

ROTARY CLUB OF NANAIMO

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The main aisle at Nanaimo North Town Centre was filled with fiction books and customers, as our Semi Annual Rotary Used Book Sale got underway this week. Customers commented on the good quality of our donated books and the ease of which to find books that are displayed in alphabetical order by the author's last name.—*Photo by Ian Williams*

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

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Meeting Notes from April 25th

By: Lucie Gosselin

The meeting was chaired by **Pres Elect Bob Wilson** who filled in for **Douglas Anderson**. Douglas is in Ontario. It was Bob's "practice run" at being president. He passed the test. **Ian Williams** was away sick so we did not have the pleasure of his music and beautiful slide show. Oh Canada was therefore led by **Bob Fenty** acapella. **Bruce Samson** gave the invocation. **Bob Janes** introduced the visiting Rotarians and guests.



Kayla Millicheap was Richard Finnegan's guest.

Kathy Smith gave the Rotary minute. She spoke about the Rotary Exchange program. Our club contributes its share of the cost to host the students who are in Nanaimo for the year. We are also expected to have a member involved with the students not only for finding host families but also to ensure they are attending Rotary events around town and have a chance to participate in activities with various Rotary families.



We need to get more involved with our exchange students which requires someone to take on that responsibility

Kathy has been that member for several years but she is now spending six months out of the country every year so is no longer the right person to be doing

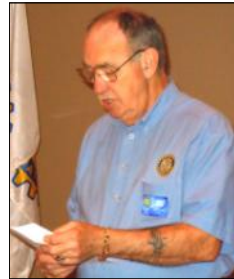
it. She came back from Arizona a few weeks ago to find that the students had not attended or even been invited to any of our club events all winter. She is looking for someone to whom she can pass the torch. If anyone is interested in this great opportunity to get to know energetic students from other countries, please call **Kathy**.

Motions:

Moved by **Wayne Anderson** and seconded by **Bruce Samson** that the club spend \$2,500 on expenses related to the book sale. Carried.

Moved by **Bob Fenty** and seconded by **Bob Janes** that the club donate \$2,000 to Bayview Elementary School for 16 computers. Carried.

Moved by **Bob Fenty** and seconded by **Bob Janes** that the club donate \$1,276 to each of Park Avenue Elementary School and Georgia Avenue Elementary School for the purchase of 4 ipads each. Carried with 1 opposed.



Bob Fenty reminded everyone to pick up posters to advertise the coming book sale. Please post them in your place of business and give them to other businesses around town.

There will be no meeting next Friday as it is the first day of the book sale.

Yvan Gosselin reminded members that he needs some physically fit individuals to help him pick up 100 tables from VIU at 4:00 on Thursday afternoon. He asked that people come to the mall to help set up starting at 5:00.

Wayne Anderson told us we are still short of people to run the club book sale. Every member is responsible for a minimum of 4 shifts. If you have not yet signed up, please go to the website and do so.

We were reminded last week in COGS of all the good we do in the community with proceeds from our sale, and the club needs everyone's help to accomplish that goal!



Joan Ryan told us that we will have a booth for donations to Polio Eradication at the MS Walk at Maffeo Sutton Park on Sunday. She also told us there is a local senior she works with who needs help making his home accessible for his scooter. Any volunteers should call her.

Jane Currie will be holding an information session in preparation for the District Leadership Training Assembly right after the meeting.

Richard Finnigan told us of the Autism fundraising walk at Caledonian Park tomorrow. There will be lots of activities for children including the bouncy castle, etc.



Sgt-at-Arms:

Lila Tanner

was Sgt-at-Arms. She fined people for various minor offences and conducted a multiple choice session around the room. All tables except the one with yours truly got the answers wrong and had to pay a fine. She fined **John Heisterman** for leaving **Yvan Gosselin** to scrape and paint the sign at Rotary Bowl by himself. John went prawning and forgot all about the date. His "fine" was a bucket of prawns and some chantrelle mushrooms for **Yvan**. I like that deal.

Frank Shoemaker told us of the application he made to District for a literacy award for our club. He says the list of activities we have undertaken over the past year covers 6 pages. He suggested we congratulate ourselves. He will e-mail a copy of the report for everyone to read.

Bob Janes won both table stakes and the chance to draw the Ace of Spades. Sergeant **Lila** had one of those moments and spread the cards out facing **Bob**. Of course **Bob** picked the ace of spades, but being the honest Rotarian he is, he put it back and wasn't so lucky on the blind draw. And **Lila** had been doing so well until that moment!



Rescuing Slaves in the Sudan

By: Kathy Smith

It was a pleasure to have **Dr. Wiegand Dyck** back to speak to our club. He is one of three directors with the Centre of Excellence of International Development and today came to speak about the work they have done with rescuing slaves in Sudan. Slavery continues throughout the world today with most of it occurring within the continent of Africa.

The Centre of Excellence of International Development (CEID) is involved in projects in India, Africa, South America and Saskatchewan. This non-profit group uses 100% of funds donated directly towards projects such as vegetables for life, stitches for life, major projects in shanty towns and working with the natives in Saskatchewan. In December of 2013, CEID was directly involved in work to liberate and repatriate slaves in South Sudan.

