

ROTARY CLUB OF NANAIMO

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Friday, November 13, 2015



Neck Point Park in Nanaimo overlooking the Strait of Georgia and Mainland Mountains

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

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Meeting Notes from November 6th

By Janeane Coutu

President **Lila Tanner** called the meeting to order and invited **Jane Currie** to give the Invocation which was delivered with great thought and caring reflection in Remembrance of our veterans who paved the way for us all to enjoy the freedom and quality of life in Canada.



Dave Hammond introduced the visiting Rotarians and guests and welcomed them to our meeting. **President Lila** mentioned the birthdays and anniversaries we celebrate in our club this week. She then presented **Egon Holzwarth** with the Rotary "Rock Star" of the month, voted by fellow Rotarians and thanked him for being such a dependable member with the cashier committee in particular. A thankless job most of the time, well done Egon!



Carey McIver had an announcement about November being **The Rotary Foundation (TRF)** month. She reminded us of the matching points offered by the club during November for donations. Cheques should be made payable to the Rotary Club of Nanaimo, or even quicker and easier, make your donation via credit card directly online at <https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/take-action/give>, and be sure to email **Brenda Grice** and **Lynne Pankratz** so you get the matching points.



Janeane Coutu announced her daughter **Emily** is involved in a **Purdy's Chocolates** fundraising event for her school volleyball team. They are raising funds to travel to Kelowna in December of the senior high school girl's volleyball Provincial championship. (okay, Janeane was fundraising and paid a fine for it.) **Purdy's Chocolates** donates 25% of proceeds to the school so it is a great way to support the local athletes and take care of your shopping needs without having to go to the mall. Janeane will have order forms next Friday as well, or if you want to shop online, let her know and she will email you the group purchase link. Makes a great Christmas gift for staff, clients, friends or family. (cash donations for the team are also welcomed)



Sgt-at-arms Bob Fenty took the floor and started us off by asking all those who served their country, past or present, to stand and accept our thanks as we near **Remembrance Day**. He then fined all those not wearing a poppy, and enlisted



Mike Herold to be his money-man.

Bob then began his fines and tried to find the owner of a shopping list left behind at the cashier table but nobody would own up to it! He then reminded us all that today was a special day of helping - *Random Acts of Kindness Day* in the world. He suggested anyone that hadn't yet done a good deed should pay \$1, and reminded us all to pay it forward today.

Happy bucks followed: **Janeane** paid her advertising fine and was happy to have the opportunity to thank our veterans present at the meeting today. **Wendy Pratt** had happy bucks for the opportunity to meet visiting **Rotarian Brent**



Barootes again and hoped he would join our club. Lila thanked Janeane for filling in for her last week, and **Ed Borisenko** was happy his daughter Laurel was coming home next week.

Norman Myden won the opportunity for the card draw, but no luck, pulling the nine of clubs. The 50-50 pot is nearing \$200 for some lucky winner! Guest **Patrick Ryan** won the table stakes.



CF-METR Maritime Testing Facility

Reported by Ellen Ross

Commander Darren Rich, the current base commander at Canadian Forces Maritime Experimental and Test Ranges (CFMETR) was our guest speaker at the Friday Nov 6th Rotary meeting and was introduced by **Mikel Knutsson**.



CFMETR is a maritime test facility located on the east side of Vancouver Island, at Nanoose Bay. The Nanoose Bay torpedo testing range located in the Georgia Strait off Vancouver Island, has been operating since 1967. This base is part of Canada's National Security system. This facility is unique and is operationally controlled as a field unit where there is a joint funding agreement between the Canadian and United States Governments.

The ranges operated by CFMETR are located over an area of the Strait of Georgia known as Whiskey Golf. Whiskey Golf is a testing range that is the most important of the four test ranges maintained and operated by the Naval Undersea Warfare Center Division, jointly operated by the United States and Canada. Over 56 square nautical miles are moni-



tored. Whiskey Golf occupies the Ballenas Basin which is the deepest part of the Strait of Georgia. It is several hundred metres deep, several dozen kilo-

metres long and several kilometres wide over a seabed composed of soft mud and free of underwater obstacles.

