

# ROTARY CLUB OF NANAIMO

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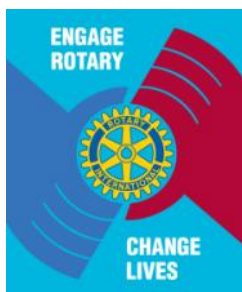


President Douglas Anderson, Senyo Agbedra Yaw and Mayor John Ruttan hold the flags of the Cities of Nanaimo and the country of Ghana following the signing of a Friendship Agreement between the two communities prompted by the Rotary Clubs of Nanaimo and Lantzville —*Photo by Ian Williams*

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

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## Meeting Notes from May 23rd

By: Kathy Smith

**President Douglas** brought the meeting to order and we all proudly sang Oh Canada. This was followed by **Ed Borisenko** leading us in grace.

There were many guests and visitors today. **Bob Fenty** had the following people introduced:

### Visiting Rotarians:

**Nelson Allen** – Daybreak Rotary  
**Melina Snyder O'Donnell, Randy Manikel** and **Robert Grose** – Lantzville Rotary

**Ken Hammer** – Daybreak Rotary  
**Christine Bloudin** – Oceanside Rotary

**Kodzo Agbedra** and **Senyo Agbedra Yaw** – Sunyani Central, Ghana

**Prince Tandoh** – Techiman Rotary  
**Ryan Williams, Erin Lee** and **Mathiey Ennis** – Rotaract



President Douglas receives a club banner from Prince Tandoh from Techiman

### Guests:

**Ann Holzwarth** – guest of Egon  
**Dave Hargrave** – guest of Wayne A.  
**Linda Burgoyne** – RDN  
**Mayor John Ruttan** – City of Nanaimo

**Fred Patje** – City Councillor  
**Diana Johnston** – City Councillor  
**George Anderson** – City Councillor  
**Ralph Nilsson** – VIU President



Richard Finnegan introduced Ralph Nilsson, president of Vancouver Island University

## Announcements:

**Dave Hammond** reminded people of the upcoming golf tournament on June 13 at Winchelsea. \$25 to golf; \$25 for dinner; sign up is next week.



**Lucie Gosselin** announced that the exchange student who is coming next fall is from Holland; very bright, active young man; looking for host families for 3-4 month stretches.

**Robert Grose** from Lantzville congratulated us on our book sale; announced their golf tournament on June 6 and that he had tickets for the golf ball drop - buy a ticket and get coupons for local restaurants.



**Wayne Anderson** announced a book sale committee meeting today and noted that a member of the Lantzville club had come to help at our book sale and then hit every one up for tickets to the golf ball drop!

**Bob Fenty** let us know that watches were sunk with the ship wrecks off shore; he has tickets for sale to win a watch or you can dive for a token that



gives you a key to open the treasure box to win a watch.

**President Douglas** thanked **Ralph Nilsson**, President of V.I. University, for attending and allowed him to leave early to attend a meeting.

*Dates to remember:* see the COGS for upcoming events.

### Sgt. @ Arms

**John Heisterman** fined **Kathy Smith** for misspelling Wales.

He had a prize for **Mathiey Ennis** for knowing the number of teeth in the Rotary wheel. (Actually it was **Bob Wilson** who got the right number – 24)

He mysteriously had a picture of the Gosselin family and wanted **Lucie** to

pay to get it back; she thought **Mike Herold** should have to pay as it took him so long to bring it back from Palm Springs; Mike thought that because Lucie was his accountant that if he paid the \$5 he could somehow write it off!

The Sgt-at-Arms was going to fine the Mayor for raising the taxes; as a poor farmer and pensioner he thought this to be fair. But then the City came to his property and fixed the potholes in the road and so all is OK unless the Mayor wanted to pay and apologize for raising he taxes.

**Joan Ryan** corrected the error in COGS that the upcoming Burger & Beer night is a Dry Grad fundraiser and is not sponsored by Oceanside Rotary.

**Egon Holzwarth** had a \$5 happy buck to see **Senyo** again as he stayed with them last year when **Egon** and **Ann** celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.



**Yvan Gosselin** had thanks to all for help with the book sale; thanks to the **Rotaract Club** for their help and strong muscles; and thanks to Mike for bringing home his family pictures.

