

ROTARY CLUB OF NANAIMO

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4837th Meeting

Friday, November 16, 2018



A Family enjoys a great November day at Piper's Lagoon Beach, Nanaimo, B.C.

Stories

**Rotary Meeting Notes Nov. 9
2018**

Upcoming Speakers

Nov 30, 2018

Rotary Meeting Minutes

November 9, 2018

By Joyce Smith



President Charles Ramos started the 4,835th meeting of the Rotary Club of Nanaimo with the National Anthem. **Brenda Grice** gave an inspirational moment on the self-less people we honor on Remembrance Day.

Lucie Gosselin, introduced the visiting Rotarians and guests.

There were no visiting Rotarians

Dawn Hankins was a guest of **Wendy Pratt** and was attending to check out the Club to possibly become a member.

Club recognition:

Member birthdays: **Frank Shoemaker**, November 12 and **Brenda Grice** November 8

Spouse birthdays: **Barbara Williams**, wife of Ian Williams, November 12

Wedding anniversaries: **Peggy Richardson** and **Geoff Clay**-November 9

Club anniversaries: **Bruce Samson**, November 12th—19 years and **Susan Gerrand**, November 7—18 years

Foundation Committee

The Rotary Foundation

Dec 07, 2018

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Club AGM

Dec 14, 2018 12:15 PM

Student participants

RYLA Vancouver Island

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Upcoming Events (Click each for info)

Dinner Theatre night in Chemainus

Chemainus Theatre
Dec 06, 2018
5:00 PM – 10:00 PM

Family Christmas Breakfast

Club House, Bowen Complex
Dec 09, 2018
9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Bayview School Christmas lunch

Bayview Elementary School
Dec 20, 2018
11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Health of the club:

Ian Williams is seeing a retina specialist following cataract surgery and is on the mend.

Club Business:

A Rotary flag raising was conducted at City Hall yesterday by the new mayor **Leonard Krog**. Rotary had good representation with three club presidents and many councilors.

Ian Williams is busy behind the scenes working on the past two COGS bulletins.

Lucie Gosselin was taking pictures in place of Ian Williams this week

Upcoming and Current Events

The five club polio event scheduled for tonight has been cancelled because of lack of participation.

Lila Tanner will hold a Rotary Fireside Chat at her house next Thursday, November 15, 2018 from 6:00 to 8:30.

An event is being held to support the Guide Dogs at Qualicum Centre November 17th from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Other Announcements:

Club Christmas Dinner

Coast Bastion
Dec 20, 2018
6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Next Meeting's Responsibilities

November 23 2018

Greeter
Bradley, Jason

Greeter 2
Anderson, Douglas

Cashier
Molander, Justin

Inspiration
Woodward, David

Introduce Guests
Anderson, Wayne

Sergeant at Arms
Heisterman, John

Introduce Speaker
Stephens, Susie

Thank Speaker
Taylor, Rebecca

Meeting Notes
Shillabeer, John



John Shillabeer did a great imitation of **Debbie Narver**, Chair of the Community Partnership Committee when he announced that they are looking for projects for next year. The criteria for acceptance should

be the following-1) hands on; 2) participation with another community organization and 3) eligible for District Grants. Anyone that has ideas please pass them on to Debbie.

An announcement was made of a Celebration of Life ceremony for **Marjorie Sabourin** who was a past Rotarian of the club and long-time member. The ceremony will be at Royal Canadian Legion 256, November 17th at 1:00 pm



Doug Cowling

wanted to make the group aware that he will be making a notice of motion for \$1,500 for Nanaimo Cadets Group.

Bob Janes asked if anyone wanted to work with him on

Salvation Kettles this year he is expecting to take on shifts every Saturday.

Charles recognized all Rotarians who had served in the Armed Forces to stand and he thanked them for their service.

Dave Hammond acted as Sergeant of

Program Notes
Richardson, Peggy

November 30 2018

Greeter
Ali, Wahid

Greeter 2
Wilson, Bob

Cashier
Molander, Justin

Inspiration
Shoemaker, Frank

Introduce Guests
Stetar, Brent

Sergeant at Arms
Barootes, Brent

Introduce Speaker
White, Ross

Thank Speaker
Forghani Targhi, Behzad

Meeting Notes
Anderson, Wayne

Program Notes
Gosselin, Lucie

December 7 2018

Greeter

Arms and Janeane Coutu was his assistant. Everyone that did not have a poppy or their Rotary pin had to contribute a \$1. Dave Hammond boasted that he sang the right words to the National Anthem and asked anyone who didn't to contribute a dollar. **Mike Minhas** gave a happy \$20 for having a beautiful baby girl a month ago

President Charles mentioned that **Mike** has opened his store for the collection of clothing for the clothing drive as part of the Community Partnership committee initiative.

