

# ROTARY CLUB OF NANAIMO

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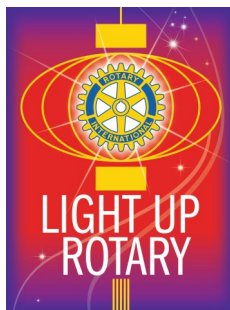


Past President Brenda Grice, chair of the Rotary Foundation Committee, presented two PHF awards last week: Susan Gerrand received her seventh award and Past President Joan Ryan received her third award.

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

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Immediate Past President ..... Douglas Anderson



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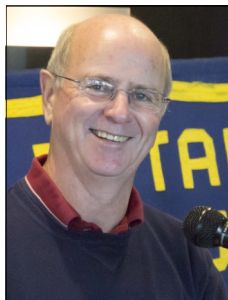
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## Meeting Notes from Nov 14th

By Lila Tanner



**President Bob** opened the 4,645<sup>th</sup> meeting of our club, followed by the singing of National Anthem in acappella while **Ed Borisenko** offered the invocation.

**Wayne Anderson** called for visiting Rotarians and guests of Rotarians.

**Wendy Pratt** introduced **Jim Rutledge** again this week.

Special applause for **John Morris** who celebrated his 54<sup>th</sup> year in our Rotary club. Congratulations John.

**Brenda Grice** offered an inspirational introduction for our Paul Harris achievers expressing our thanks to **Joan Ryan** for her 3rd achievement and to **Susan Gerrand** for her 7th achievement.

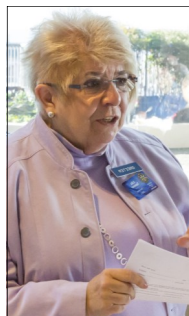
### Announcements

**President Bob** reminded us the cut off date for tax receipts for this taxation year donations for Paul Harris through our treasurer is Friday November 28<sup>th</sup>. **Douglas Anderson** suggested an immediate tax receipt would be gotten by paying Rotary Foundation directly with your credit card.

**Douglas** also reminded us of a meeting at the Golf Club Thursday February 26 hosted by the all the clubs for serious prospective members. Please invite anyone you feel would be a prospective member. Socializing will be fun.

**Joan Ryan** announced that Santa and entertainment has been confirmed for our Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> Family Christmas Breakfast at Bowen Complex from 9 – 11 a.m.

**Susan Gerrand** reminded everyone of the Dec. 18 Traveler's tea at 1:30. Come and share the stories of local pioneers.



**Lila Tanner** announced the Festival of Trees is looking for volunteers to decorate trees at Nanaimo North Town Centre this Thursday November 20<sup>th</sup> from 2-5pm. There are 500

children in the Nanaimo area alone that have to attend Children's Hospital in Vancouver and this is a fundraiser to that end. It costs \$250. to sponsor a tree.

**Yvan Gosselin** proposed that we should indeed support this effort after all the help and consideration the NNTC has provided us during our many book sales, and put forward a motion to provide \$500 for this project, \$250.00 donation for the tree and \$250.00 for decorations, if required. Moved, seconded and carried. **Lila** offered to organize the decorators for the day. (with the club's help of course).



**John Salem** reminded us he was seeking fundraising support for the Nanaimo Hospital Foundation for a machine valued at \$17,000 targeting colonoscopy diagnostics capabilities.

**Dave Hammond** as **Sgt @ Arms**, began his task by asking everyone sitting at the table of **John Morris** to donate \$2 for the privilege of being close to such an esteemed member. **Dave** then questioned each table something about the European Space Agency spacecraft *Rosetta*



Sgt-at-Arms assistant Wayne Anderson was busy collecting fines levied by Dave Hammond last week and many Rotarians were like Charles Ramos, John Salem and Wendy Pratt (our newly elected city councillor) and had to dig deep to pay.

in the news of late, with extra questions about the lander module *Philae*. Most members were aware of the story, but not many had the answers Dave was looking for.

**Richard Finnegan** was fined for wearing his Hawaiian shirt and necklace, **Pres. Bob** and **Wayne Anderson** were also fined. Happy and sad bucks followed.

