

ROTARY CLUB OF NANAIMO

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Friday, November 3, 2017



President Jane Currie, Ross White, holding the new Bell that was gifted to our Club by Ross, and Ross's wife Pam.

Club Meeting Friday at 12:00 p.m.
at the Coast Bastion Inn
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MEETING NOTES FOR OCTOBER 27, 2017

by Charles Ramos

President Jane Currie called the meeting to order, and led the singing of the national anthem.

Laurie Bienert delivered today's inspiration.

Visiting Rotarians and Guests

Bob Wilson called for visiting Rotarians and guests. There were two visiting Rotarians: **Lorna Curtis** and **Bashir El-Kalafawi** from Parksville AM club. A number of guests were also in attendance: **Dan Fraser** and **Taylor Farrell** from **Nanaimo North Town Centre**, introduced by **Lila Tanner**; **Emily Bugoy** of VIU Nursing and **Ezequiel Mojica** of San Miguel, Mexico, and **Ross White's** wife, **Pam White**.

Special Presentation:

Ross White delivered a presentation about his own journey with Rotary, beginning with his joining Rotary in 1987, through his club presidency in 1997 and District Governorship in 2002, and culminating in the present. Following this, Ross presented a new Rotary bell to the club, and initiated it with the first ringing.

VIU Nursing student **Emily Bugoy** announced their upcoming trip to Mexico to work with the healthcare groups. Our club has donated a nominal amount to this effort for the last several years. We look forward to hearing the results.



Norm Myden presented a cheque to Nursing student Emily Bugoy

Announcements

Janeane Coutu reported that the booksale has raised a record **\$101,234** this year. Over 50,000 books were sold.

John Shillabeer announced an upcoming Foundation

committee meeting. **Lila Tanner** will get in touch with the committee members.

Douglas Anderson announced that the Programme committee is accepting speaker suggestions, and they will be sending out a survey to all members.

Norm Myden presented a **Notice of Motion for a club donation of \$2,000 to Disaster Aid Canada to support the recent earthquake and hurricanes**. Voting will be held in 2 weeks.

Brent Barootes announced the upcoming November 10 tour of the military museum. **Lunch will be held at 11:45** that day and the tour will follow.

Lila Tanner announced a 7pm November 7 Fireside meeting at her house. Refreshments will be served.



Brent Barootes



Lila Tanner

Sergeant at Arms

John Shillabeer was today's Sergeant at Arms. He was feeling magnanimous due to the wonderful booksale, and levied a single fine to any member not wearing Rotary regalia.

Happy and Sad Bucks

There were several happy and sad bucks from members.

Susie Stephens gave reminder bucks about the flu season, and said we should remember to wash our hands.

Brent Barootes gave happy bucks for Foundation, and presented a number of donation cheques for himself and his family



Susie Stephens

Wendy Pratt gave happy and exhausted bucks for watching a friend's dog

John Shillabeer gave happy bucks that the club newsletter reminded him about his wife's birthday

Bashir El-Kalafawi gave happy bucks for Foundation

Dave Hammond gave happy bucks as thanks to Ross

for the new bell

Janeane Coutu gave happy bucks that a thank-you letter was received from our school book donations

Carey McIver gave sad bucks for not wearing Rotary regalia, and happy bucks to be back after a hectic work schedule

Table Stakes were won by **Doug Cowling**, and the card draw was won by nobody.

PROGRAM - Message on the Foundation

by **Denise Wittofski**

Lorna Curtis, a member of the Oak Bay Rotary,



Lorna Curtis

offered an interesting presentation about the Rotary Foundation, including why we should support it and what the Foundation has to offer.

But first she offered up a congratulatory “Wow!” regarding Janeane’s announcement of our outstanding book sale.

Lorna’s presentation started with impressive facts

about the Rotary Foundation:

- Highest ratings 9 year in a row
- 91% of funds go to projects and programs
- CNN ranks the Rotary Foundation #5 in the top charities in the world

She then showed a short video, “How Rotary Foundation Works,” in which a presenter showed where the Foundation dollars go and how they are put to work. He showed how the Foundation dollars are pooled into three buckets:

- Polio eradication – focusing on fighting to end polio around the world
- Annual fund – encouraging Rotary members to contribute each year
- Endowment fund – where only interest and earnings from all gift dollars are spent

After the video, Lorna continued her presentation talking about what happens with the annual fund, stressing that it’s “like a bank account, you need to put money in before you can take it out.”

