

ROTARY CLUB OF NANAIMO

“C O G S”



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4,723rd Meeting

Friday, May 6, 2016



Blue Herons are often seen from the 2 km trail that loops around Buttertubs Marsh

photo - Debbie Narver

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

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Immediate Past President ----- Bob Wilson



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Meeting Notes from April 29th, 2016

by Janeane Coutu

President Lila started our meeting by inviting us to stand and join together in singing our national anthem. **Mikel Knutsson** performed invocation with a Rotary service themed poem, which drew a spattering of applause from the group. **Janeane Coutu** introduced visiting Rotarian **Derek Norton** from **South Cowichan**, and **Henry Jiang** intro-



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duced his guest, **John Men** a businessman recently re-located to Nanaimo.

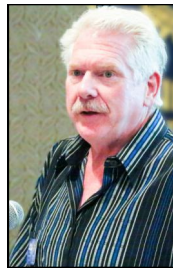
Lila announced birthdays and anniversaries, Friday was **Brent Stetar's** birthday and he was treated to a stellar "Happy Birthday" song led by **Doug Cowling**.

There were 3 significant wedding anniversary celebrations; **Bob and Louise Patrick** 33-years, **Keith and Wendy McFarlane** 37-years, **Mike and Sandy Herold** 46-years. Club anniversaries for 2 of our longest serving members, both in attendance; **Bill Horman** 61-years and **Bob McDougall** 54-years.



President Lila began announcements with the next board meeting but had trouble with the dates, but a few helpful Rotarians spoke up to correct her – the 2nd Tuesday of each month.

Keith McFarlane announced **Installation** of President-Elect **Debbie Narver** was set for June 17th so save the date. This is a no-cost evening for Rotarians and partners to be held at the **Coast Bastion** hotel. This is our chance to say thank-you to **President Lila** for the great year and induct **Debbie** and the new Board of Directors.



Sgt-at-arms Joan Ryan took over the meeting and gave members an opportunity to confess before she levied fines. She started with **Bob Fenty** for tormenting **President Lila** earlier. Lila was fined for flubbing her announcement.

Bruce Samson was fined for embarrassing our President by shouting out it wasn't partner **Debbie's** birthday. **Keith McFarlane** was fined for his comment about being away so long he forgot protocol on announcements. And **Bob Wilson** was fined for joking about Newfoundland trivia.

Joan had some trivia questions about seniors and hip fractures she used to quiz the tables. We didn't fare so well but in our defense – it was not multiple choice and the ques-

tions were hard!

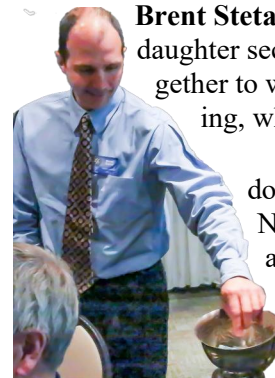
We resumed with happy and sad bucks – **Carey McIver** began with apologies for missing greeter duties, she had good intentions but left home late, had to stop for cash and the bank machine was out of order!



Bob Wilson had a story about biking with **Dave Connolly** that challenged the **4-Way Test**. Dave got a new bike and was anxious to get Bob out



for a ride. Dave took off and Bob was left "busting my ass trying to keep up". Bob felt he needed to keep tabs on 80-year old Dave so pushed himself to catch up and then he discovered a motor-assist device on the front wheel! Dave had the last laugh, leaving poor Bob to wonder "Is it Fair to All Concerned?"



Brent Stetar thanked us for the song and told his daughter secretly got all her school mates together to wish him happy birthday this morning, what a great start to his day!

Keith McFarlane had happy dollars to give an update that son-in-law Nick the police officer was doing great after being involved in the take down of a shooter.

Yvan Gosselin assessed a \$5 fine on **Joan Ryan** for not self-confessing at the start that her picture was in the newspaper.



Bill Horman told us today was also the day his father had his heart attack working on the Rotary **Bowen Park** project. He commented it is nice to see the Rotary signs driving by the park.

Wayne Anderson won the table stakes.