Dr. Dyck reviewed some of the history of Sudan so that we could understand that the trading of slaves in the Muslim world has gone on for centuries. In Sudan, the south is mostly Christian and the North mostly Arab. The Muslims will go to the south to steal cows, goats and slaves. The death toll from 14 centuries of the Muslim slave trade in Africa is estimated to be 30 – 100 million Women and children are stolen, transported to a country and become a slave. Many have their Christian name taken away from them and are given an Arab name. Their children are either killed or sold as a slave.

Those who try to escape are usually killed. In 2011, North and South Sudan separated but the purchase/capture of women and children into slavery continues. Although South Sudan became a free nation, there were still tens of thousands of its people enslaved in the North. CEID has been working hard to have these slaves returned to their country and their families.

CEID has worked with an intermediary who goes into the Muslim areas and negotiates the release of a slave. For about \$150 CEID is able to communicate with retrievers who negotiate to purchase back the slaves. Some of these



Dr. Wiegand Dyck spoke to the club about modern day slavery.

children have been hung upside down over a fire with chilies rubbed into their eyes until they go blind. Others have had holes cut into their cheeks so that a rope can be put through to keep them from escaping. The slaves work in harsh conditions, often with little food or water from 5 am – 10 pm and then are made to sleep with the animals. For a Sudanese Islamist man, the more slaves he possesses the more prestige he has in his community. Some men will own dozens of slaves.

For the retrievers, it is a dangerous journey to negotiate the release of slaves and CEID has few details on how this is actually done. The joyous reunions, once the slaves are returned to their communities, makes it all worthwhile.

In Dec. 2013, CEID was able to liberate 80 slaves and reunite them with their families. Some have been adopted out to the USA where they attend school, others have received medical attention to deal with their leprosy but all are given freedom.

A \$150 donation to CEID can purchase a goat, a sack of hope, sorghum and freedom! Although this was a tough topic to listen to, it is important for us to realize that there is still work to be done throughout the world with regards to Human Rights.

Dr. Dyck was thanked by **Joan Ryan**, who presented our speaker with the coveted Rotary pen made by **Dave Connolly**.



Dr. Dyck is presented with a Rotary pen by Joan Ryan

**Our Book Sale runs until
Monday . . . Your Help
is still needed!**

ATTENDANCE

By Bob Janes

Attendance for April 25th was 50%

We missed these Rotarians:

Ali, D. Anderson, Blackmore, Brand, Buchannan, Cantelon, Corriveau, Gerard, Grice, Hais, Henderson, Hewitt, Knutsson, Lewis, McIver, Morris, Narver, Pankratz, Patrick, Raedler, Shillabeer, Welch, Williams

Visiting Rotarians:

William Litchfield

Guests:

Kayla Millicheap

Make ups:

Susie Walker, Debbie Narver ISC Meeting

Birthdays:

Kevin Cantelon, May 9th
Jane Currie, May 9th
Herb Welch, May 9th
John Marlow, May 10th
Bruce Samson, May 12th

Spouses Birthday:

Catherine Knutsson (Mikel) May 10
Chris Coutu (Janeane) May 12

Wedding Anniversaries:

Donna & Robert Hais, 20 years on May 14
Frank & June Shoemaker, 37 years on May 14

Club Anniversaries:

Kevin Cantelon, 1 year on May 10
Richard Finnegan, 1 year on May 10

WEEKLY CLUB PROGRAMS

Friday, May 9th

GREETERS	Kevin Cantelon, Bruce Samson, Mike Herold
CASHIERS	Norm Myden
SGT-AT-ARMS	Bob Fenty
INVOCATION	Frank Shoemaker
HEAD TABLE	Pres. Douglas, Leanne Kopp, Susie Walker, Kevin Cantelon, Jane Currie, Bruce Samson, Mike Herold
INTRODUCE GUESTS	Derek Lewis
INTRODUCE SPEAKER	Susie Walker
PROGRAM	THE PROSTATE CENTRE <i>Leanne Kopp</i>
THANK SPEAKER	Brent Stetar

Friday, May 16th

GREETERS	John Shillabeer, Jeremy Hewitt, Dave Connolly
CASHIERS	Norm Myden
SGT-AT-ARMS	David Hammond
INVOCATION	Alan Smith
HEAD TABLE	Pres. Douglas, PE Bob Wilson, John Shillabeer, Jeremy Hewitt, Dave Connolly, Bob Janes
INTRODUCE GUESTS	Mike Knutsson
INTRODUCE SPEAKER	—
PROGRAM	CLUB ASSEMBLY <i>President Douglas</i>
THANK SPEAKER	—

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, Bev Hilton, Joan Ryan, Delegates from Ghana, Richard Finnegan, Ross White
INTRODUCE GUESTS	Keith McFarlane
INTRODUCE SPEAKER	Joan Ryan
PROGRAM	GHANA ROTARY PRESENTATION <i>Bev Hilton</i>
THANK SPEAKER	Carey McIver



Rotarians, Rotaract and friends set up thursday night



The 2014 Rotary Spring Book Sale is on

DATES TO REMEMBER

May 2 to 12—Rotary Book Sale, Nanaimo North Town Centre. *All hands required for a successful sale!*

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 6:30 p.m., dinner 7:30. No charge for Rotarians or their spouses.*



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