

ROTARY CLUB OF NANAIMO

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4,747th Meeting

Friday, November 4, 2016



Participants in the first ever Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (Vancouver Island) held at Camp Qwanoes in Crofton this past weekend.
Photos by Ian Williams

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

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Meeting Notes from October 28th, 2016

By Mike Herold

Today's meeting was run by **President Debbie Narver** and invocation was well done by **Brent Barootes**.

John Shillabeer had the honour of introducing the visiting Rotarians and guests. There were no visiting Rotarians and guests included



future club member **Laurie Bienert**, guest of **Dave Hammond** and **Judy Matthews** who is a friend of **Bob Wilson** from Niagara Falls.

President Debbie acknowledged that today's meeting is the first since our great book sale and read us a

thank you letter from Loaves & Fishes' **Vicki Hemmerich** thanking our club for raising \$265 and 86 kg of food to their worthwhile cause.

Yvan Gosselin who just returned from vacation had no report on the health of the club and **Egon Holzwarth** said that **Frank Shoemaker** is feeling somewhat better but has lost a lot of weight and still needing the use of a wheelchair.

Bob Janes said that **Bob Fenty** is having chemo treatments and has a good attitude.

Announcements:

Announcements included a note that a Rotarian from the Comox club will be visiting our club on November 18th and selling candied salmon at \$25/lb or 5lbs for \$100.



Janeane Coutu has made up a suggestion box in the form of a garbage can for anyone with ideas on how to improve on our book sale to even make it a bigger success

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.



than it is. Just email **Janeane** or **Brent Stetar** with ideas.

Our book sale included 39,000 books sold and raised in excess of \$74,000 for our club. A total of 45 club members and 14 spouses took part along with many volunteers including **Rudi Steinmetz** with special effort from **Brent Stetar** and **Al Smith**.

Kathy Smith announced that a Persian dinner is planned at the *Bees Knees* Saturday night with 20 Rotarians currently signed up. The *Bees Knees* is owned & operated by **Behzad Forghani's** mother **Shahla**.



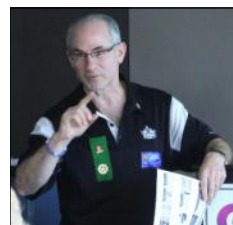
John Salem reminded us of the Che-mainus Theatre night on Nov 24th with 32 already signed up and another 8 people can attend.

Ross White thanked all members who contributed to World Polio and the club raised \$1200. Also November is **Foundation Month** and the club will use matching points on member donations. Look out for tin piggy banks given out next week.



Dave Hammond reminded us of "Movember" coming up and no early whisker growing. **Dave** pointed out that this would be an equal opportunity for all club members.

Sgt-at-Arms Report:



stand why.

The ever demanding Sergeant-At-Arms **Brent Barootes** said that today's meeting would be interesting and costly and confused club members with a credit system that would offset fines. Many members ended up contributing money but could not under-

stand why. Happy bucks were given by members **Dave Hammond**, **Brent Barootes**, **Douglas Anderson** (\$5) for being wife



Brenda's chauffeur, **Ed Borisenko** for his daughter being selected to work in Budapest for the United Nations, **Lucie Gosselin** for officially retiring from MNP, **Henry Jiang** for doing two duties today and **Ross White** a whining buck for having to look after wife **Pam** due to her knee surgery.

Egon Holzwarth gave \$20 for books he forgot to pay for at the book sale.

Charles Ramos won the table stakes and the draw for the ace of spades was won by **Lucie Gosselin** who failed to produce the ace of spades, so the 50-50 pot continues to grow.



All You Need to Know About China

Reported by John Shillabeer



In introducing our speaker **Henry Jiang**, **Kathy Smith** said that during her visit to China she had been stunned by the numbers of construction cranes, so many shopping opportunities and the people. She was looking forward to hearing Henry's personal perspective on his home country.

Henry began by thanking **Ian Williams** for the beautiful composite picture of members, including Henry, on the front of the current *COGS* celebrating the book sale.

This year **Justin Trudeau** visited China in connection with the G20 Summit and Chairman Xi Jinping visited Canada, being the first Chinese head of state to visit in more than thirty years. When Chinese people think of Canada, they remember **Pierre Trudeau** as one of the first western leaders to visit China and Canada as one of the first countries to recognise China. They also think of **Dr Norman Bethune**, a Canadian hero who saved many lives on the Great Long March and subsequently died in China.



Henry then gave us a "China by the numbers" run down:

- 5000 km west to east
- 5500 km north to south
- 30 million people in the biggest city, Chongqing
- 7.69 million students will graduate this year of whom 40% are in technology and

most speak English. Henry said you can recognise by their glasses.

