

# ROTARY CLUB OF NANAIMO

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4815<sup>th</sup> Meeting

Friday, May 25 2018



Nanaimo's Rhododendron Garden in Bowen Park - Photo taken May 23, 2018

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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President Elect ----- Charles Ramos  
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## PROGRAM NOTES FOR May 18, 2018

By Mike Herold



Pres. Jane

Today's meeting was managed by Club President **Jane Currie** and **Ross White** had the honours of Inspiration today. Ross gave us what each of the letters in Rotary mean to him.

**Barbara Blinston** asked for visiting Rotarians and Guests and while there were no visiting Rotarians, we did have some guests. **Susie Stephens** guests were long time book sorters **Jan James** and **Lee Corins**. Incoming



Justin Molander

Lee Corins

Jan James

member **Justin Molander** was also introduced.



Announcements included **Wendy Pratt** telling the club about a Rotary plaque that will be placed in the garden at Eden Gardens and secondly of a **Notice of Motion** to be voted on in two weeks of *donating \$5000 to the Tillicum Lelum Child Care Centre*.

**Ross White** asked Club Members to become "Active Members" and distributed Thrifty Food bags to be filled by Club Members of non-perishable food and to be brought to the club meeting on Friday June 8<sup>th</sup>. Goods will be given to the Food Bank on June 9<sup>th</sup>.



Ross White

**Keith McFarlane** reminded us of Installation on Friday June 22<sup>nd</sup> at noon at the Coast Bastion. Bring your spouses and significant others to welcome in **Charles Ramos** as our new club President who has already been nicknamed by Keith as "Charles in Charge".

**Janeane Coutu** reminded us of Rotary Golf at Winchelsea Golf Course on June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 3:00pm and also about the next book sale scheduled for October 12<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Egon Holzswarth** asked for Cashier Volunteers and **President Jane** informed the club of Training for Youth Protection and Youth Exchange Services on the afternoon of June 9<sup>th</sup>. Course is \$20 and Jane said that each club should have a minimum of three Youth Exchange Officers.

Sergeant at Arms was the ever popular **Wahid Ali** and started off by hassling prospective member **Justin Molander**. Way to go Wahid!!



Wahid Ali

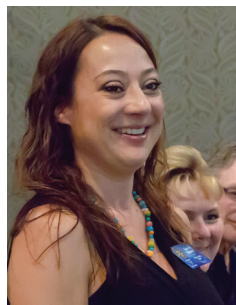
Wahid wandered for quite a while on picking on club members like poor old **John Heisterman** who has been struggling of late and not able to fill his freezer due to his lack of foraging for the winter. Wahid also said it was good to see **Mike Herold** but no fines were levied.

Then Wahid asked if anyone wanted to volunteer to give money and **Doug Cowling** started the money flow with \$2 for pre-selling a book. Then Wahid picked on club stalwart **Ross White** for no apparent reason and then proceeded to pick on our two Brents, **Brent Stetar** and **Brent Barootes**.



Doug Cowling

He then continued to congratulate



Laurie Bienart

**Laurie Bienart** for becoming President of the Young Professionals of Nanaimo and followed up with **David Woodward**, **Mikel Knutsson**, **Charles Ramos** and **John Heisterman** and **Susan Gerrand**.

Happy and sad bucks were plentiful due to Wahid's lack of success on fines and included contributions from **Yvan Gosselin** for a happy buck that Wahid finally stopped talking, **Douglas Anderson** for his sailboat rescue, **Susan Gerrand** for not having to sell raffle tickets like the old fundraisers before our book sale started and **Behzad Forghani**.

Other contributions were from **Ross White**, **Brenda Grice**, **Joan Ryan**, **Donna Hais** who now has an Engineer in her family, **Keith McFarlane**, **Charles Ramos**, **Justin Molander**, **Jane Currie** and **Geoff Clay**.

Table stakes won by **Douglas Anderson** and Draw for the Ace of Spades deferred to next week.

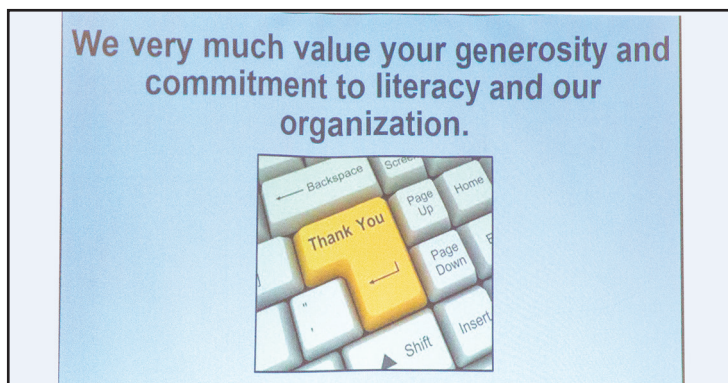


## PROGRAM NOTES FOR MAY 18, 2018

By Charles Ramos

Today's program was a presentation by **Michele Hillier** of Literacy Central Vancouver Island (LCVI). **Charles Ramos** introduced Michele as a long-time proponent of literacy, having worked in the field for over 25 years. She began her work with LCVI as a volunteer tutor, progressed to literacy outreach coordinator, and has now been the Executive Director for three years. Ms. Hillier will be retiring at the end of June this year. Our club and LCVI have a mutually-beneficial relationship with Literacy volunteers working at our book sale and our club donating significantly to support the group's activities.