The facility has a 3-dimensional sonar tracking system for monitoring the performance and position of objects. Equipment tested at the facility consists of a variety of devices, including sonobuoys, sonar systems (ship and aircraft), torpedoes and the repair and overhaul of the dipping sonar used on Canada's Sea King helicopter fleet. The range tests between 300 to 400 torpedoes annually, most of them American.

The range employs 68 people, including 11 Canadian military naval officers and six U.S. civilian technicians. The U.S. has invested \$170-million in the facility. Canada's investment is \$47-million. Commander Rich informed us that the benefit to the mid-island economy is approximately 9.5 million dollars per annum. This includes salaries, goods and services, contracts and property taxes.

Due to the large number of submarine cables terminating at Winchelsea Island, a no prawn or crab fishing (no bottom contact) and no anchoring zone exists within this area.

There has been some controversy about ownership and rights in the area. The Canadian government owns the land used for the range. The foreshore is owned by B.C. and used by the federal government under a sixty-year agreement signed in 1988. The Nanoose Bay seabed was also owned by British Columbia and leased to Ottawa for a \$1 per year.

Recently CFMETR - Nanoose Base had an open house celebrating 50 years in Nanoose Bay. The base has an open house every two years for the public to visit and view the operations.



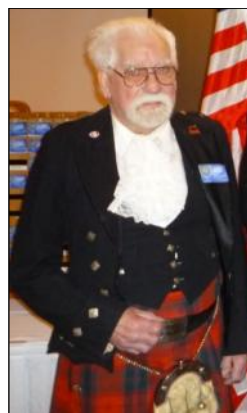
Our speaker was thanked for his presentation and his service by **Bruce Samson**, who presented **Commander Rich** with the coveted Rotary Pen made by **Dave Connolly**.



IN MEMORIAM

Rotarian John Morris

April 10, 1920 — November 7th, 2015



Just a few days short of his 55th anniversary with our Rotary club and perfect attendance for that time, John Morris passed away peacefully at Nanaimo Hospital.

Joined Rotary in 1960 with the classification of Public Highways, serving as President in 1969-70. He chaired the Program Committee for many years, and until recently, always performed the *Address to the Haggis* on Robbie Burns day dressed in his kilt.

John was born in Scotland, just outside of Perth and at the age of 12 years fell in love with flying while visit-

ing a local fair. He got his flying license with the RAF in time to join the No. 19 squadron led by the famous leg-less ace, Douglas Bader, flying the Hawker Hurricane fighter. John also flew the Spitfire, but said he preferred the Hurricane.

During the war John served in several campaigns and survived five crashes, the last of which left him with severe burns and ended his flying career.

It was on a tour of Canada after the war that John met his future bride, Louise, and after they married the couple lived in the UK for a year, but settled back in Louise's native Canada. The couple had no children.

The Morris' settled in Prince George where John worked with Department of Highways and was involved with road building in the central and northern part of the province. When an opening came up for a posting on Vancouver Island, Louise encouraged John to take it where she could be closer to her family. John worked for Public Works in Nanaimo until his retirement.

As well as being a dedicated Rotarian, John Morris was also a member of Ashlar Masonic Lodge and a generous supporter of many charities in Nanaimo.

MEMBERSHIP PROPOSAL

Unless written objection is received by the Secretary within seven [7] days, the following applicant will be invited to join the Rotary Club of Nanaimo:

CHRISTINE PARSONS

Classification: Non-profit Executive

Proposed by: Ross White

ATTENDANCE

By Bob Janes

Attendance for Nov 6: **55%**

We missed Rotarians:

Ali, Blinston, Cantelon, Cowling, Finnegan, Ger-rand, Y. Gosselin, Hais, Henderson, King, Lewis, Narver, Patrick, Raedler, Salem, Stetar, Zhang

Visiting Rotarians:

Brent Barootes

Guests: Debbie Marshall, Behead Targhi, Patrick Ryan, Mr & Mrs Patterson,

Commander Darren Rich
Makeups: Bob Wilson.

