

ROTARY CLUB OF NANAIMO

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Friday, November 24, 2017



Rotarian Bill Bear from the Comox Rotary Club was selling Candied Smoked Salmon to raise funds for a dental clinic in Honduras

Club Meeting Friday at 12:00 p.m.
at the Coast Bastion Inn
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Meeting Notes for November 17, 2017

Reported by Mike Herold



Pres. Jane

It was nice to see **President Jane Currie** presiding over our meeting this week after her trip last week to Ontario.

Today's Inspiration was given by **Geoff Clay** which was very nice followed by the introduction of visiting Rotarians & guest by **Carlene Shaw. Norm Myden**

introduced visiting Rotarians **Bill Bear** and **Harry Panjer** from the Comox Club who were at our meeting today selling smoked salmon as part of their clubs fund-raiser.

Nearly new member **Jason Bradley** was introduced by Club member **Wendy Pratt**.



Laurie Bienert

Announcements included a request by **Laurie Bienert** for winter clothing donations and volunteer needed to deliver collected clothing on December 9th to the shelter at 595 Townsite Road for about 3-4 hours of time.

Joan Ryan reminded the club of the December 10th family Xmas starting at 9am at Bowen Park Clubhouse.

Joan has sign-up sheets and needs to know how many are coming. Joan also reminded us of the December 21st Xmas club party with socializing at 6:00pm & dinner at 7:00pm Price is \$37.50 per person.

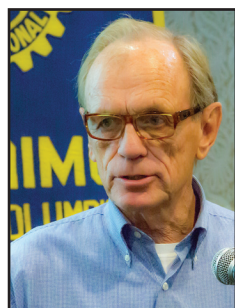


Joan Ryan

Joan also mentioned that she was giving out business cards to the 5 clubs to give out to new potential Rotarians.

Douglas Anderson showed us a short video which was quite funny about what not to do to new Rotarians.

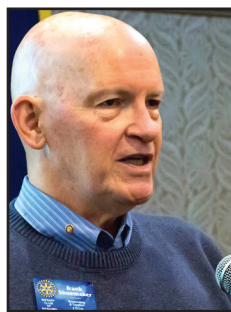
Norm Myden gave a Notice of Motion that *the club donate \$1000.USD for a Guatemala Literacy project.*



Harry Panjer

from their successful water projects in Honduras.

Douglas Anderson reminded members to sign up for the District Conference in May and a R.I. Peace Building conference in February.



Frank Shoemaker

Frank Shoemaker gave a Notice of Motion for the club to donate \$2000.USD for upgrading to seven elementary schools north of Puerto Vallarta. Frank also told us of how club member **Egon Holzworth** was doing since the passing of his wife **Ann**. Ann's services will be Sunday November 26th from 2:00-4:00pm at the Lodge on Gabriola. Frank would

be able to pick up some passengers but they would need to be on the 1:10 ferry and back on the 4:20. **Frank** also thanked **Yvan Gosselin** for sending flowers to **Egon** from the club.

Sergeant At Arms was **David Hammond** and levelled many fines including **President Jane** for forgetting to



Behzad Forghani and Nattalle Tessier

announce the Sergeant At Arms. **Behzad Forghani** for looking more buff than David at the gym and **Mike Herold & Lila Tanner** for their singing at last weeks meeting.

Fines were also levied at **Geoff Clay, Laurie Bienert, Brenda Grice, Wendy Pratt** and **Bob Janes**.

Happy & Sad Bucks came from **Behzad Forghani, Douglas Anderson, Janeane Coutu, Joan Ryan, Brenda Grice, Frank Shoemaker** and **Dave Hammond**.

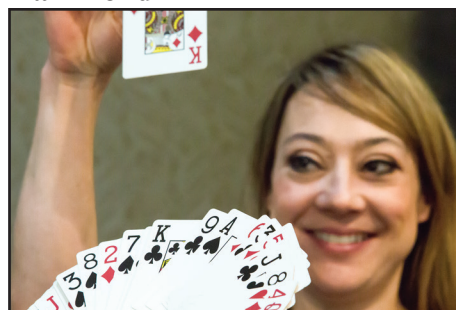


Table stakes were won by **Joan Ryan** and the draw was won by **Laurie Bienert** but no luck.

Programme Notes for November 17 2017

Classification Talks

Reported by John Shillabeer

Geoff Clay

President Jane introduced **Geoff** and mentioned in passing that he has a company called “Megalodon”. Of



Geoff Clay

course, we were all agog to know the significance. So Geoff had to begin by explaining that his personal company “Megalodon” is named after a prehistoric giant shark that used to feed on whales, was 60 to 80 ft long and as much as 10 to 12 ft diameter. Impressive! But Geoff did not mention if he has a whale size appetite.

Geoff was born and brought up in Langley BC where his family owned a nursery. His father had the biggest collection of rhododendrons and Geoff remembers them starting life in test tubes and first visiting the Island with his dad in the course of marketing the nursery products.

