

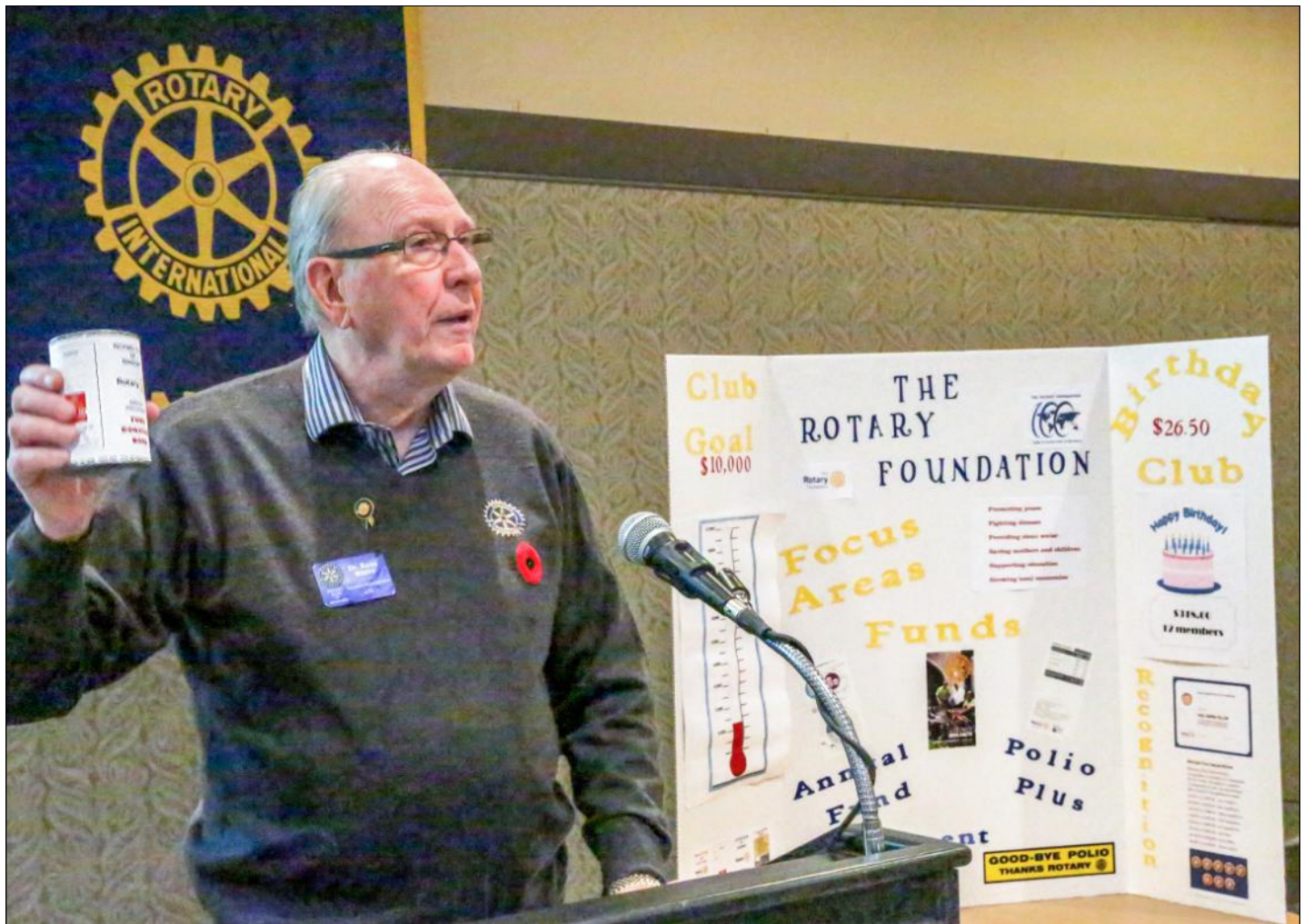
# ROTARY CLUB OF NANAIMO

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Friday, November 18, 2016



Past District Governor Ross White, in his promotion of Foundation Month, distributed tin can banks to members so they can collect their change for Rotary Foundation.