Birthdays:

Doug Greer, Nov 18th

Spouse Birthdays:

Sherry Heisterman [John] on November 17th

Club Anniversaries

Susan Gerrand, 15 years on November 17

John Morris, 55 years of perfect attendance on November 18th

Lynne Pankratz, 4 years on November 18th

November - Rotary Foundation Month - DG Rose

It is well known that the Rotary Foundation is one of my passions. My goal is to have 100% of the clubs donate something to both the Annual Fund and to Polio Plus. November is a great month to focus on making this happen. At this point I am proud to say that 76 of our 88 clubs have already contributed \$135,433 to the Annual Fund. Thank you so much; I am sure the other 12 clubs will join us in this effort – in fact they may have but have not yet submitted the funds to RI. I do recommend submitting funds turned in to the club each month – or at a minimum once a quarter. Of course we will continue to grow those funds as the year progresses.



The Club Presidents should remember that at PETS last March, District 5020 won the theme scarf and tie that RI President Ravi had donated to PETS. The tie goes to the club with the largest per capita per member to the Annual Fund. The scarf goes to the club with the largest per capita per member to Polio Plus. I know a few clubs that have set their sights on winning; I hope all of you get competitive. The per capita formula doesn't penalize small clubs vs large. We will use May 31, 2016 giving numbers so that we can present them at the District Conference.

This is a great month to recognize all of your members who have Paul Harris Fellows, and those who are Benefactors and/or Bequest Society members.

2016 Rotary World Peace Conference

The 2016 Rotary World Peace Conference, held January 15-16 in Ontario, California, will be an incredible opportunity to exchange ideas and solutions with leaders and experts in conflict prevention and resolution. The mission of the Rotary World Peace Conference 2016 is to bring together experts with solutions to major issues that are occurring in our personal lives, homes, schools, businesses and communities, not just in Southern California, but around the world. We are inviting leaders from health care, academia,



government, public safety, religions, business, and communities to meet together to share the solutions presented by experts. The format will allow for action plans to be developed such that real and measureable actions can be undertaken when attendees re-

turn home. The conference includes five plenary sessions, more than 80 panel and facilitated sessions among 13 different tracks of training.

For more information, see <http://www.peaceconference2016.org/who-we-are/>.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Sunday, Dec 6—Family Christmas Pancake Breakfast, Bowen Park. Bring your children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews—just make sure you provide a wrapped gift for each child you bring!

Friday, Dec 18—Christmas Dinner at Coast Bastion, fellowship at 6 pm, dinner at 7 pm—More details will be forthcoming.

WEEKLY CLUB PROGRAMS & MEMBER DUTIES

MEETING DATE	Friday, Nov 13th	Friday, Nov 20th	Friday, Nov 27th
GREETERS	Susie Stephens, Doug Cowling, Norm Myden	Debbie Narver, Brent Stetar, Bob Fenty	Richard Finnegan, Lynne Pankratz, Bruce Gordon
CASHIER	John Shillabeer	John Shillabeer	John Shillabeer
SGT-AT-ARMS	Dave Hammond	John Heisterman	Joan Ryan
INVOCATION	Dave Connolly	Egon Holzwarth	Mike Herold
HEAD TABLE	President Lila, Megan Lum, Wendy Pratt, Doug Greer, Janeane Coutu, Joyce Smith, Carey McIver	President Lila, Frank Shoemaker, Egon Holzwarth, Debbie Narver, Bob Fenty, Brent Stetar, John Shillabeer	President Lila, Suzanne Samborski, Wendy Pratt, Bill King, Richard Finnegan, Lynne Pankratz
INTRO GUESTS	Carmon Henderson	Doug Cowling	Janeane Coutu
INTRO SPEAKER	Janeane Coutu	President Lila	Wendy Pratt
PROGRAM	LIT/Quest: Our Future Leaders <i>Megan Lum</i>	Rotary Foundation Month <i>Frank Shoemaker</i>	Culture & Heritage: It's Who We Are
THANK SPEAKER	Barbara Blinston	—	Brenda Grice