Table stakes winner was **Dave Hammond**. The 50-50 card draw winner was **Frank Shoemaker**, who didn't find the ace of spades.



# Membership Program

By Charles Ramos

The programme today was Membership, presented by membership chair **Douglas Anderson**.



## Program

Douglas discussed the factors affecting Rotary membership, some of the methods used to attract new members, and techniques for retaining existing members. The members who leave Rotary for reasons of dissatisfaction or feelings of not being engaged are an area that our club, and all clubs need to concentrate resources, since it is much more difficult to find new members than to retain existing members, particularly since the existing members joined for a reason.

Discovering the reason that members are excited about Rotary and finding ways to allow the member to put their energy to use can greatly increase their satisfaction with the club. In some cases, serving on boards and committees may be the area that excites one member, while another member may be in a position with work or family that does not allow much engagement at Rotary for the time being.

Recognizing the different levels of commitment that can be made, and allowing for these variances can

## ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO IN ROTARY—1914

► The **100th club** of the International Association of Rotary Clubs is formed on 1 March in Phoenix, AZ, USA. However, on that particular Sunday, and only that one day in March, there was not one qualified application but **six**. There is no record of how #100, of the six (#100 - 105) was determined from that selection. And, so this website, with the "Four Way Test" as a guide, has created **Clubs 100+** to recognize the "other five" clubs of that day.

► June 22-26 saw 1,288 Rotarians make the long journey to Houston, TX, USA. Rotarian Henry Brunier (RI President 1952-53) of San Francisco and his wife Ann boarded a special train for the convention. Since Ann was the only woman on the train for most of the trip, the other Rotarians began calling her "Rotary Ann". In Houston the Bruniers met Guy and Ann Gundaker of Philadelphia. Soon the name "Rotary Ann" belonged to Guy's wife as well. The term "Rotary Ann" lasted until the late 1980's. Gundaker was RI President in 1923-24.

► At the outbreak of World War I - British Clubs involved in relief work e.g., housing Belgian refugees.

have a great effect on the individual members' engagement with the club.

Following the brief presentation, Douglas presented an activity in which each table was asked to brainstorm names of possible members, and write them down. The names written down were used to expand the pool of possible members. Although none of the names written down were to be contacted directly by the club, the person proposing the name was requested to think further about inviting them to a meeting.

Discussion followed, with a number of questions and comments from the club. The idea of a corporate membership was raised, in which a firm or company maintains a membership in which various personnel from the organization can attend meetings and act on the boards and committees. This area has been pilot tested by Rotary International, and

individual clubs also have the freedom to try different things with their membership.

Douglas was thanked by **President Bob Wilson**, who mentioned that ongoing membership recruitment is critically important to a volunteer club.



**FESTIVAL OF TREES**  
IN SUPPORT OF BC CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

**NANAIMO NORTH TOWN CENTRE**  
*December 1st to January 4th*  
Vote by Donation for your Favourite Tree—  
all Proceeds go to B.C. Children's Hospital

## ATTENDANCE

By Bob Janes

Attendance for Nov 14<sup>th</sup> was **65%**

### We missed these Rotarians

Blinston Cantelon, Coutu, Hais, L. Gosselin, Heisterman, McIver, Lessan, Myden, Narver, Pankratz, Patrick, J. Smith, Stetar, Welch

**Visiting Rotarians:** None

**Guests:** Jim Routledge,

**Make ups:** Pratt, Walker, Gerrand, Shillabeer, Stetar, Y. Gosselin

**Birthdays:** None to report

**Spouse Birthdays:** None to report

### Club Anniversaries:

Joyce Smith, 3 years, Nov 25th  
Ian Williams, 27 years, Nov 27

**ROTARY DISTRICT 5020**  
**CONFERENCE—JUNE 19-21**  
**Conference Centre, Nanaimo**





## WEEKLY CLUB PROGRAMS

### Friday, November 21st

GREETERS	Susan Gerrand, Sharon Welch, Wendy Pratt
CASHIERS	Bill King
SGT-AT-ARMS	Joan Ryan
INVOCATION	Mike Knutsson
HEAD TABLE	Pres Bob, Mikaela, Melanie, Elyse, Susan Gerrand, Sharon Welch, Wendy Pratt, Kevin Cantelon
INTRODUCE GUESTS	Kevin Cantelon
INTRODUCE SPEAKER	Kevin Cantelon
PROGRAM	<b>V.I.U. NURSES IN NEPAL</b> <i>Mikaela, Melanie and Elyse</i>
THANK SPEAKER	Carmon Henderson