**John Heisterman** is happy to celebrate that he moved to Nanaimo 40 years ago and he has done well here.

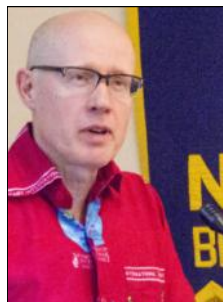


Table Stakes were won by **Susie Walker** – after much confusion; **Nelson**

**Allen** tried his luck at the 50-50 card draw but did not win.

## Ghana Presentation

Report by Janeane Coutu



**Ken Hammer** of the Nanaimo Daybreak club introduced our guest speaker, **Senyo Agbedra Yaw** of Sunyani Ghana.

Senyo began his talk by extending thanks on behalf of

the **Sunyani Municipality** for all the humanitarian projects the five Rotary



clubs of Nanaimo/Lantzville have undertaken since 2007 to a total of \$235,000 USD. He highlighted some of the key projects in a slideshow presentation detailing the project scope, cost and photo's of the results.



Speaker Senyo Agbedra Yaw of Sunyani

#### 1) **Sunyani**

**Assembly Municipal School** – purchase or computers, textbooks, storage cupboards, teaching aids, basic health and sanitation – to the tune of \$21,100.

2) **Korkors Medical Centre Orphanage** – purchase PC, mosquito nets and build mechanized Borehole (well) for clean water – \$12,000

3) **Mosquito Nets** in Sunyani Municipal & Regional Hospitals for pregnant women - \$2000

4) **Security Fence Wall** and gate post at Sunyani Municipal Assembly Primary School - \$23,000

5) **12-unit Toilet Facilities** at the primary school \$38,000

6) **Bore Hole (well)**, 24-unit toilet facility, and outdoor wash station at Bosama Market - \$54,000

7) **Abesim Library Books** and furnishings - \$20,500

8) **Refurbish and Furnishings** for Korkors Charity Orphanage Techiman - \$38,000

New projects the Rotary Clubs in Ghana are looking at include improvements to other schools; toilet facilities, fence wall, and roofing.

#### ***The delegates from Ghana are here in Nanaimo to...***

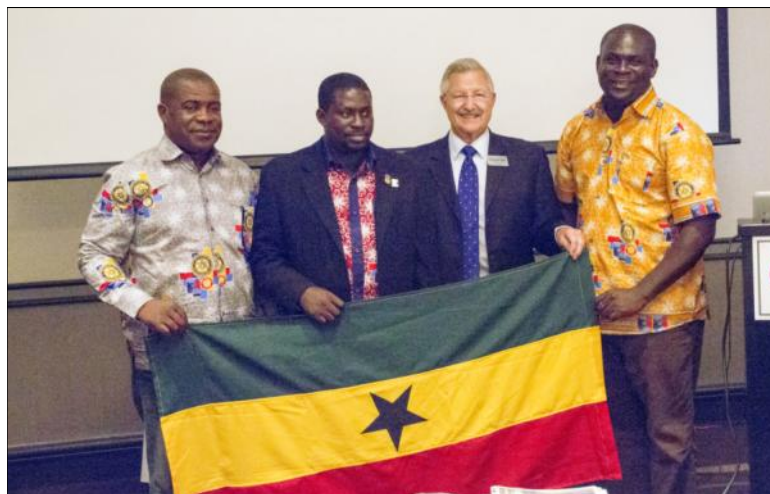
- Strengthen long standing relationship
- Speak to the Regional District of Nanaimo
- Raise money for malaria nets
- Have Maggie continue to send students to Ghana
- Inform all 5 clubs on the old & new projects and its impacts on the people of Sunyani.

#### ***Why the interest in Sunyani, Ghana?***

- Impact of the projects on the people of Sunyani
- Sustainability of the old projects
- It has also help reduce poverty levels
- High rate of girl child in schools
- Security for the school Kids.
- Reduction of all forms of water born disease
- Reduction of child mortality and has improved health in Sunyani.

Senyo concluded his presentation by telling us that the **Rotary Club of Sunyani Central**

will continue to undertake many humanitarian projects with its international partners. Their objective is to do good in the World and bring smiles onto the faces of the deprived people in their poor communities. He wished to take this opportunity to call on



Presenting the flag of Ghana are Pruni Taudiel, Senyo Agbedra Yaw, Nanaimo mayor John Ruttan and Kodzo Agbechra. EDITOR NOTE: Yes, we know, the flag is upside down which usually means distress, but on Friday everything was okay.

all and sundry to join forces with Rotary so that together we bring solace to the hopeless and peace in the world. Come and do Rotary work because **Rotary is good.**

**President Douglas** received a club banner from the newly chartered **Rotary Club of Techiman**, Ghana and was able to reciprocate the exchange with one of our banners.

**Carey McIver** thanked Senyo for his brief yet detailed presentation.



## **ATTENDANCE**

*by Janeane Coutu*

Attendance for May 23<sup>rd</sup> was **55%**.