The cans carry the slogan, “Make a Change with Your Change” —Photos by Ian Williams

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

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## Meeting Notes from November 4th, 2016

By Lucie Gosselin



Vice President **Carey McIver** led today's meeting during **President Debbie's** absence and the invocation was done by **Bruce Samson**. We had the honour of hosting several guests including three potential members.

**Jane Currie** reported that she had called **Frank Shoemaker**. He is getting better but it will be a long recovery. His birthday is next week so all club members present signed a card for him.



### Foundation Month



**Ross White** reminded us that November is **Foundation month**. He gave each member a can with a slot for loose change. He asked that we all take those home and encourage our family members to fill it between now and the end of next June. He also noted that the club will match 25% of the points

earned towards a Paul Harris Fellow by donors making a contribution between \$50 and \$200 this month. If you are making your donation online, please let Ross know by e-mail to make sure you receive your club points.

He prepared a display board which will track our progress towards our club's \$10,000 goal for the year. Ross told us to watch for a special guest speaker at the last meeting of the month. He asked that everyone wear his/her PHF pin for that meeting.

### Special PHF Presentation

**Brenda Grice** presented a PHF pin plus 7 (2 rubies) to **Susan Gerrand** and asked Susan to tell the club why she continues to donate to Rotary Foundation.

**Susan** gave a passionate explanation. She explained that although she comes from humble beginnings, she was able to complete an education, have a successful career as a single mom and raise three lovely children. All this because, "by accident", she was born in Canada. She said "Not everyone in the world is so fortunate. In parts of the world, few children survive to age 5, many single women are not allowed to work and seek their own way, some people remain in economic slavery even in 2016, others go a life time never learning to read and write and still others have no access to good food, clean water and a stable roof over their heads."



She continued to explain how she was overwhelmed with a sense of helplessness during her teen years as she became aware of famines and mass outbreaks of preventable diseases. She eloquently described the effect of the Paul Harris Foundation to the millions of people it reaches. In closing she said "whether you give a dollar or a hundred dollars, you are reaching out to your fellow man, you are making a difference to someone even though you are nameless and faceless to them, somewhere else in the world, it says 'I care', it brings humanity together and that to me is what Rotary and Paul Harris is all about. .... To me, contributing to another Paul Harris is not an obligation, it is a privilege I hold dear." Her presentation was so impactful that the club gave Susan a standing ovation.

**John Salem** announced there are 34 of us going to the Chemainus Theatre on November 24<sup>th</sup>. He will circulate the list so everyone can arrange car pools. Car pools are a great way of adding fellowship to the event.

### Sgt-at-Arms

**Bruce Samson** was Sergeant-at-Arms. He fined **Egon** for giving **Lucie** a hard time and **Faye** and **Lila** for the article in the *Nanaimo Magazine*. **Faye Laing** suggested we check



out the current *Nanaimo Magazine* for the article profiling our Past President **Lila Tanner**. That magazine is featuring a Nanaimo Rotarian in some of their issues. **Faye** is writing the articles for our club. There were many happy, sad and announcement bucks. Among others, **Charles Ramos** announced the opening of his new engineering business, **Janeane Coutu** announced that Concise has moved to its own building at 2110 Northfield Road and **Moe Lessan** announced that NAI has merged with 460 Realty. Remember to bring money to buy candy smoked salmon from the Comox club on November 18<sup>th</sup>.

### Club Draws

**Janeane Coutu** won the table stakes and the 50-50 chance to draw the Ace of Spades went to **Bob Janes** who did not succeed to find the ace. The 50-50 pot will continue to grow until someone finds that ace.



## Prospective Rotarians who visited our club last week ...



Dave Hammond introduced Laurie Bienert of Nanaimo Foundation and we also welcomed former Rotarians Peggy Richardson and Geoff Clay, who now resident on Gabriola Island.

## Serving in the Military Reserve

By Charles Ramos

Our speaker today was **Army Reserve Master Corporal John Scarisbrick**, of the Canadian Scottish Regiment (Princess Mary's).



