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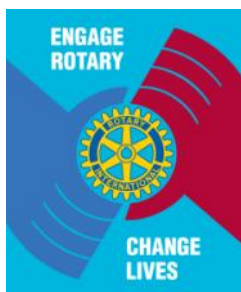


Fireworks in Nanaimo Harbour—Photo by Mike Thompson, Impact Digital Photography

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

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## Meeting Notes from May 16th

By: Kathy Smith

**President Douglas** opened the meeting asking all to stand for the national anthem. This was followed by **Kathy Smith** giving the invocation.

Announcements included **Dale Huck's** upcoming birthday, spouses birthdays, wedding anniversaries and **Ross White's** 27 years with the club.



President Douglas with DG Pete Taylor and District First Lady Kristine Taylor.

Guests this week included: **Pete and Kristine Taylor** our DG from Tacoma; **Moe Lesson** a guest of **Bob Buchanan**; and a very quick hello from a couple from **Whales** who were off the cruise ship who saw the sign and popped in.

**President Doug** has had an extraordinarily busy week with boats, boards and moving Brenda's mom.



Moe Lesson was Bob Buchanan's guest.

**DG Pete Taylor** got up to say a few words during this informal visit. He tries to visit each club twice a year and came to thank us for the work we have done. He commented on *Every Rotarian Every Year* and mentioned that our club is doing well with contributions to the Polio and Foundation funds. There are people trying to start a club in Ucluelet and so if we know of people in that area, please encourage them to become a Rotarian. The conference next year will be in Nanaimo and the DLTA will be in Chehalis. He encouraged us to keep up the good work.

**Announcements:** There were many comments on how wonderful it was to have the Rotaract members help with the book sale. It was great to have some



able bodied help.

**Bob Wilson** is encouraging everyone to go online to choose committees



**Keith McFarlane** reminded all to RSVP soon if you are attending the installation on June 20

**Wayne Anderson** thanked all for their help in the book sale. A few members have put in a

lot of time and he wanted to acknowledge **Allan, Bruce, Bob and Yvan**, among others who work year round on this event. Ian's grandson, **Ryan Williams**, and friends were also a great help. The book sale raised close to \$54,000 gross.

Upcoming events: check the *COGS* for listed activities. Of note is the upcoming golf tournament on June 13, and our Installation Meeting the evening of June 20th at the Coast Bastion.



**Sgt-at-Arms:** **Dave Hammond** fined **President Douglas** for not introducing **Ross White** as a previous District Governor; **Wayne Anderson** was amazed to arrive at the book sale take-down on Monday, after a leisurely afternoon of playing bridge, to find the work all done; **Keith McFarlane** is amazed at how well the book sale goes and remembered when **Ian Williams** brought the idea to the club from the Chilliwack Rotary club; **Allan Smith** was fined for somehow getting out of saying invocation; **Keith McFarlane** was fined for being a land baron and making lots of \$\$\$ off the city.



Al had to dig deep . . .

**Happy & Sad Bucks:** **Ed Borisenko** announced that his daughter **Laurel** is heading off to work in Nairobi; **Joan Ryan** announced members who have children/grandchildren graduating this year and asked for donations for Dry Grad; **Kevin Cantelon**



was pleased that his small law firm did a pro bono case and won; **John Shillabeer** is happy to be back home from an 5-week vacation; **Dave Hammond** is happy to be a grandpa – baby girl was born last Sunday!

**Club Draws:** The table stakes were won by **Joan Ryan** and **Mikel Knutsson** tried his luck at the card draw, but pulled the 8 of spades instead of the ace and did not win.



## Club Assembly

Report by Janeane Coutu



**President Douglas** introduced the program portion of the meeting was **Club Assembly**, our opportunity to interact with Board Members and the entire club membership.

Today's focus topic was the **Club Vision 2011** which was used as a guide for Board deliberations and action this year. Key directors were selected to give a brief outline of some activities and then the membership was invited to offer comments and feedback.