Geoff graduated high school in 1984, joined Rotaract that year and also decided that working in the nursery business was not for him. He remained in Rotaract until he transitioned to Rotary in 1992. During that time he held most positions as an officer of the Rotaract Club and was a member of the Rotaract club team that ran a highly successful casino night and collected \$14,000 to give to Ronald McDonald House. Geoff was president of the Langley Rotary Club in 2002-3.



Geoff met **Peggy Richardson** through Rotaract and they recently celebrated their 26th anniversary together.

Geoff is self-educated since high school and has been immersed in computers since 1985. He remembers programming with punch cards in the early days, though he now claims not to have the patience for programming. In the late 1980s he helped create the world's first interactive TV station. This was using the very earliest models of PCs (386, 486, etc.) that we barely remember. The TV was aimed at the real estate market and enabled buyers and sellers to review and update information and graphics live, long before the Internet was commonly available. Geoff subsequently worked with a succession of several companies on both sides of the border in computing and marketing, including an early involvement with on-line sales.

He is currently part owner of Go Green Media, a company based in Las Vegas which is developing on line advertising market know how, on line reality, money changing and transactional payments including cryptocurrencies.

In answer to a question from the floor, Geoff said that the odd-looking necklace he always wears is in fact a blue tooth device with retractable ear buds. Other people wear ear pieces, but Geoff prefers a necklace.

Carlene Shaw

Carlene was born in Manitoba in 1964, the daughter of a military family that lived all over Canada and in Germany while she was growing up. Looking back she says it was a great upbringing though it was a sometimes difficult life, moving between so many different places. Yet it taught her to be flexible and to value travel.



Carlene Shaw

Carlene and her partner **Holly Wright** have been together for 32 years and have 2 children and six grandchildren.

For much of their life together **Carlene** and **Holly** were based in Edmonton where Carlene became involved with volunteering: first with training special needs people and also with the Edmonton police. She was also a keen cook and developed a line of sauces and seasonings. What started as a hobby matured into a business and in 1998 she gave up her job as a department manager to become a full time food entrepreneur. This lasted until 2004 when she sold the business and moved with Holly to Johannesburg for two years.

Carlene and **Holly** packed a lot of travel into their time

in South Africa, visiting Lesotho, Namibia and all the provinces of South Africa, as well as doing volunteer work in Johannesburg. They were inundated with a constant stream of friends and relatives visiting from home. Carlene calculated that during their two years they had been on 48 game drives with their visitors. While in the food business in Edmonton Carlene had become involved with the kitchen for the Edmonton International Folk Festival. This kitchen is the largest mobile kitchen in Canada and is required to serve as many as 3000 high quality, diverse meals at a time. While living in Johannesburg she was called back to manage the kitchen for the Folk Festival and that year the kitchen was featured on the Food Network.

Upon returning from South Africa, neither **Carlene** nor **Holly** could settle back into their old lives in Edmonton and so in 2010 they decided to try Nanaimo. After looking around for a while, they bought Serious Coffee. The first couple of years were tough, but they dug in and were determined to make it work. Things have turned around now to the point where they are challenged to manage growth. It has become a very social place and they feel very involved with the community.

In 2014 **Carlene** and **Holly** felt sufficiently settled on the Island that they built themselves a new home in Nanoose.

Carlene closed by thanking **Carey McIver** for introducing her to Rotary and said she is very happy to be part of the group.

Laurie Bienert thanked **Geoff** and **Laurie** for their fascinating talks and was happy to see how well both are fitting into the Club.

What Paul Harris Said:

“Whatever Rotary may mean to us, to the world it will be known by the results it achieves.”

THE ROTARY CLUB OF NANAIMO ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

will be held
DECEMBER 8, 2017

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

Clay, Geoff Nov 29

Anniversaries

Nattalle Tessier, Tim Tessier, Nov 23

Club Anniveraries

Smith, Joyce 6 years Nov 25

Parsons, Christine 2 years Nov 27

Williams, Ian 30 years Nov 27

Herold, Mike 26 years Nov 29

DATES TO REMEMBER

Dec. 8, Annual General 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 24 2017	December 1 2017	December 8 2017
Greeters	Donna Hais, Pat Cox, Mike Minhas	Dave Hammond, Mougeot, Ian Williams	John Heisterman, Norm Myden, Donna Hais
Cashier	Henry Jiang	Christine Parsons	Christine Parsons
Sgt at Arms	John Heisterman	Brent Barootes	Bruce Samson
Inspiration	Dave Connolly	Joan Ryan	Doug Cowling
Head Table	Pres Jane, John Hankins, Dave Hammond	Pres Jane, Janeane Coutu Joyce Smith	Pres Jane, Dr. Mike Flesher, Charles Ramos
Intro Guests	Frank Shoemaker	Joyce Smith	Susie Stephens
Intro Speaker	Dave Hammond	Janeane Coutu	Charles Ramos
Program	Mid Island Economic Deveopment Group - John Hankins	Christmas Choral Presen-tation - small choral group	Coordination of Medical Response for International Disasters - Dr. Mike Flesher
Thank Speaker	Wendy Pratt	Bob Janes	Frank Shoemaker