21st
Fay Laing, May 23

Spouse Birthdays:

Sari Saunders [Charles Ramos] May 23rd

Wedding Anniversaries:

Debbie & Doug Narver, May 21st, 33 years

Club Anniversaries:

Ross White, 29 years on May 22nd

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Rotaract Outstanding Project Award Recognizes Innovative Programs

Though they were a long way from home, members of the Rotaract Club of Bugolobi, Uganda, felt confident they could tackle problems in rural Kanabulemu during their annual 1000 Smiles project.

Their original plan focused on curtailing the spread of HIV/AIDS. It's in the Rakai District, where the first case of AIDS in Uganda was uncovered in 1982 and about 12 percent of the population has been infected with HIV in recent years. But the Rotaractors discovered that problems in the village extended far beyond the disease.

"The community lacked water, the school was in a sorry state, and the medical center was in an even sorrier state, especially the maternity ward," says Anitah Munkudane, president of the Bugolobi club. "The condition was worse than we had imagined."

The Rotaractors still weren't prepared for what they found when they launched the project with the Uganda Health Marketing Group. They expected to treat 700 at the medical camp in Kanabulemu. More than 1,000 patients came.

Volunteers, including Rotaractors from other clubs and members of the club's sponsor, the Rotary Club of Bugolobi, provided comprehensive medical exams, dental screenings, medication, birth control, and more. And the troubled maternity ward? It got new mattresses to make childbirth more comfortable.

They presented benches and desks to the Keyebe Primary School and school supplies and uniforms to its pupils, many of whom are orphans. The team also helped install a borehole to bring much-needed water to the village.

For all of its exemplary work on the 1000 Smiles Kanabulemu Edition project, the Rotaract Club of Bugolobi was named the International Winner of the Rotaract Out-



Members of the Rotaract Club of Bugolobi, Uganda, participate in their annual 1000 Smiles project, which has been recognized as the 2016 Rotaract Outstanding Project Award winner.

Photo Credit: Photo courtesy of the Rotaract Club of Bugolobi

standing Project Award. Members will be honored at the Korea convention in June and will receive \$500 to apply to a future project. The club will use it to help women suffering from fistula, says Munkudane.

DATES TO REMEMBER

June 3—Rotary Fellowship Golf Tourney at Nanaimo Golf Club. \$50 for 9 holes, dinner & prizes, \$25 for dinner only. Register early with Dave Hammond or John Salem.

June 17—Rotary Installation Night with fellowship starting at 6 pm and dinner at 7 pm. This is a pre-paid event for Rotarians and their partners to come out and wish Debbie Narver a successful year.

June 24-25—District 5020 Conference in Olympia Washington. District Governor Rose Bowman and the Rotary District Committee at the Red Lion Hotel in Olympia to celebrate Rotary!

WEEKLY CLUB PROGRAMS & MEMBER DUTIES

MEETING DATE	May 20th, 2016	May 27th, 2016	June 3rd, 2016
GREETERS	Lynne Pankratz, Lucie Gosselin, Ian Williams	Chris Parsons, Yvan Gosselin, Bob Wilson	David Woodward, Bob Patrick, Brenda Grice
CASHIER	Egon Holzwarth	Egon Holzwarth	Allan Smith
SGT-AT-ARMS	Dave Hammond	Joan Ryan	Bruce Samson
INVOCATION	Norm Myden	Debbie Narver	Lynne Pankratz
HEAD TABLE	Pres Lila, RYLA Students, Rob Waine, Dale Huck, Fay Laing, Lynne Pankratz, Lucie Gosselin	Pres Lila, John Hankins, Donna Hais, Keith McFarlane, Chris Parsons, Yvan Gosselin, Bob Wilson	Pres Lila, Christine Parsons, Bob Wilson, David Woodward, Bob Patrick, Brenda Grice
INTRO GUESTS	Bob Fenty	Susan Gerrand	Bruce Gordon
INTRO SPEAKER	Rob Waine	Donna Hais	Bob Wilson
PROGRAM	RYLA STUDENTS REPORT	Economic Development Corp. John Hankins, CEO	NEW MEMBER TALKS Christine Parsons
THANK SPEAKER	Ed Borisenko	Yvan Gosselin	Barbara Blinston