**Joan Ryan** reported on **Membership** and introducing new people to Rotary, something we need to work harder at in our club. She has received a good handbook from the **Bainbridge Rotary** club that will be put to use next year. **Fellow-**





**ship** is a great committee to introduce new Rotarians to the club and get to know other members. This committee plans the “fun” things to do and are responsible for organized events such as summer picnic, Installation of new Board, bowling, etc.

**Doug Cowling** spoke about **Community Service** which was broken into two sub committees; **Grants and Projects**. The Grants committee members meet regularly to review applications using established guidelines and funds matters primarily within the **RDN**. They have tried to be more proactive in funding, particularly with schools. The committee is well funded thanks to the book sale and this year the largest single contribution was to the **Track and Field Club** for lighting. The Projects committee specific focus is hands-on projects in the community and to that end completed a sign restoration project at the **Rotary Bowl** and is in discussions for a garden project at **Nanaimo Hospice Society**.

**Debbie Narver** discussed **Youth Services** and the club goal was to increase participation with youth. Various activities include RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Assembly), Exchange program, Interact and Rotaract clubs. Debbie recommends that members form one committee and work collectively as a team rather than individual areas.



**Frank Shoemaker** informed us we achieved 110% of our goal for the year in contributions to **The Rotary Foundation**. These contributions are important to do the works of Rotary



internally and locally – remember that **District Community Grants** are available for local projects. The **International Service** committee has been very active in eight countries with various projects providing funds. Currently they are working on a District grant application for a project to provide malaria nets in Ghana. The committee is looking for additional members and a new chairperson.

**Bob Fenty** spoke on **Public Image** (PI). Our \$10,000 donation to the Track & Field Club got excellent coverage in the newspaper. He has a good contact at the **Bulletin** with **Melissa Fryer** and will continue to build that relationship with hopes of seeing more in the papers.

The meeting was then directed to the floor for questions, comments and anything else on the minds of members;

**John Heisterman** asked for an update from the **Centennial Committee** but there was nothing yet to report.



also asked can we in some way recognize the purchaser that takes us to the



**Kathy Smith** suggested taking the posters from the book sale that identified recipients of funding and post these in lobbies and waiting rooms of these groups for public consumption. She

\$500,000 mark at the fall book sale? (**Al Smith** added that **Faye at North Town Centre** wants to have a special recognition of this milestone)

**Bob Fenty** reminded us that it is all of our responsibility to bring in new members and young members.

**Heisterman** stated our club runs because everyone works hard and part of this is servicing on the Board. Please think about putting your name forward or accepting a nomination.



**Brenda Grice** commented on The Rotary Foundation mentioning “**Every Rotarian, Every Year**” was one of the goals in Visioning. We didn’t achieve it this year, about 7 members shy. Please consider contributing, even a small donation towards the fight to eradicate **Polio**. There have been discussions about what the Foundation funds and although you may not agree with all aspects, remember that some of the money donated comes back in the form of District Grants that can be used in your own community.

**Doug Cowling** gave kudos to **Secretary Bob Janes** and **Treasurer Lynn Pankratz** who took on key roles in the club and have done an exemplary job, and also thanked **Douglas Anderson** for being an actively involved President.

**Egon Holzwarth** noted he was surprised to hear in the community how little people know about Rotary as a whole and what we do. Can we get a handout or brochure? And on membership, he suggests follow-up with those

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## ATTENDANCE

*By Bob Janes*

Attendance for May 16<sup>th</sup> was 72%

### We missed these Rotarians

Ali, Blinston, Brand, Currie, Finnegan, Gerrand, L & Y Gosselin, Grice, Henderson, Hewitt, King, Lewis, McIver, Morris, Ramos, Samson, J. Smith, Stetar, Walker, Welch

