

ROTARY CLUB OF NANAIMO

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A few leaves struggle to hang on at Neck Point as the cold Fall weather takes over Vancouver Island.

Photo by Ian Williams

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

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Meeting Notes from November 20th

By Janeane Coutu

We began the meeting by singing our national anthem, and then **President Lila** called **Doug Cowling** to deliver invocation much to his surprise. **Sgt-at-Arms John Heisterman** interjected to call on **Egon Holzwarth** who was ready with the "Rotary Grace".

Doug Cowling was then invited to introduce visiting Rotarians and guests, and we welcomed **Suzy Depledge** from **Nanaimo North** and



Gord Levin from **Duncan Daybreak**, both have been regular visitors to the club. **Chris Coutu** was the guest of **Guenter Raedler**, who said since **Janeane** doesn't ever invite her husband for lunch, someone needed to provide Chris a free lunch.



John Salem reminded us November is **Rotary Foundation** month and that the club will match points for donations of \$100-250 USD until the end of Nov. John informed us he would be donating two passes to **Nanaimo Golf Course** to be auctioned next week, proceeds to **The Rotary Foundation**. He also reminded us of

Brovember fund raising for **Nanaimo Hospital Foundation** to purchase cancer diagnostic equipment for **NRGH**. Make your donation in person or online.



During announcements **John Heisterman** said he has visited **Bayview Elementary School** and planning is underway for the **Bayview Christmas lunch**. The date is **Dec 16th** so mark your calendars to be part of one of the more rewarding projects our club undertakes. **John Barsby Secondary** is on board for cooking, **Mrs. Riches** for vegetables, **Mikel Knutson** of **Thrifty's** piped up to say "you haven't come to see me yet" to which John replied "I

know where you live, I'm coming". John explained for the benefit of newer members that our club cooks and serves a turkey dinner to the students and staff at Bayview Elementary, and each child gets a bag with a toothbrush, toothpaste, gloves and a book. We serve about 170 lunches, and it is so heartwarming to see their appreciation, it will bring a tear to your eye.

President Lila commended John for all his work every year organizing this event. John says he loves doing it, it runs well with little effort, he gets a lot of joy out of it, but it willing to turn over the reigns if someone else wants to be in charge. (nice try John)



John Shillabeer reminded the **Book Sale Committee** of the meeting after our lunch today.



Janeane Coutu was selling \$20 "**Moments Matter**" calendars created by **Nanaimo Travellers Lodge** which feature elders living with dementia as well as staff and family members depicting famous movie



and TV scenes. Monies raised will go directly to activities to enrich the lives of those living with dementia at NTL. The project was an amazing collection of moments of laughter, some tears, spontaneous stories, memories revisited and new memories created. Janeane encouraged everyone to purchase one for themselves or as a gift to support a great cause.

Sgt-at-Arms John Heisterman then took over with his first fine to himself of \$10 for not phoning anyone about their duties. He then issued **Bruce Gordon** an M&M's prize for the super issue of **COGS** this week which drew a round of applause. And the club voted **Wayne Anderson** the other recipient of goodies – we were glad to have him back at the meeting looking well after recent cancer treatment. Wayne then started happy bucks with \$5, glad to be back and if anyone has questions about prostate cancer treatment to be answered, he's your guy! He told of people he met undergoing treatment for different cancers while he was in Victoria and that the **BC Cancer** organization is doing an amazing job in research and treatment discoveries. Wayne suggested all men growing facial hair should chip in to support **Brovember**. (*John Heisterman then told a bad pun about laying prostrate which later on Dave Hammond invoked his right as chair of Sgt-at-Arms to fine another Sgt for a terrible joke.*)



John Salem was happy that Monday night will be his last meeting as President and member of the Board at the **Nanaimo Golf Club**, and he is really looking forward to it!

Guest **Suzy Depledge** has a happy \$2 to join us for lunch and hear what our wonderful club is up to.