### Friday, November 28th

GREETERS	Bruce Gordon, Ian Williams, John Salem
CASHIERS	Bill King
SGT-AT-ARMS	Bruce Samson
INVOCATION	Joan Ryan
HEAD TABLE	Pres Bob, Janeane Coutu, Wendy Pratt, Bill King, Bruce Gordon, Ian Williams, John Salem, Joan Ryan
INTRODUCE GUESTS	John Heisterman
INTRODUCE SPEAKER	Brenda Grice
PROGRAM	<b>COMMUNITY SERVICES</b> <i>Janeane Coutu and Wendy Pratt</i>
THANK SPEAKER	Frank Shoemaker

### Friday, December 5th

GREETERS	Douglas Anderson, Lucie Gosselin, Bruce Samson
CASHIERS	Derek Lewis
SGT-AT-ARMS	John Shillabeer
INVOCATION	Carey McIver
HEAD TABLE	Pres Bob, Russ Burke, Derek Lewis, Bob McDougall, Douglas Anderson, Lucie Gosselin, Bruce Samson
INTRODUCE GUESTS	Carmon Henderson
INTRODUCE SPEAKER	Derek Lewis
PROGRAM	<b>LEADERSHIP VAN. ISLAND</b> <i>Russ Burke</i>
THANK SPEAKER	Richard Finnegan

## Malala Yousafzai wins the 2014 Nobel Peace Prize

Malala Yousafzai, the Pakistani teenager shot in the head for speaking out against the Taliban in support of girls' education, has been awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for 2014.

Yousafzai, whose father is a Rotarian, shares the prize with Kailash Satyarthi, a native of India who has worked to combat the exploitation of children for financial gain, according to an announcement in October from the Norwegian Nobel Committee.

In announcing the award, the committee praised Yousafzai for demonstrating that "children and young people, too, can contribute to improving their own situations." It noted that "through her heroic struggle she has become a leading spokesperson for girls' rights to education."

Yousafzai was a voracious reader and a star student at the Khushal School and College in Swat Valley when she began blogging, at the age of 15, about life in the valley and her opposition to a Taliban edict banning girls from attending school. Although she used a pseudonym, her identity was widely known, especially after she began granting TV interviews.

In October 2012, she was going home from school when a gunman barged onto her bus and shot her point-blank in the head. She was airlifted to Peshawar, where she endured a three-hour operation to remove the bullet and part of her skull. Six days later, she was flown to a hospital in Birmingham, England, that specializes in treating war casualties. Her plight became international news, and she has continued her activism since her recovery.

Yousafzai's father, Ziauddin Yousafzai, a member of the Rotary Club of Mingora Swat, has taken part in a number of the club's projects to improve the Swat Valley. He was instrumental in creating a nonprofit group called the Swat Relief Initiative, which purchased new equipment for a local hospital, built a water filtration plant, and established a mobile prosthesis clinic for people who had lost limbs to bombs.

Now in Birmingham, he serves as an adviser to former UK Prime Minister Gordon Brown, a UN special envoy for global education.

Malala Yousafzai's story was featured in the [January issue of The Rotarian](#).

## DATES TO REMEMBER

**Dec 1 to Jan 3**—Festival of Trees, Nanaimo North Town Centre

**Sunday, Dec 7**—Family Christmas Breakfast, Bowen Complex, from 9 to 11 am

**Wednesday, Dec 17**—Rotary Christmas lunch at Bayview School.

**Thurs, Dec 18**—Travellers Tea. For more information, see Susan Gerrand

**Thursday, Dec 18**—Rotary Christmas Dinner, Coast Bastion Inn: fellowship 6:00 pm, dinner 7:00. Cost TBA

**Thursday, Feb 26**—Rotary Inter-Club meeting at Nanaimo Golf Club. All five local clubs will be participating.



Winner of  
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Best Bulletin  
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