**MCpl Scarisbrick** was introduced by club member and fellow soldier, **RSM Mikel Knutsson**. Michael mentioned the long and distinguished 27 year service record of John, dating back to 1992 in the local unit.

MCpl Scarisbrick began by mentioning that he first enlisted when looking for a summer job, and on the question for regiment/specialty of choice, he looked at his neighbour's application, and put the same thing. At the time, it didn't mean anything to him, and it's turned into a happy coincidence that the last 27 years have been very good for him.

John is a full-time member of the reserve, in charge of the quartermasters. He has served three tours in combat zones of Croatia, Bosnia and Afghanistan, and has worked with both NATO and UN initiatives in the war zones. Much of his duty as quartermaster/supply support involved interacting with the locals, protecting the support line, and coordinating movement of critical equipment.



Afghanistan was a real eye-opener from the perspective of local women and girls, and he said the reduced rights and freedoms are glaringly obvious. John spent time in both Fajujah and Kandahar. He was part of several transfer operations that came under enemy fire, and casualties were taken.

Returning to Canada, he met both the governor general and the minister of defence during a solemn ceremony of interring deceased service members.

In his peacetime role, John spends his time managing supply movements, teaching incoming soldiers, and forwarding his own career progression, and that of his soldiers.

After several questions from the floor, Rotarian **Janeane Coutu** offered our speaker the heartfelt thanks of our club for his long service in support of Canada. She then presented MCpl Scarisbrick with a pen handmade by **Allan Smith** as a token of appreciation.



## Candied Smoked Salmon For Sale November 18th

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 their water projects in Honduras.

With the entertainment season coming up, what a great quintessential Vancouver Island host gift or delicacy to enjoy with guests!

On November 18 at the regular noon meeting of our Rotary club, 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 \$20 per pound if you buy at least 5 pounds. Cash or cheque is preferred but credit card option will be possible. The product will be on site at our meeting.



## DATES TO REMEMBER

**November 24th**—Chemainus Theatre Night, "A Christmas Story" \$69 per person including dinner.

**Dec 11th**—Family Christmas Breakfast—more information coming.

**December 15th**—Rotary Christmas Dinner

**Wednesday, Dec 21st**—Bayview Christmas Lunch, in the capable hands of John Heisterman

**May 4, 5, 6, 2017**—Spirit of Rotary DTA & Conference, Suquamish, WA. More details at [www.rotary5020.org](http://www.rotary5020.org)

*If you have any Rotary event you would like to advertise, contact your COGS committee member*

## ATTENDANCE

By Bob Janes

Attendance for November 4<sup>th</sup> was **52%**

**We missed the following Rotarians:**

Ali, Barootes, Brand, Hais, Henderson, Myden, Narver, Pratt, Shillabeer, J. Smith, Stetar, Tessier, Wittkofski, Woodward, Woychuk, Zhang

**Guests:** Peggy Richardson, Geoff Clay, Chris Coutu, Laurie Brenert

**Makeups:** Grice

**Birthdays:**

Doug Greer, Nov 18th

**Wedding Anniversary:**

Nattalle & Tim Tessier, 16 years, November 23rd

**Club Anniversary:**

Lynne Pankratz, 5 years on November 18th



## Rotary-UN celebration mixes business with diplomacy

The theme of this year's Rotary Day at the United Nations, "Responsible Business, Resilient Societies," emphasizes Rotary's role as a global network of business leaders using the tools of their trades to build stronger, more prosperous communities.

John Hewko, general secretary of Rotary International, introduced eight Rotary Responsible Business honorees, six individuals and two corporate partners whose inclusive business practices are bringing employment, mentoring, education, and innovation to their communities.

