

ROTARY CLUB OF NANAIMO

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Brian McFadden explained the history of H.M.C.S. Nanaimo during the tour of the Nanaimo Military Museum.

Club Meeting Friday at 12:00 p.m.
at the Coast Bastion Inn
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MEETING NOTES FOR November 10, 2017

By Mike Herold

Today's meeting was a special meeting which started early to allow club members to our Nanaimo's Military Museum in honour of Remembrance Day tomorrow.

President Jane was away today in Ontario and Vice President **Carey McIver** had the honour of presiding over today's meeting.



Carey McIver

With the meeting being somewhat shorter, **Ian Williams** was not able to set up our music for O'Canada and we sang it a capella. And what a good job we did despite **Lila Tanner** who was sitting beside me looking at me with a pained look in her eyes. I guess my voice is not like that of a bird – maybe a crow.

Ed Borisenko provided a very nice Inspiration for our meeting today and **John Shillabeer** had the honours of introducing our Visiting Rotarians and Guests. Our speaker **Brian McFadden** is a Rotarian from the Lantzville Club, **Wendy Pratt** again introduced **Jason Bradley** who will be coming into our club shortly as a new member.



Jason Bradley

Yvan Gosselin gave us an update on the Health of the Club with Yvan not aware of any club members who are having any health issues.

Announcements included **Norm Myden** making a motion to donate \$2,000 for disaster aid to victims of both the hurricane in Dominica and the recent earthquake in Mexico. **Lucie Gosselin** seconded the motion and the motion passed.



Norman Myden

John Heisterman reminded us of the Bayview School lunch on December 21st.



Sergeant at Arms **Dave Hammond** went directly to the draws instead of fine and happy and sad backs due to the compressed schedule of today's meeting.



The table stakes were won by **Bruce Samson** and the draw for the Ace of Spades was won by **Wendy Pratt** but no luck.

Speaker Notes for Friday 10 November 2017 The Nanaimo Military Museum by Brian McFadden

Reported by John Shillabeer



Mikel Knutsson



Mikel Knutsson

Mikel Knutsson introduced the speaker, **Brian McFadden** who gave a short history of the Museum before taking us on a guided tour. Brian served in the Canadian Navy in the post WW2 era. He joined Rotary in Kelowna in 1985 and transferred to Nanaimo in 1996. He has been a member of the Lantzville Club since 2004 and a volunteer at the Museum since 1998. He became a director of the Museum in 2005. He is currently vice president responsible for publicity and media relations. He continues to volunteer as a Museum staff person.

The Museum began in 1985 as a single storefront located in and donated by what was then known as

Rutherford Mall (now Nanaimo North Town Centre). The Museum soon grew through donations of memorabilia and expanded to three storefronts. However in 2010 they were given notice to quit by the mall. Brian said that this was the best thing that could have happened to them. Fortunately they had already been searching for an alternative location and had been in discussions for some time with the City.

The Centennial Building had been vacant for two years and was in bad condition. Following various discussions and an in camera presentation to Council, the City agreed to lease the building to the Museum. It took about a year to clean up and repair the building and bring it up to code. The City provided a new roof together with other miscellaneous support, while the interior was refurbished and painted by the volunteers with material support from local corporate sponsors.

The Museum is a registered non-profit society funded from a provincial grant and individual donations.



There are thirty five all volunteer staff.

The Military Museum is recognized by Tourism BC and by the City of Nanaimo as a tourist destination. They have had over 20,000 visitors since opening in 2010. Brian said that they have experienced a huge increase in visits this year. Group youth tours are common, particularly close to Remembrance Day. The tour Brian gave our group was a quality experience and it was easy to understand why the Museum is recognized as a tourist destination.

Brain closed by reminding us that it is important to honour Canada's military history and our veterans.



Brent Barootes thanked Brian for his informative introductory talk about the Museum and for subsequently guiding us through the exhibits. Brent presented Brian personally with Rotary pen and a cheque for \$200 for the Museum as an honorarium.