Michele began by thanking our club for all the support



over the years. She discussed the use of our funds by the organization and the initiatives they have been promoting. Recent work has focused on renovating the learning and tutoring rooms to allow more privacy for students. The majority of LCVI's work is done by volunteers, with 845 trained personnel working in many different areas from tutoring to literacy classes, to conversational groups. They have a strong partnership with VIU and host monthly author readings, and also provide a strong support network to inmates in the correctional centre.

Michele presented testimonials from students, inmates and adult learners who have been significantly helped by the programs.

Following the presentations, there were several questions, comments and accolades from club members. **Carey McIver** thanked the speaker on behalf of the club. Carey noted that this has been an excellent partnership for our club and it is gratifying to see the funds we provide being put to such good use. Carey then presented Michele with a pen, handmade by **Alan Smith**, one of our members, with a request that she use it to promote literacy.



International Service Committee met following our regular meeting to discuss current projects and budget

**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

*No Member Birthdays, Spouse Birthdays or Anniversaries*

#### **Club Anniversary**

Brenda Grice, 21 years

May 30 1997

### 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

**Excerpts from- *After a grueling year of preparation, two Rotarians and a Rotaractor face one last challenge before they can join the elite ShelterBox Response Team.***

By **Ryan Hyland** Produced by **Alyce Henson**

About 350 candidates began the process along with Wes Clanton, Katelyn Winkworth and Ned Morris. Eleven months later, ShelterBox invited only 20 of them to Cornwall, England, where a no-nonsense trainer announced, “This is your final exam.”

Extending into the English Channel, Cornwall’s Lizard Peninsula is England’s southernmost point.

“The Lizard is a wonderful area to run training for ShelterBox,” says Colin Jones, a slender man with tattoo-covered arms who serves as lead trainer. “It’s quite bleak, there’s not a lot around, and it often rains, which makes people miserable. So that’s really useful.”

During the training, the final candidates spend days in the classroom learning skills that may prove invaluable during their deployments. Divided into teams, they also crisscross Cornwall and deal with different disaster scenarios that simulate situations they might encounter.

“It wasn’t as physical as I was expecting,” he reveals, while acknowledging some psychological challenges.

“They gave us scenarios where there was a limited amount of aid and a lot more beneficiaries who needed it. Having to make those critical decisions of who would get it and why was heart-wrenching. That was the hardest part for me, knowing that we can’t help everyone – and knowing that when I am deployed, I’m going to be part of the team that makes those decisions. And it’s not going to be easy.”

Going into a deployment, ShelterBox responders have no idea what surprises they might encounter. Neither, reasons ShelterBox, should its trainees as they approach

their final exam.

Still, having seen the training procedures up close, and without tipping ShelterBox’s hand, here is what I would tell a candidate heading to the dismal barrens of Cornwall. Expect to eat little and sleep even less. Expect bad breaks and worse weather. Expect disquiet piled upon dread. Expect the trainers and shadows to both teach and test. Most of all, expect the unexpected – and then expect more of the unexpected immediately on its heels. After 10 long days, the training concludes. The ShelterBox candidates are exhausted, and, having subsisted over the past few days on meager rations called “rat packs,” they’re hungry.

The ordeal has taken a toll, and not just on the trainees. As he presents the candidates with their ShelterBox Response Team ID cards – because, yes, all of them have passed the final exam – Colin Jones appears to be holding back tears. His tough-guy veneer has vanished.

[read the total article on Rotary.org](#)



**During a late-night exercise Rotaractor Katelyn Winkworth, right, goes over tasks with her teammates.**

## WEEKLY CLUB PROGRAMS AND MEMBER DUTIES

Meeting Date	May 25, 2018	June 1, 2018	June 8, 2018
Greeters	Lila Tanner, David Woodward	Douglas Anderson, Laurie Bienert	Norm Myden, Kathy Smith
Cashier	Egon Holzwarth	Lila Tanner	Lila Tanner
Sgt at Arms	Wahid Ali	Wahid Ali	Joan Ryan
Inspiration	Brenda Grice	Debbie Narver	Douglas Anderson
Head Table	VP Carey, Paul Manly, Dave Connolly, Brenda Grice	Pres. Jane, Debbie Narver, Brent Barootes	Pres. Jane, Jason Bradley, Exch students, Brent Barootes
Intro Guests	Janeane Coutu	Lila Tanner	Brenda Grice
Intro Speaker	Dave Connolly	President Jane	Jason Bradley
Program	<b>Setting the Table Project Paul Manly - Foodshare</b>	<b>International &amp; Community Service Committees</b>	<b>Exchange Students</b>
Thank Speaker	Debbie Narver	President Jane	Brent Barootes