Egon Holzwarth had a happy \$2 to learn Suzy is friends with his family in Nanaimo, and her kids and his grandkids play soccer together.



Debbie Narver won the table stakes, and **Ian Williams** had the lucky ticket on the card draw, but didn't find the winning card.



Goals & Milestones of Rotary

Reported by Ellen Ross

Frank Shoemaker introduced us to Past Rotary International President **John Kenny** via the use of a YouTube video on the mission, *Goals and Milestones of Rotary*. John said that in Rotary, everything we are, and everything we aspire to become, lies in the hands of Rotarians in their clubs.

He said we must look beyond our own home and our own community. We must be aware that ours is only one community, of one country, of the many communities and countries in this world. In every one of those communities, there is work to be done. As Rotarians, we will not stand idly by. As Rotarians, we will accept our responsibility.



President **Kenny** outlined his plan for Rotary and encouraged clubs to increase membership

improve retention of members. He outlined the importance of projects in water, health and hunger, and literacy through club and district projects. He emphasized that with the help of the Rotary Foundation; Polio eradication must remain a key priority for Rotary worldwide.

With this said, he then reviewed the status of the five foundational goals. The first was the elimination of Polio. He gave us the statistics that 1.3 billion dollars were donated and that 2.5 billion children were vaccinated. He was exceptionally proud of the fact that as of this summer no new cases of Polio in various regions of Africa had developed. This being said, there are still a number of regions in the world including Afghanistan where children are still at risk for Polio.

The next area that he covered was the financial health of the Rotary Foundation. There are adequate funds to continue to support current commitments and that a milestone for the Endowment Fund reached 1 billion in U.S. dollars.

Acts of service include the artificial limb program in India, heart surgery for a young Hungarian girl named Ver-

ruca and in the Melawi area of Africa, water pumps for communities and ongoing support for village schools and education.

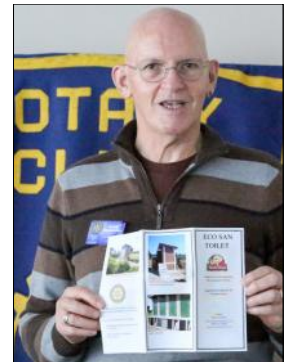
The fourth area of discussion was to ensure the progress of grants. John told us that there had been 400 grants to various districts and 600 global grants. In some areas of the world Rotary is now supporting “peace centres” to foster fellowship, goodwill and benevolence in countries that are accustomed to conflict.

The fifth area of dialogue was the future health of the Foundation and Rotary. We were reminded of the commitment we have made to Rotary to service and to have our heart, hands and mind committed to helping others.

Following this presentation, **Frank Shoemaker** then directed our attention to two Notices of Motion.

The first was put forward by **John Shillabeer**. This was to donate two thousand dollars to Harare, Africa to support an artificial limb program.

The second motion was put forward by **Debbie Narver** to support the Eco San Toilet program in Tembo, Kenya for two thousand dollars. Notices of motion will be voted on in two weeks’ time.



MEMBERSHIP PROPOSAL

Unless written objection is received by the Secretary within the mandatory seven (7) days, the following applicants will be invited to join the Rotary Club of Nanaimo:

Individual Member

BRENT BAROOTES

Classification: Business Solutions Provider

Proposed by: Douglas Anderson

Corporate Members

DAVID WOODWARD

JOHN WOYCHUK

NATHALLE TESSIER

Classification: VIU MBA Internship Program

Proposed by: Joan Ryan

ATTENDANCE

By Janeane Coutu

We missed Rotarians

D. Anderson, Blinston, Cantelon, Currie, Finnegan, Gerrand, Y. Gosselin, Grice, Hais, Janes, King, Lessan, Lewis, McIver, Myden, Pankratz, Stephens, Zhang

Guest of Rotarians

Chris Coutu, guest of Guenter Raedler

Visiting Rotarians

Suzy Depledge, Nanaimo North

Gord Levin, Duncan Day-break

Birthdays:

Bill King on December 1

Wedding Anniversaries

Bob & Peggy McDougall, 65 years on December 2nd

Club Anniversaries

Ian Williams, 28 years on November 27

Mike Herold, 24 years on November 29

Bayview Christmas Lunch Dec. 16th

A seasonal favourite for our Rotary Club is the Bayview Christmas Lunch, this year held on Wednesday, Dec. 16th. With help from **John Barsby Secondary, Mrs. Riches Restaurant, Thrifty Foods**, and a host of Rotary volunteers organized by

John Heisterman, 170 Christmas dinners are served for the children and staff at Bayview Elementary School here in Nanaimo.



Cyclists Raise nearly 3 Million in Miles to End Polio Ride

The fight to eradicate polio got a major financial boost from the annual [Miles to End Polio](#) bike ride that took place 21 November in Arizona, USA. Rotary General Secretary John Hewko and a team of eight RI staff members helped raise \$2.9 million. The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation will match the funds 2-to-1, bringing the total contribution to PolioPlus to nearly \$9 million.



This is the fourth year in a row that Hewko has biked in the 104-mile (167 km) El Tour de Tucson ride, one of the country's top cycling events. More than 100 Rotary members from Arizona and around the world hit the pavement with the Evanston team.

The RI staff riders have been training together since September. "In the beginning, riding 104 miles seemed impossible," says Jean Stanula, Rotary's Global Events supervisor. "But we came together early Saturday mornings and rode 20, 40, 60, and 80 miles. After a while, it felt like we could do anything."

Contributions of District Designated Funds (DDFs) were a big part in this year's fundraising effort, with more than \$1.4 million collected. Districts can continue to donate DDFs to support the fundraiser through **30 November**. President-elect John Germ will visit the district that donates the most DDFs, and the top five contributing districts will be recognized onstage at the

2016 Rotary Convention in Seoul.

Rotary members have taken part in the ride since 2009, when the End Polio Now campaign was designated an official beneficiary of the race, allowing Rotary cyclists to gather pledges for the campaign. In the first year, 27 cyclists raised \$35,000. The number has grown exponentially ever since.

[Give to End Polio Now](#)

DATES TO REMEMBER

Sunday, Dec 6—Family Christmas Pancake Breakfast, Bowen Park. Bring your children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews—just make sure you provide a wrapped gift for each child you bring!

Wednesday, Dec 16—Bayview School Christmas Lunch. Rotary volunteers needed.

Friday, Dec 18—Christmas Dinner at Coast Bastion, fellowship at 6 pm, dinner at 7 pm—More details will be forthcoming.

WEEKLY CLUB PROGRAMS & MEMBER DUTIES

MEETING DATE	Friday, Nov 27th	Friday, December 4th	Friday, December 11
GREETERS	Robert Wilson, Lynne Pankratz, Bruce Gordon	Susan Gerrand, Bob Patrick, Bright Zhang	Wayne Anderson, Wendy Pratt, Keith McFarlane
CASHIER	John Shillabeer	Ellen Ross	Ellen Ross
SGT-AT-ARMS	Joan Ryan	Bruce Samson	John Shillabeer
INVOCATION	Mike Herold	Bob Janes	Henry Jiang
HEAD TABLE	President Lila, Suzanne Samborski, Wendy Pratt, Bill King, Richard Finnegan, Lynne Pankratz	President Lila and Club Executive, Bob McDougall, Bright Zhang, Susan Gerrand, Bob Patrick	President Lila, Debbie Trueman, Charles Ramos, Donna Hais, Wendy Pratt, Wayne Anderson, McFarlane
INTRO GUESTS	Janeane Coutu	Bob Fenty	Richard Finnegan
INTRO SPEAKER	Wendy Pratt	—	Charles Ramos
PROGRAM	Culture & Heritage: It's Who We Are	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING President Lila & Club Executive	CHRISTMAS AT THE MUSEUM Debbie Trueman
THANK SPEAKER	Brenda Grice	—	Egon Holzwarth