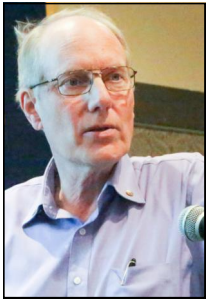


Bob Janes tried the card draw but drew the Jack of clubs.

Canadian Executive Services Organization

By Lucie Gosselin

Derek Lewis introduced our speaker **Deryk Norton**, a member of the South Cowichan Rotary club, who as a volunteer with the Canadian Executive Services Organization (CESO) is spreading the word that CESO is looking for more volunteers. Deryk's pre-retirement work experience spanned both the private and public sectors. In the public sector he developed policies and programs while in the private sector, he worked as a consultant in strategic planning and business planning.



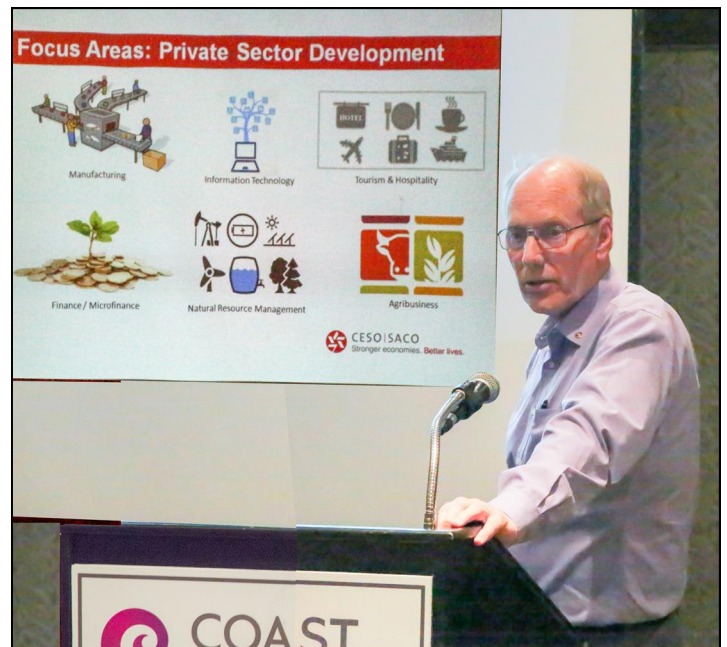
CESO has been involved in international development for close to 50 years. During that time, they completed 50,000 assignments in Canada and around the world. In Canada, the projects are usually with aboriginal communities from coast to coast. There are currently over 700 active volunteer advisors and each has on average 25 years of experience in their respective fields. Most of the funding comes from the Federal Government and the RBC Foundation. Sometimes, the "client" will pay some of the cost.

CESO's goal is to reduce poverty by generating economic value. They see private sector development and institutional strengthening as powerful drivers of both economic and social change.

The focus in private sector development includes manufacturing; information technology; tourism and hospitality; finance and microfinance; natural resource management and agribusiness. The focus areas in institutional strengthening include government agencies; regional economic associations, trade associations and chambers of commerce. Some of the countries where CESO has done projects include Jamaica, Columbia, Ecuador, Peru, Senegal, Ivory Coast, Tanzania, Vietnam, China and many more.

Deryk then told us of his own personal experience with CESO. He became a CESO volunteer in 2003 and has completed 12 CESO assignments in 9 different countries since then. The projects were in Azerbaijan, Costa Rica, Serbia, Ukraine, Guyana, Jamaica, Peru, Bolivia and Colombia. Assignments are usually 2 to 4 weeks and are highly focused. As a volunteer, you are not paid for your time but you are reimbursed for out of pocket expenses such as travel and accommodation.

To give us an idea of the types of projects he told us a bit about his 2 most recent projects. The first one was an assignment to develop policies and programs to prevent violence against women and to empower women in the city of La Paz, Bolivia. The second was in Colombia to develop a partnership action plan to meet the needs of a fair trade producer of organic dried fruit to expand production and sales. In this case he used his connection with a fair trade



company from Saanich called "Level Ground".

Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer can go the website ceso-saco.com or if you want more information, e-mail dgnorton@telus.net. After an application and assessment process, volunteers are added to a roster. Assignments are posted on the website as they come up. Volunteers are expected to keep a watch on the postings and express interest if they see something they feel is a match for their skill and experience. Office volunteers in Toronto review all expressions of interest and will do a matching of volunteers to assignments. Currently there are 50 or 60 projects listed. Many of the volunteers are getting older and resigning so there is a need for new volunteers.

Debbie Narver thanked the speaker.

The higher the general average of intelligence, all things else being equal, the less the disposition to be meddling, critical, and overbearing.

- Paul Harris

ATTENDANCE

By Bob Janes

Attendance April 22: **56%**

We missed Rotarians;

Ali, D. Anderson, Barootes, Blinston, Currie, Gerrand, Grice, Hais, King, Lessan, Lewis, Pratt, Raedler, Ramos, Ross, Salem, Shillabeer, A. & K. Smith, Stephens, Tessier, Woodward, Zhang

Visiting Rotarians:

Deryk Norton - South Cowichan

Guests: John Men

Birthdays:

Jane Currie, May 9th
John Marlow, May 10th
Bruce Samson, May 12th

Spouse Birthdays:

Catherine Knutsson [Mike] on May 10th
Chris Coutu [Janeane] on May 12th

Wedding Anniversaries:

Bob & Louise Patrick, 33 years on May 6th
Ellen & Ron Ross, 39 years on May 7th
Norm & Barbara Myden, 47 years on May 10th

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COUNCIL GRANTS CLUBS GREATER FLEXIBILITY IN MEETING, MEMBERSHIP

The 2016 Council on Legislation may well be remembered as one of the most progressive in Rotary history. Not only did this Council grant clubs more freedom in determining their meeting schedule and membership, it also approved an increase in per capita dues of \$4 a year for three years. The increase will be used to enhance Rotary's website, improve online tools, and add programs and services to help clubs increase membership.

The Council is an essential element of Rotary's governance. Every three years, members from around the world gather in Chicago to consider proposed changes to the policies that govern the organization and its member clubs. Measures that are adopted take effect 1 July.

The tone for this year was set early, when the RI Board put forth two proposals that increase flexibility. The first measure allows clubs to decide to vary their meeting times, whether to meet online or in person, and when to cancel a meeting, as long as they meet at least twice a month. The second allows clubs flexibility in choosing their membership rules and requirements. Both passed.

Representatives also approved removing six membership criteria from the RI Constitution and replacing them with a simple requirement that a member be a person of good character who has a good reputation in their business or community and is willing to serve the community.



The \$4 per year dues increase was based on a five-year financial forecast that predicted that if Rotary didn't either raise dues or make drastic cuts, its reserves would dip below mandated levels by 2020. The yearly per capita dues that clubs pay to RI will be \$60 in 2017-18, \$64 in 2018-19, and \$68 in 2019-20. The next council will establish the rate after that.

[See more at www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)

DATES TO REMEMBER

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 6th, 2016	May 13th, 2016	May 20th, 2016
GREETERS	Susan Gerrand, Norm Myden, Art Vanidour	Debbie Narver, Bruce Gordon, Ross White	Lynne Pankratz, Lucie Gosselin, Ian Williams
CASHIER	Ed Borisenko	Ed Borisenko	Ed Borisenko
SGT-AT-ARMS	John Shillabeer	Bob Fenty	Dave Hammond
INVOCATION	Keith McFarlane	Carey McIver	Norm Myden
HEAD TABLE	Pres Lila, Doug Cowling, Janeane, Coutu, Bob Wilson, Robert Grose, Jane Currie, Bruce Samson	Pres Lila, Timothy Malone, Norm Myden, Debbie Narver, Bruce Gordon, Ross White	Pres Lila, RYLA Students, Rob Waine, Dale Huck, Fay Laing, Lynne Pankratz, Lucie Gosselin
INTRO GUESTS	Doug Cowling	Jane Currie	Bob Fenty
INTRO SPEAKER	—	Norm Myden	Rob Waine
PROGRAM	Travelers Lodge Discussion <i>Community Services Committee</i>	MERCY SHIPS <i>Timothy Malone, Nat. Director</i>	RYLA STUDENTS REPORT
THANK SPEAKER	—	Lucie Gosselin	Ed Borisenko