Moving on to the “value of a foundation grant”, including:



- Demonstrates vision
- Results in club engagement
- Increased ability to do programs
- Creates leverage for global grants: \$3.5K x10 can become \$35K

Lorna then showed individual ways we members can contribute:

- Rotary Foundation sustaining member -- \$100 US
- Paul Harris fellow -- \$100 US
- Paul Harris Society member -- \$1000/yr

She stressed the value of benefactors, major donors and gaining recognition points for becoming a Paul Harris fellow. She also gave ideas about how to become involved the Foundation with fundraising activities and how to use club recognition points to helping those members close to becoming a Paul Harris fellow. Then she showed us the goals of our club, including the number of bequests, benefactors, major donors and our club Foundation average \$ of giving.

Lorna wrapped up her talk with simple step-by-step instructions we were all given on how to give to the Foundation by registering on Rotary Direct. As an inspiration she ended with a brief anecdote about a girl who was given a Rotary ambassadorial scholarship, which took her to a Uganda refugee camp. There the girl met a young boy who, having nothing, played with make-believe toys. She got him out of Uganda and he was able to attend the University of Victoria. With Lorna’s help, he got a part-time job, sent his earnings to his refugee brother and sister and was able to get them out of Uganda and go to college in the US. A wonderful story made true with Foundation dollars that sent a girl to Uganda.



Bashir El-Khalafawi

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followed Lorna's talk with a few words about the Paul Harris Society and how easy it is to give \$1000/year simply by donating each month through Rotary Direct.

Frank Shoemaker

thanked both Lorna and Bashir for their presentation and presented them both with Rotary member-crafted pens.



L_R: Frank Shoemaker, Lorna Curtis and Bashir El-Khalafawi

DATES TO REMEMBER

Fireside chat, Nov 7 2017

District Training and Conference, May 4-5 2018

Rotary International Conference, June 23-27 2018

Rotary International Foundation Rating

- Highest Rating 9 years in a row
- 91% of funds go to projects and programs
- CNN ranks The Rotary Foundation #5 in top 10 charities in the world
- Charity Navigator's highest rating ...

from Charity Navigator

ATTENDANCE - Janeane Coutu

Attendance for Oct 27th was 55%

Visiting Rotarians

Bashir El-Khalafawi, Parksville AM
Lorna Curtis, Oak Bay

Guests

Dan Fraser & Taylor Farrell from North Town Centre
Emily Bugoy, VIU Nursing Student
Ezeguiel Mojica, San Miguel Mexico
Pam White, guest of husband Ross

Make-ups

Book sale; Stephens, Pratt, Cowling

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

Grice, Brenda Nov 08

Spouse Birthdays

Grice, Brenda Anderson, Douglas **Nov 08**

Club Anniveraries

Smith, Kathy - 11 years Nov 03

Meeting Date	November 3, 2017	November 10, 2017	November 17 2017
Greeters	Lucie Gosselin, Stetar, Brent, Moe Lessan	Yvan Gosselin, Lila Tanner, Keith McFarlane	Brenda Grice, Nattalie Tessier, Carey McIver
Cashier	Henry Jiang	Henry Jiang	Henry Jiang
Sgt at Arms	Joan Ryan	Dave Hammond	John heisterman
Inspiration	Barbara Blinston	Ed Borisenko	Geoff Clay
Head Table	Pres Jane, Angie Barnard Carey McIver	Pres Jane, Mikel Knutsson, Brent Barootes	Pres Jane,
Intro Guests	Bruce Samson	John Shillabeer	Carlene Shaw
Intro Speaker	Brenda Grice	Mikel Knutsson	Joyce Smith
Program	Thrive Junction: Dynamic leaders - Angie Barnard	Lunch at hotel then over to the Vancouver Island Military Museum for a tour	Classification Talks Geoff Clay, Carlene Shaw
Thank Speaker	Carey McIver	Brent Barootes	Laurie Bienert