- 7 main dialects of which Mandarin is the official state language.
- 8 major cuisines
- There are ten cities with over 10 million inhabitants: Shanghai (known for business, Beijing (politics), Chongqing, Tianjin, Guangzhou, (manufacturing) and Shenzhen (high tech).

Henry urged those of us who have not been to China to visit. He noted that starting in December there will be direct



flights from Vancouver to Hangzhou, the old capital of China and now the home of Alibaba. Henry had a long list of places to visit and recommended starting by flying in to Kunming which is sub-tropical and from there visiting Dali a beauty spot with its famous triple pagodas. Then travel on to the ancient city of Lijiang, followed by Tiger Leaping Gorge. He also recommended Xiaomen Gulong Islet and Xi-An to see the terra cotta army.

Henry promised that if we were to visit him in his home town of Qingdao, we would get to know the *real* China and its many secrets. Henry also recommended visiting the Forbidden City in Beijing, Harbin in the north for its ice sculptures and snow, the Guilin Mountains and river and Thousand Islands Lake which are all famous beauty spots.

With so much at home, one wonders why Henry migrated to Nanaimo. He said it is because of the weather and re-



ATTENDANCE

By Bob Janes

Attendance for October 28th was **50%**

We missed the following Rotarians

Forghani Targhi, Gerrand, Grice, Hais, Henderson, Knutsson, Laing, Lessan, Pankratz, Parsons, Raedler, Ryan, J. Smith, Stephens, Tessier, Wittkofski, Woodward, Woychuk, Zhang

Guests: Laurie Brenert, Judy Mathews

Makeups:

Tanner, Ali, Jiang, Salem

Birthdays:

Brenda Grice, Nov 8th

Spouse Birthdays:

Brenda Grice [Douglas Anderson] November 8th

Peggy McDougall [Bob] on November 10th

Barbara Williams [Ian] on November 12th

Sherry Heisterman [John] on November 17th

Wedding Anniversary:

Bob & Marie Fenty, 55 years on November 11th

Club Anniversary:

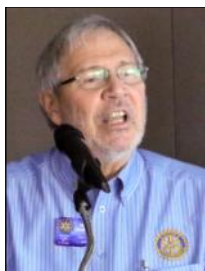
Doug Greer, 38 years Nov 4th

Mikel Knutsson, 6 years on November 12th

Bruce Samson, 17 years on November 12th

Susan Gerrand, 16 years on November 17

peated it, so he must like the rain. He likes the quieter life-style here and access to nature. But perhaps the most important reason is education and the incredible competition his son would face to get into a good university. The 7.69 million graduates this year are forecast to rise to 80.69 million in 15 years!.



Wayne Anderson thanked Henry for his lively and informative talk and presented him with the coveted Rotary pen. Wayne thought it a point in Henry's favour that his home town of Qingdao is also the home of Tsingtao beer.

Chengdu

Capital of sichuan

panda home town



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

Haerbin Ice and Snow world




Henry showed a number of excellent slides of his native country, and limited space only allows us to show you a couple of them here.

District Governor Nominee from Comox

The District Nominating Committee convened at the Grand Pacific Hotel in Victoria, BC on October 29, 2016 and has selected **Maureen Fritz-Roberts** a member of the Rotary Club of Comox to serve as District 5020 Governor for the 2019-2020 Rotary year.

In accordance with the District Policy Manual Appendix Sections C.3.3-C.3.6, any club may challenge this selection and propose the name of an alternate candidate within a specified time frame of not less than two weeks. However, all clubs must again receive the notice and have a vote. Deadline of Monday, November 14, 2016 at 6 PM PST for the receipt of any and all challenges.

WEEKLY CLUB PROGRAMS & MEMBER DUTIES

MEETING DATE	November 4th	November 11th	November 18th
GREETERS	David Hammond, Bob Wilson, Norm Myden	NO REGULAR NOON MEETING IN HONOUR OF REMEMBRANCE DAY 	John Heisterman, David Woodward, Lynne Pankratz
CASHIER	Christine Parsons		Christine Parsons
SGT-AT-ARMS	Bruce Samson		Wayne Anderson
INVOCATION	Dave Connolly		Janeane Coutu
HEAD TABLE	Pres Debbie, Mikel Knutsson, Brenda Grice, Dave Hammond, Bob Wilson, Norm Myden		Pres Debbie, Suzanne Son, Norm Myden, Lynne Pankratz, David Woodward, John Heisterman
INTRO GUESTS	Brent Barootes		Bruce Gordon
INTRO SPEAKER	President Debbie		Norman Myden
PROGRAM	REMEMBRANCE DAY PROGRAM <i>Mikel Knutsson</i>		VIU Nurses Work in Mexico <i>Suzanne Son</i>
THANK SPEAKER	—		Denise Wittkofski