

ROTARY CLUB OF NANAIMO

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Friday, May 27, 2016



Royal Caribbean cruise ship *Explorer of the Seas* visits downtown Nanaimo last week. The largest ever to visit Nanaimo, the ship is over 1,000 feet long and is 15 decks high with 4,000 passengers and 1,180 crew.

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

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Meeting Notes from May 20th, 2016

by Mike Herold



President Lila Tanner presided over today's meeting and **Bob Fenty** introduced visiting Rotarians and Guests.

We had two visiting Rotarians today, **Senyo Agbedra** who is a Data Manager visiting from the Rotary Club of Sungani Central and **Doug Pearson**, Banker from Nanaimo North Rotary Club. Guest of Rotarians included **John Men**, guest of **Henry Jiang** and **Emily Simpson** from RYLA and **Brooklyn Barootes**



daughter of club member **Brent Barootes** who was visiting us from Aspengrove School.

Announcements were made by **Bruce Gordon** to remind club members to update their Roster information for the coming year, **Bob Fenty** said that we still need two host families for Youth Exchange, **Douglas Anderson** told club members to talk to him if they are interested in attending the Olympic Rotary Conference and **Norm Myden** said that we need host families for two Sunyani Rotarians for 3-4 days in June.



Dave Hammond reminded club members of bridge for next Wednesday, Rotary golf at Nanaimo Golf Club on June 3 at around 3:00 pm for 9 holes of golf. Golf is \$25 and dinner is \$25.



Dave Hammond also gave an update on our **Centennial Project** which will include a joint venture with the City of Nanaimo in refurbishing many of our previous projects including Departure Bay Ferry Terminal Welcome sign and Rotary Wheel at Bowen Park. There are eight (8) projects in total.

They are also planning a major project at Maffeo Sutton Park with the City and will be in an area adjacent to the statue of former **Mayor Frank Ney**. Nothing is specific yet but it will be a "resting place" for visitors at the park.

Dave and committee Director **Bob Patrick** were given a big thank you applause for their hard work.

John Shillabeer was awarded a 100% attendance certificate by **President Lila**.



Sgt-At-Arms Dave Hammond took over the meeting to try squeezing money of club members and was helped by **Wendy Pratt**.



David firstly welcomed **Jane Currie** as our next President Elect and then fined everyone who started at the wrong end of the food table today.

David ran out of fines early and went directly to Happy and Sad Bucks with **Jane Currie** giving up \$5 to be back home in Canada.

Douglas Anderson had a sad buck for losing a lens in his glasses while pruning trees. **Charles Ramos** was hoping to have his Youth Exchange Student staying at his house from Thailand to make Thai dinners each night. **Barb Blinston** had a sad buck for losing at Rotary Poker Night and **Egon Holzworth** had a happy buck for hosting our Sungani visitor.



Table stakes were won by **Bob Fenty** and the 50-50 draw for the Ace of Spades was won by **Dave Connolly** without luck.

\$50K Cheque Presentation Saturday, June 4th

by Janeane Coutu

President Lila extends an invitation to all members who would be interested in a tour of the new *Eden Gardens* dementia facility under construction on Northfield Road (this is the new building to replace Nanaimo Travellers Lodge).

The next site tour is Saturday, **June 4th** at **1pm**. Please RSVP to **President Lila** if you would like to attend. We need to confirm numbers for site safety reasons.

President Lila will also be presenting our donation of \$50,000 to the capital building campaign.

RYLA Student Emily Simpson

by Joyce Smith

Doug Pearson introduced our guest speaker on behalf of all five clubs. This year was the 47th RYLA conference held in Tacoma Washington. **Emily Simpson**, one of the five students sent from Nanaimo spoke on behalf of the students who attended. Emily goes to John Barsby Secondary and her trip to RYLA motivated her to go to VIU for her



twelfth year. She was chosen out of 1,000 students at John Barsby to go to RYLA because the teachers could see she had the potential of being a leader. Of the 150 students that attended the Tacoma conference five students were from Nanaimo and there were only 25 Canadians at the conference.



Our enthusiastic young speaker Emily Simpson.

They did have some sessions about Rotary and Emily specifically remembers a Rotarian speaker saying no body is stopping you in this life to do anything. Over the weekend at RYLA, she listened to many speakers, two speakers, in her words “were amazing”—a paraplegic and a holocaust survivor. The holocaust survivor gave all the students a note book so that they can remember what he said. He spoke about a gun being pointed directly at his

head. Within this short weekend, she met some great people.

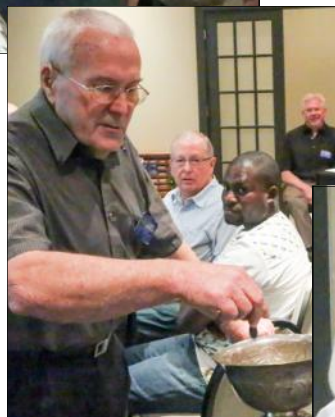
Emily plans to get ahead by attending VIU for grade twelve—she hopes to get a head start at University when she graduates and plans to take Psychology, Sociology and Introduction to Social Work.

Emily thanked all the Rotarians for sending her to the Conference.

Ed Borisenko thanked Emily for her talk about her experience at the RYLA conference in Tacoma, and presented her with the coveted Rotary pen hand made by either **Dave Connolly** or **Allan Smith**.



Sometimes Ian Williams takes more pictures that we can fit into a normal edition of COGS, and space allows us to display our rogues gallery of fines and some just because ...



ATTENDANCE

By Janeane Coutu

Attendance for May 20th was **70%**

We missed Rotarians;

W. Anderson, Gerrand, L. Gosselin, Hais, Janes, King, Lewis, Narver, Parsons, Salem, A. Smith, K. Smith, Stephens, Stetar, Tessier, Woychuk, Zhang

Visiting Rotarians;

Senyo Agbedra, Sunyani Central
Doug Pearson, Nanaimo North

Guests;

Emily Simpson, RYLA student
Brooklyn Barootes, guest of dad Brent
John Men, guest of Henry Jiang

Make-ups;

D. Anderson, membership committee

Birthdays:

Keith McFarlane, June 1

Club Anniversaries:

Brenda Grice, 19 years on May 30th

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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 4—Rotary Tour of the new *Eden Gardens* under construction on Northfield Road. Tour starts 1 pm on Saturday, please advise President Lila if you would like to attend as we need numbers for site safety concerns.

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 27th, 2016	June 3rd, 2016	June 10th, 2016
GREETERS	Chris Parsons, Yvan Gosselin, Bob Wilson	David Woodward, Bob Patrick, Brenda Grice	John Woychuk, Donna Hais, Wendy Pratt
CASHIER	Egon Holzwarth	Allan Smith	Allan Smith
SGT-AT-ARMS	Joan Ryan	Bruce Samson	John Shillabeer
INVOCATION	Debbie Narver	Lynne Pankratz	Christine Parsons
HEAD TABLE	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	Pres Lila, Fay Liang, Ian Williams, John Woychuk, Wendy Pratt, Donna Hais, John Shillabeer
INTRO GUESTS	Susan Gerrand	Bruce Gordon	Lucie Gosselin
INTRO SPEAKER	Donna Hais	Bob Wilson	Ian Williams
PROGRAM	Economic Development Corp. <i>John Hankins, CEO</i>	NEW MEMBER TALKS <i>Christine Parsons</i>	TRAVEL ADVENTURES <i>Fay Liang</i>
THANK SPEAKER	Yvan Gosselin	Barbara Blinston	Ed Borisenko