#### **We missed these Rotarians;**

Ali, Blackmore, Brand, Buchanan, Cantelon, Gerrand, Hais, Henderson, Hewitt, Janes, King, Knutsson, Morris, Narver, Patrick, Raedler, Ramos, Samson, J. Smith, Welch

#### **Visiting Rotarians;**

Bev Hilton and Christine Blouin, Nanaimo Oceanside

Ken Hammer and Nelson Allen, Nanaimo Daybreak

Robert Grose, Randy Manikel, and Melina Snyder-O'Donnell, Lantzville

Kodzo Agbedra and Senyo Agbedra, Sunyani Central Ghana

Prince Tandoh, Techiman Ghana (charter President)

Erin Lee, Vincent Kusi-Kyei, Mathieu Ennis, and Ryan Williams, Nanaimo Rotaract

#### **Guests;**

Linda Burgoyne , RDN

Ralph Nilsson, President of VIU

Mayor John Ruttan

City Counsellors George Anderson, Dianna Johnston, Fred Patje

Ann Holzwarth, guest of husband Egon

Dave Hargrave, guest of Wayne Anderson

#### **Make-ups:**

Brent Stetar, 2 board meetings

#### **Birthdays:**

Keith McFarlane, June 1st

#### **Club Anniversaries:**

Brenda Grice, 17 years, May 30th

Doug McFadden, 45 years, May 30

## WEEKLY CLUB PROGRAMS

### 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

### Friday, June 13th

GREETERS	Kathy Smith, Derek Lewis, Richard Finnegan
CASHIERS	Al Smith
SGT-AT-ARMS	Lila Tanner
INVOCATION	Susie Walker
HEAD TABLE	Pres. Douglas, Dr. John Snively, Ross White, Joyce Smith, Bill King, Bob Fenty, Bob Patrick
INTRODUCE GUESTS	Bob Patrick
INTRODUCE SPEAKER	Ross White
PROGRAM	<b>GUATEMALA DENTISTRY</b> <i>Dr. John Snively</i>
THANK SPEAKER	Frank Shoemaker

## JUNE IS ROTARY FELLOWSHIP MONTH

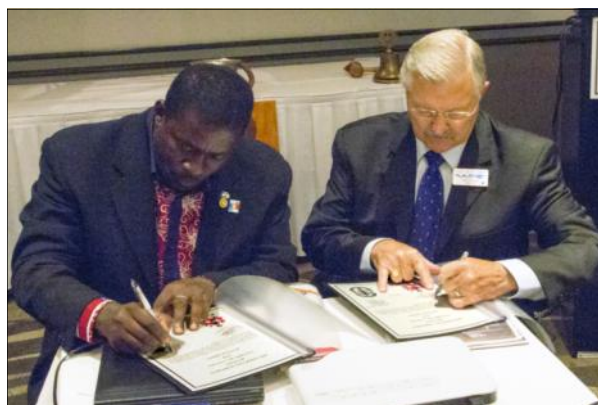
### Friendship Agreement is signed between the City of Nanaimo and the City of Sunyani

**Carey McIver** explained that eight months ago, a group started to meet on a weekly basis to review the idea of the two cities entering into a Friendship Agreement. The meetings included representatives from the City, the RDN and VIU and entailed close communication with those in Ghana.

Some background information: In 2005 the first steps were taken by the RDN to work with the City of Sunyani around waste management strategies. This grew to include partnerships with all five Rotary clubs and Vancouver Island University. Over the years, \$235,000 has been spent on projects in Sunyani that have included sanitation, waste management, education, libraries and clean water projects.

**Ken Hammer** and **Mayor John Ruttan** began the celebration acknowledging the work that has been done over the past ten years. **Senyo Agbedra Yaw**, as acting Mayor of his city, and our Mayor then spoke about the great work that has been done and that this friendship between the cities will lead to an ongoing relationship that will benefit all concerned. **Mayor Ruttan** presented **Senyo** with some pictures and a flag of Nanaimo, and **Senyo** reciprocated with presenting a flag of Ghana to our Mayor. The two then signed the official Friendship Agreement.

**Senyo** spoke about how honored he is to be part of this special day and thanked us for taking an interest in his community. The work done by Rotary, VIU and the RDN have improved the lives of the citizens and improved the livelihood of those in the community. This is also a great opportunity for all to share cultures and goals.



Senyo Agbedra Yaw of Sunyani and Mayor John Ruttan sign the Friendship Agreement between their two cities.

### DATES TO REMEMBER

**June 6**—Lantzville Rotary meeting, Nanaimo Military Museum, 7:00 p.m.

**June 10**—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. Cost: \$25 for golf, \$25 for BBQ.

**June 20**—Rotary Installation of “Banker Bob” Wilson and his 2014-15 Rotary Executive, Coast Bastion Inn. Fellowship 6:00 p.m., dinner 7:00.

**June 26**—Lantzville Rotary Installation, Nanaimo Golf Club, 6:00 p.m.



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