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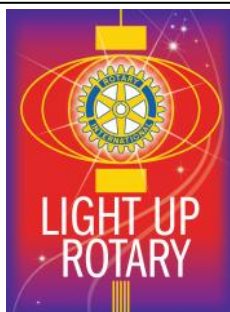


The five school principals who attended Rotary Friday, left to right: Diane McGonigle, Bayview School; Larry Dean, Georgia Ave.; Tricia McKay, Chase River; Robbie Dhillon, Park Avenue; Jane Kruks, Fairview School, along with Bob Fenty who introduced them.

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

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Meeting Notes from May 15th

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 **Douglas Anderson**.

Visiting Rotarians and Guests

Bruce Gordon called for visiting Rotarians and guests, and introduced visiting frequent attendee and Rotaractor, **Mathieu Ennis**, from VIU. There were no further guests today.

Presidential Remarks



President Bob attended the 5 Presidents' meeting this week and said he is heartened by the good work being done by all the Nanaimo clubs. Some ongoing fund-raising efforts in-

clude Nanaimo North's 50/50 draw and Lantzville's upcoming May 29th golf tournament.

District Governor Michael Proctor from Qualicum Beach will be attending our meeting next Friday.

Presentations



Ross White recognized two of our members: A major donor award was made to **Dave Connolly**, for \$10,000 in total donations to the Rotary Foundation, and both **Dave and Frank Shoemaker** were recog-

nized as Paul Harris Charter Society members. This special status recognizes



the members who contribute \$1,000 annually to Foundation. Both Dave and Frank have achieved this level since the Paul Harris Society was initiated.

The District conference in June will highlight Rotary achievements such as Dave's and Frank's.

Frank Shoemaker spoke about his choice to donate significantly to Foundation. He is deeply involved in the International Service Committee, and highlighted the good works done by our club in Sunyani, Ghana by providing schools, latrines, and fencing that has resulted in a great increase in school attendance and success. In particular, the infrastructure has created a much safer environment for school-age girls. He also identified the great strides made toward the eradication of polio, and said that he is honoured to have a part in the far-reaching humanitarian efforts of Rotary.

Dave Connolly has been a member since 1970. He said that it took a number of years before he was in a position to donate significantly, and he feels strongly that Foundation is a way he can personally help the community through Rotary. Donating to Rotary is a way of giving in perpetuity to both local and international programs that help those in need.

Both Dave and Frank are shining examples and we are honoured to have them as members of our club. **Ross White** concluded by encouraging all members to continue to support Rotary Foundation and said we can do marvelous work through the organization.

Announcements



Richard Finnegan announced that next Saturday is the Rotary Car Rally. This will begin at the Millstone Winery and there are numerous prizes for both the top and bottom finishers. Richard also mentioned his recent attendance at the District Leadership Training Assembly with 5 other members, and offered his training booklet for others to look through.

Joan Ryan reminded the club that the *Interact Battle of the Bands* will be held in two weeks at the Diana Krall Plaza, and reminded **Janeane Coutu** that she

was volunteered to head up the pancake breakfast for that event.

Frank Shoemaker made a motion on behalf of the International Service Committee for a \$1,500 club donation to Hospice for training of Nepalese doctors. Next Friday's program will be from the doctors working in Nepal on this initiative. The motion was seconded by **Bruce Samson**, and passed by the club.

Sergeant at Arms

Joan Ryan was today's Sergeant, and she began by fining **President Bob Wilson** for failing to announce club birthdays and anniversaries, which are readily available in the weekly newsletter. The President responded by saying the listed events are actually from last week, and Joan would have known that had she attended last week's meeting.

Joan noted that only 14 members signed up online for today's meeting, and fined all members who had not done so.

Mike Herold, Dave Hammond and Keith McFarlane were fined for talking throughout the meeting. The members appealed the ruling to **Judge Doug Cowling**, who noted they may have a strong case for diminished capacity.

Happy and Sad Bucks

Happy and sad bucks were plentiful from **Ed Borisenko, Dave Connolly, Bruce Gordon, Bruce Samson, Doug Cowling, and Dave Hammond**.

Table stakes were won by **Dave Hammond**, and **Ian William's** draw attempt for the Ace of Spades was unsuccessful.



Thank you Rotary from five local schools

By Mike Herold

Club member **Bob Fenty** who is very active as our clubs representative supporting local schools introduced our five speakers today who are Principals at five of our local elementary schools who have come to the club to tell us where our contributions have been used to better the lives and education for the students.

The Principals included **Jane Kruk** from Fairview, **Larry Dean** from Georgia Avenue, **Robbie Dhillon** from Parklands, **Diane McGonigle** from Bayview and **Tricia McKay** from Chase River.

Diane started out by thanking our club on behalf of the students and staff from the five vulnerable schools for our continued support and proceeded with examples on how the money was spent.