The individuals honored were:

- Juan Silva Beaupérthuy, Rotary Club of Chacao, Venezuela: For 25 years, Beaupérthuy has helped keep disadvantaged youths on the right track through Queremos Graduarnos, an education program focused on mentoring and skill development, with support from his engineering firm. Today, the program serves more than 700 students in 18 schools.
- Jean-Paul Faure, Rotary Club of Cagnes-Grimaldi, France: To encourage young professionals and provide promising new businesses with training and funding, Faure launched a business contest called Le Trophée du Rotary. Now in its seventh year, the program has drawn support from a major bank and has kept past participants involved as mentors.
- Suresh Goklaney, Rotary Club of Bombay, India: Goklaney, executive vice chair of a large manufacturer of UV water purification systems, has led efforts to provide clean water in rural villages and impoverished urban areas throughout India. The project has also established centers where local women can sell clean water to generate income.
- Annemarie Mostert, Rotary Club of Southern Africa, South Africa: Mostert formed Sesego Cares, a Johannesburg-based nonprofit, in 2005 to offer education and job training, and to teach entrepreneurship and leadership development to women and children. She also worked with TOMS Shoes to provide

1.3 million pairs of its shoes to the country's poor.

- Stephanie Woollard, Rotary Club of Melbourne, Victoria, Australia: After meeting seven illiterate craftspeople during a visit to Nepal, Woollard founded Seven Women to help Nepalese women make products to sell abroad. The program, which has trained and employed more than 1,000 women in the past decade, also teaches basic bookkeeping and computer skills.

- Larry Wright, Rotary Club of Taylor, Michigan, USA: A master gardener, Wright started his landscaping business with a bank loan in the 1970s. In 2013, he led an effort to adapt a microfinance model that had succeeded abroad to offer microloans, business classes, and mentorship to entrepreneurs in Detroit.

The business partners honored were:

- Coca-Cola Pakistan has supported the Rotary Pakistan National PolioPlus Charitable Trust since 2010 to promote polio prevention and awareness, particularly through publicity and projects to provide clean water, in one of the few countries where polio remains endemic.
- Mercantil Banco Universal supports a project that has trained 6,000 students in 40 universities across Venezuela in social responsibility and leadership, with the goal of encouraging students to use their academic knowledge to respond to the challenges of underserved communities.

In the afternoon, Rotary member Devin Thorpe spoke about the intersection of profit and purpose. Infusing a corporate program with a sense of social purpose pays off, he says, because it breeds loyalty and satisfaction among both customers and employees.

"When a purpose program is profitable, there is no limit to the good that can come from it," he said. "Corporations are made up of people. We in this room bear the responsibility to shape corporate behavior, it is up to each one of us."

By Sallyann Price—Rotary News—12-Nov-2016

Read the full story at [rotary.org](http://rotary.org)

## WEEKLY CLUB PROGRAMS & MEMBER DUTIES

MEETING DATE	November 18th	November 25th	December 2nd
GREETERS	John Heisterman, David Woodward, Lynne Pankratz	Carmon Henderson, John Woychuk, Jason Breuker	Mike Herold, Bright Zhang, Bob Patrick
CASHIER	Christine Parsons	Christine Parsons	_____
SGT-AT-ARMS	Wayne Anderson	Dave Hammond	Wahid Ali
INVOCATION	Janeane Coutu	Doug Cowling	Jane Currie
HEAD TABLE	Pres Debbie, Suzanne Son, Norm Myden, Lynne Pankratz, David Woodward, John Heisterman	Pres Debbie, Alan or Kevin, Wendy Pratt, Bill King, Carmon Henderson, John Woychuk, Jason Breuker	Pres Debbie, DG Chris Offer, Ross White, Bob McDougall, Mike Herold, Bright Zhang, Bob Patrick
INTRO GUESTS	Brent Barootes	Carey McIver	Christine Parsons
INTRO SPEAKER	Norman Myden	Wendy Pratt	Ross White
PROGRAM	<b>VIU Nurses Work in Mexico</b> <i>Suzanne Son</i>	<b>Fire &amp; Loss Prevention in Nanaimo</b> <i>Alan or Kevin</i>	<b>LEAVING A ROTARY LEGACY</b> <i>Chris Offer, DG Zone 24—Ladner</i>
THANK SPEAKER	Denise Wittkofski	Yvan Gosselin	Brenda Grice