The Rotarains then walked to the Military Museum to partake in the tour led by Brian McFadden. He explained the significance of each display and covered the highlights of some of the more complex displays,



such as the explanations of Deppe and Normandy. Displays included posters explaining some of the significant missions of the Canadian Armed Forces, weapons from muskets to modern, medals, manequins dressed in the uniforms used through the different wars and peace keeping missions and dioramas.



Brian was not only very knowledgeable, but also interesting to listen to, making the tour a great experience.



Brian explains the diorama of the various iterations of the Spitfire aircraft used during combat.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR SELECTED

2020-21 District Governor Selected. The District Nominating Committee selected **Greg Horn** as our District Governor for the Rotary Year 2020-21! Greg is a member of the Rotary Club of Lakewood, and he previously served three years as Assistant Governor for Area 12. Greg and Mary Horn are co-chairing our 2018 District Conference in Tacoma. Greg will

immediately begin a 30-month training cycle to prepare him to lead our great district. Send Greg a congratulatory note at greghorn.rotary@gmail.com.

The secret to happiness is freedom... And the secret to freedom is courage.

Thucydides

Smoked Salmon Sale

The Rotary Club of Comox is holding its annual sale of candied smoked salmon by Hardy Buoys. It is a highest quality wild salmon processed in Port Hardy. Proceeds from this sale go towards Comox Club's humanitarian projects in Honduras.

With the entertainment season coming up, what a great, quintessential Vancouver Island host gift or delicacy to enjoy with guests – or to give to employees or clients! Start a new tradition!

On November 17th at our regular meeting, representatives from the Comox club will be attending our meeting with candied smoked salmon. The product is competitively priced at \$25 per pound or best priced at \$110 for 5 pounds. Cash or cheque is preferred but credit card option will be possible. The product will be on site at our meeting.

That's November 17th, Rotary Club of Comox's candied smoked wild salmon for sale here at our club: \$25 per pound or 5 pounds for \$110 – all in support of humanitarian projects in Honduras: "Rotary Making a Difference".

VISITING ROTARIANS AND GUEST REPORT

by Janeane Coutu

Attendance for November 10th was 51%

Visiting Rotarians

Brian McFadden, Military Museum (club guest)

Guests

Jason Bradley, guest of Wendy Pratt

Make-ups

Stephens, Hammond, Pratt

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Spouse Birthdays

Heisterman, Sherry Heisterman, John Nov 17

Club Anniveraries

Gerrand, Susan 17 years Nov 17

DATES TO REMEMBER

Nov. 17, Smoked Salmon Sale at meeting

Dec. 10, Family Christmas Breakfast

Bowen Park ClubHouse

Dec. 21 Bayview School Christmas Lunch

Dec. 21 Club Christmas Dinner Coast Bastion

May 4-5 2018 District Training and Conference,

June 23-27 2018 Rotary International Conference

Meeting Date	November 17 2017	November 24 2017	December 1 2017
Greeters	Brenda Grice, Nattalie Tessier, Carey McIver	Donna Hais, Pat Cox, Mike Minhas	Dave Hammond, Mougeot, Ian Williams
Cashier	Henry Jiang	Henry Jiang	Christine Parsons
Sgt at Arms	Dave Hammond	John Heisterman	Brent Barootes
Inspiration	Geoff Clay	Dave Connolly	Joan Ryan
Head Table	Pres Jane, Geoff Clay, Carlene Shaw	Pres Jane, John Hankins, Dave Hammond	Pres Jane, Janeane Coutu
Intro Guests	Carlene Shaw	Frank Shoemaker	Joyce Smith
Intro Speaker	Joyce Smith	Dave Hammond	Janeane Coutu
Program	Classification Talks Geoff Clay, Carlene Shaw	Mid Island Economic Deveop- ment Group - John Hankins	Christmas Choral Presen- tation - small choral group
Thank Speaker	Laurie Bienert	Wendy Pratt	Bob Janes