Brenda Grice contributed a remembering \$5 for her Dad's lifelong support of Sally Ann and **Wendy Pratt** gave a remembering \$1 for remembrance day and her grandfather and grandmother.

Denise Wittkofski asked if we would be interested in a 5 club float for the Santa Claus parade.



Dave Woodward gave a very sad \$4 for the tragedy that took place at the University this week with a young student's death and an inspirational \$1 for the amount of support given by the community and how everyone came together and just wanted to remind

Rotarians that out of tragedy does come hope.

Draws: Keith McFarlane won the 50/50 draw but did not win the money

Ester Robson won the table draw.

President Charles concluded the club

Anderson, Douglas

Greeter 2
Robson, Esther

Cashier
Tanner, Lila

Inspiration
Hais, Donna

Introduce Guests
Currie, Jane

Sergeant at Arms
Barootes, Brent

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Smith, Joyce



business.

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Program Notes for Friday the 9th of
November 2018

By: Esther Robson

Joan Ryan introduced **Dr. Stephen Davies**, the Project Director of The



Canadian Letters and Images Project and a History Professor at Vancouver Island University. The Canadian Letters and Images Project (the "Project") has been operating for 19 years under the leadership of **Dr. Davies**. The

Project is a free digital archive of letters, diaries, photographs and other related materials. The Project shares these materials with the public in order to describe the Canadian War Experience in the words of the soldiers and the families, friends and spouses of those soldiers that lived through war. Although the majority of the archives are materials from WWI and WWII there are also notable collection of materials from the Second Boer War and the Korean War.

The Projects digitizes copies of letter, diaries and other materials owned by soldiers and the families of soldiers that may not otherwise be seen by the public. The Project digitizes documents

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| H.E. on cobbles | Lark at " |
| Retreat of civies | Plane in flames " |
| Froggies at Truly | Slept in Shell hole " |
| Bradshaw at Cognit | Dug out cellar " |
| Dug out in gun pit " | Laugh at Lloyd " |
| Machine gun " " | Army guns pass No 6 |
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| 5 days on duty " | |

provided to it and then returns the original copies to the owners of these documents. This allows many families that wish to share these materials with the public to do so while still keeping the originals for themselves. The Project will accept any relevant documents from individuals that contact them with these documents. Dr. Davies has found that many of the type of documents the Project is interested in archiving would



be things that individuals may find in their attics or closets. Without the Project many of the documents that now

are part of the archives many never have been shared with the public. The Project offers a way to make these important first account materials available to the broader research community.

The Project employs a number of university students each year offering these students an opportunity to conduct research and archiving that normally would only be granted to graduate students. The funding for employing these students is provided by Vancouver Island University but in order to meet its full potential the Project would require further funding. The bulk of the work being done by these students is to transcribing the many handwritten letters into a word format that can then be added to the archive. Dr. Davies believes he could easily employ double the number of students he currently does given the amount of work to be done on this Project, if he had further funding. The Project also uses volunteers to help with some of the steps involved in archiving these materials. If any members are interested in volunteering for the Project Dr. Davies indicated those members can contact him at VIU to indicate their interest in volunteering.

One major benefit of the Project described by Dr. Davies is how the Project has impacted those students working on the Project. These students often begin to personally relate to the soldiers whose material they are digitizing. By reading the stories and diaries of these soldiers many students begin to see the soldiers as individuals and begin to see them as someone that was their own age when writing these letters. Dr. Davies believes reading these documents allows his students to better understand the Canadian War

Experience and the loss represented by the number of individuals that have given their lives in war.

Many members had questions for Dr. Davies regarding the extent of the Project, the type of work required for digitizing and archiving, the volunteer opportunities and the financing opportunities to be considered by Dr. Davies. Many members expressed their support for the project and shared personal experiences that illustrated the importance of this Project and of being able to personally relate to those people that have given their lives for our country.

David Woodward extended the thanks of all the members to **Dr. Davies** for speaking to the membership about this important Project and also extended his thanks to **Jane Currie** for recommending such an excellent speaker.

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