**Visiting Rotarians:** DG Pete and Kristine Taylor of Tacoma, WA

### Guests:

Moe Lesson of Nanaimo

### Make ups:

Holzwarth, Tanner, Knutson, Hammond—Book Sale Shifts

### Birthdays:

Richard Finnegan, May 27th

### Spouses Birthday:

Sari Saunders (Charles Ramos) May 23rd

### Club Anniversaries:

Ross White, 27 years, May 22nd

## WEEKLY CLUB PROGRAMS

### Friday, May 23th

GREETERS	Frank Shoemaker, Egon Holzwarth, Kathy Smith
CASHIERS	Norm Myden
SGT-AT-ARMS	John Heisterman
INVOCATION	Joyce Smith
HEAD TABLE	Pres. Douglas, Mayor John Ruttan, Senyo Agbedra, Bev Hilton, Ken Hammer, Ralph Neilson, Richard Finnegan, Ross White
INTRODUCE GUESTS	Debbie Narver
INTRODUCE SPEAKER	Joan Ryan
PROGRAM	<b>GHANA ROTARY PRESENTATION</b> <i>Bev Hilton</i>
THANK SPEAKER	Carey McIver

### Friday, May 30th

GREETERS	Doug Cowling, Allan Smith, Bob Janes
CASHIERS	Norm Myden
SGT-AT-ARMS	Wahid Ali
INVOCATION	Brent Stetar
HEAD TABLE	Pres. Douglas, RYLA Candidates, Bob Fenty, Keith McFarlane, Doug Cowling, Al Smith, Bob Janes
INTRODUCE GUESTS	Debbie Narver
INTRODUCE SPEAKER	Bob Fenty
PROGRAM	<b>RYLA / ADVENTURES IN FORESTRY</b> <i>Various Youth</i>
THANK SPEAKER	Doug Cowling

### Friday, June 6th

GREETERS	Joyce Smith, Bill King, Bob Fenty
CASHIERS	Al Smith
SGT-AT-ARMS	Bruce Samson
INVOCATION	Lila Tanner
HEAD TABLE	Pres. Douglas, Sara Lindhagen, Janeane Coutu, Joyce Smith, Bill King, Bob Fenty, Bob Patrick
INTRODUCE GUESTS	Lynne Pankratz
INTRODUCE SPEAKER	Janeane Coutu
PROGRAM	<b>SWEDEN—MY HOME COUNTRY</b> <i>Sara Lindhagen</i>
THANK SPEAKER	Debbie Narver

that miss meetings to hear if there is a reason.

**Bruce Gordon** reminded us that 30,500 bookmarks were handed out at our book sales over the last couple of years and on the backs are listed all the things to which we donate funds.

**Janeane Coutu** thought the **Program Committee** did a great job with speakers this year, very interesting mix of topics. She asked the meeting chair to be mindful of giving the speaker the



appropriate time to speak (which may mean cutting short announcements or **Sgt-at-Arms** time) and also to end the meeting on time for those members that have to get back to work – it is important to us.

**Kathy Smith** asked for guest speaker ideas from the club mentioning we are usually booked 2 months ahead.

**Frank Shoemaker** acknowledged the other volunteers at our book sale such as **Altrusa** service club and in past years, Friends of the Library.

**President Douglas** wrapped up by asking “Is the club meeting expectations? Is everybody agreed we are on track?” and the answer was **YES!**



Nanaimo Rotaract meeting May 19, 2014. (L to R) Mathieu Ennis, Ryan Williams, Kyle Fawkes (Squamish Rotaract), Erin Lee and Vincent Kusi Kyei.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

**May 25**—Ladysmith Rotary Garden Tour, Show & Sale. Tickets \$15. For more info call 250-924-3402.

**June 10**—Oceanside Rotary Beer and Burger Fundraiser for Dry Grad, Old City Station Pub. Tickets \$15. Silent Auction.

**June 13**—Rotary Golf Tournament at Winchelsea Golf Course. Best ball, BBQ and lots of good fellowship.

**June 20th**—Rotary Installation of PE Bob Wilson and his 2014-15 Rotary Executive, Coast Bastion Inn. Fellowship 6:00 p.m., dinner 7:00. *No charge for Rotarians or their spouses.*



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