Georgia Avenue School

used the money to buy technology in the way of laptop computers. There are many students at the school who have either diagnosed or undiagnosed written output disorder and the



laptop allows students to type out their work and present it to the teacher and classmates. Some of the older kids are also learning PowerPoint and learning to display their work through this medium. Also new software has been purchased for computers that allow students with difficulty reading to have the books read to them.

Park Avenue School will be purchasing I-Pads for student use in the classroom. Also Apple TV's have been purchased which will be used in reading acquisition and math skills.

Chase River School purchased three laptop computers which are used in a

variety of settings in the school by students who struggle with literacy. These are not necessarily students with identified ministry designations but rather students who greatly benefit from the use of technology to demonstrate their learning. An example of this is students preparing PowerPoint presentations. Students can now work alongside their peers in the classroom and keep up with the curriculum.

Fairview School was significantly lacking in books and the money was used to purchase new books which have been demonstrated that students with a large selection of books to read is the single best thing that can be done to improve reading.



Bayview School

also purchased books, books and more books to support their Daily 5 literacy programs and to increase the number of 'good fit' books available in all classrooms.

A 'good fit' book is a book that a student can read with 95% accuracy and these books are used to read to self or others during the school day.

We also learned that there is a wonderful program at Georgia Avenue with Grade 7 Students helping primary students helping primary students at lunch time using new playground equipment.

The program is called *Peer Helping*.

The final message from the presentation was a saying "it takes a village to raise a child" and Rotary was thanked for being part of their village.

Dave Hammond thanked our speakers and said that the video reminded him about when he was involved with kids and education.



This Saturday, May 23rd Tomorrow!!

Bowen Park, Nanaimo
A fun-filled Family Event

Win a HeliJet Trip — Value \$500!
PLUS Other Great Prizes
(and some not-so-great)

ATTENDANCE

Report by Janeane Coutu

Attendance for **May 15th** was **49%**.

Visiting Rotarians;

Mathieu Ennis, Rotaract

Guests -

Local elementary school Principals;

Tricia McKay, Chase River
Robbie Dhillon, Park Avenue
Larry Dean, Georgia Avenue
Jane Kruks, Fairview
Diane McGonigle, Bayview

Birthdays:

Dale Huck, May 21st
Richard Finnegan, May 27th

Spouse's Birthday:

Annabel Kirby (Carey McIver) on May 17th

Steve Afantas (Susan Gerrand) on May 19th

Sari Saunders (Charles Ramos) on May 23rd

Wedding Anniversaries:

Carmon & Dawn Henderson, 45 yrs. on May 16th

Debbie & Doug Narver, 32 years, May 21

Date of Joining Rotary:

Ross White, 28 years on May 22nd

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WEEKLY CLUB PROGRAMS

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: 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

Friday, June 5th

GREETERS	Moe Lessan, Joan Ryan, Donna Hais
CASHIERS	Egon Holzwarth
SGT-AT-ARMS	Lila Tanner
INVOCATION	Barbara Blinston
HEAD TABLE	Pres. Bob, guest speaker, Illustrious guests, Moe Lessan, Joan Ryan, Donna Hais
INTRODUCE GUESTS	Joyce Smith
INTRODUCE SPEAKER	—
PROGRAM	tba
THANK SPEAKER	—

Polio Vaccine celebrates 60th Anniversary

Sunday, 12 April, marked 60 years since the Salk polio vaccine was declared safe, effective, and potent. In that time, the number of polio cases has dropped by 99 percent worldwide. With just three countries remaining polio-endemic, we are closer than ever to eradicating this crippling disease.

Jonas Salk's inactivated polio vaccine (IPV) has been crucial in helping us reach our goal of a polio-free world. Before the vaccine was widely available, in the United States alone, polio crippled more than 35,000 people each year. By 1957 -- two years after the introduction of Salk's vaccine -- cases in the U.S. had fallen by almost 90 percent, and by 1979, polio had been eradicated there.

The impact on the rest of the world has taken longer. In 1988, when Rotary International launched the [Global Polio Eradication Initiative](#) (GPEI) with its partners at the World Health Organization, UNICEF, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, polio continued to cripple children in 125 countries. Today, polio remains endemic in only three: Afghanistan, Nigeria, and Pakistan. And it has been more than eight



Dr. Jonas Salk vaccinates one of the first children

months since Nigeria's last case, making a polio-free Africa a real possibility.

Salk's vaccine will play an important role in the end-game strategy against polio when 120 countries introduce IPV into their routine polio immunization systems this year. Leading that effort are the GPEI partners and [Gavi](#), a global vaccine alliance, along with Sanofi Pasteur, the largest manufacturer of polio vaccine.

"As more than 120 countries in the world are introducing IPV, we are beginning the last chapter on polio eradication," said Olivier Charmeil, Sanofi Pasteur's chief executive officer. "At Sanofi Pasteur, we have had a long-term vision of IPV as the ultimate public health tool able to finish the job started with Oral Polio Vaccine (OPV)."

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.



Winner of
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