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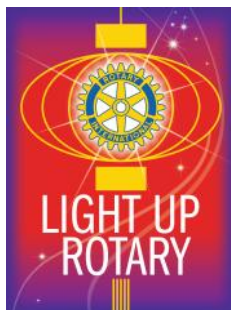


We have a fantastic inventory of books in our sort room, ready to be deployed on Thursday, Oct.16, while a few Rotarians continue to work everyday to process book donations that keep coming in.

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

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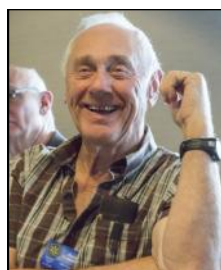
Meeting Notes from Oct. 3rd

by Derek Lewis

With our usual video assistance unavailable, **President Bob** asked **Susie Walker** to lead the club in the singing of our national anthem. Richard Finnegan's shared his 1st invocation with the club.

Moe Lessan called for the introduction of visiting Rotarians and guests. Familiar faces **Erin Lee** and **Mathieu Ennis** from Roteract were the only two visiting Rotarians. **Bruce Samson** introduced his fiancé **Debbie**, a repeat guest to our weekly meeting.

Charles Ramos provided an update on the health of the Club. **Yvan Gosselin** has pneumonia and **Ed Borisenko** is at home recovering from blood disorder. **President Bob** asked **Dave**



Connolly how he was doing after a fall down some stairs while collecting the signs to install for the book sale. While Dave has a few bruises and a cut thumb, he seems in good spirits now.

Although President Elect **Lila Tanner**'s birthday was not actually until the next day, October 4th, since **Dave Hammond** is still on China time (not "Chinatown" Pres. Bob), the club sang a very out of tune rendition of Happy Birthday to Lila.

President's Remarks:

President Bob shared that every five or six weeks all five local Rotary President's meet to discuss joint efforts/initiates for our local community. News from the latest meeting included:



- Youth Exchange has been cancelled for 2015;

- Erin Lee from Roteract has visits to local high schools lined up with President Elect Lila Tanner;

- PR Committee has been formed;

- The Rotary Club of Lantzville finished the Hospice Fence.

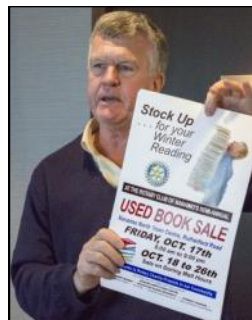
President Bob mentioned that our club put 85 man-hours into the painting of the fence prior to construction. Wendy Pratt thanked everyone for their efforts in building the beautiful fence and asked that they all stop by to see the finished product.

Announcements:

John Shilla-beer, Chair of the Book Sale Committee, thanked Dave Connolly and his team for putting up the large book sale signs around town. He also asked that each member of the club takes some of the small wall posters to hang up at their office or other public areas. Books are now coming in fast and furious after additional advertising and we should have the most books ever and not just in quantity, but quality as well. Volunteers are still needed for the sale, so John encouraged us all to do our part. He also reminded us that the prices are set and we need to be consistent. Do not lower the price and if a buyer asks, remind them that this is for charity and stick to your guns. Joan Ryan piped up that we are well below used book store prices and already a bargain.

Ian Williams announced that a new software module to sign up for the book sale should be up by Monday. Please continue to sign up after the new module is in place. The module shows who has signed up for each time, when the shift is, and what shifts are still available. Do date there have been 180 shifts taken, but there are still approximately 100 shifts to fill. Of the shifts taken to date, approximately 70% have been filled by members of our club, 20% by spouses, and 8% by Altrusa members.

Bruce Samson reminded us that a couple of weeks ago the club approved a \$3,000 donation to the Tour de Rock and last Saturday he attended the dinner banquet at the Coast Bastion and pre-



President Bob receives an appreciation plaque for our donation to Cops for Cancer from Bruce Sampson

sented the cheque to the organizers along with fellow Rotarians, Mike Knutsson and Keith McFarlane. Before accounting for proceeds from silent auction items and the live auction, they had already raised over \$18,000. They were very appreciative of our donation and have presented the club with a plaque to thank us.

President Bob Wilson had **Ian** put up several pictures and quizzed the club on them. The first was a picture of Sir Isaac Brock, correctly identified by **Bruce Samson**. Our educational President then provided the club with a brief history lesson. Sir Isaac Brock was a Major-General in the British Army during the war of 1812 and helped repel the American invasion into Canada. His early successes in the war led to his knighthood, but alas he died in the Battle of Queenstone Heights on, another British victory, on October 13, 1812. Many credit him with us all not being Americans today. President Wilson's next picture was of the original 135 ft. Monument to Sir Isaac Brock that was reputedly blown up by Irish-Canadian terrorists in 1840, but subsequently replaced by a new larger monument completed in 1853. President Bob Wilson's final picture was of him standing at the base of the Monument. That led to him quizzing each table on the height (in feet) of the new Monument. With a guess of 187 feet, Charles' and Lila's table was the closest to the correct 185 feet. As our token American, Charles was awarded the prize of a key chain bought at Queenstone Heights. Charles piped up that the Americans would still

be coming one day, to which Bruce Samson stated that next time we'll burn down the White House.

Sergeant-at-Arms:

The Sergeant-at-Arms this week was Bruce Samson with his trusty assistant Barb Blinston. Bruce started off by thanking Egon for providing a new deck



of cards that he purchased for \$20 at the Art Gallery to support local artists. Each card has a different work of art on it and the loser of each card draw can keep it as a memento instead of ripping it up.

Next Bruce asked for a show of hands who parked in the parkade and noted that the price had dropped from \$1.75 for two hours to \$0.75. He then fined everyone who parked in the parkade.

Happy/Sad Bucks:

Wendy Pratt had a very happy \$20 as today she official announced that she is running for city council.



Lila Tanner offered \$5 split between being happy the signs are up for the book sale and fining herself for having to leave early.

Charles Ramos had some paper money as thanks for the new key chain.

Ian Williams had an announcement dollar to remind the note takers that the meeting/program notes are to be sent to him this week since Bruce Gordon is away.



Bob Fenty had an appreciate \$5 for all the condolences he has received on the loss of his mother and commented that it was a very nice service.

Brenda Grice had \$2 to announce that after a slow start, the Foundation Committee is finally meeting.

Egon Holzwarth had a happy dollar to thank a family friend for the donation of 500 cookbooks for the book sale and called on all food connoisseurs to come check them out.

Frank Shoemaker had \$1 to ask for a volunteer to return Brent Stetar's jacket since he is off to Antarctica for six weeks. Janeane Coutu stepped up.

Draws:

Table stakes were won by Kathy Smith. The Card Draw was won by Douglas Anderson, but since we could not find the deck of cards a few weeks ago when John Shillabeer won the card draw, John pulled 1st and drew the king of clubs. When Douglas final got his turn, he drew the seven of clubs, so the pot continues to grow.



John Shillabeer and Douglas Anderson

Program Notes Oct. 3, 2014

By Kathy Smith

Erin Lee, the president of the Nanaimo Rotaract Club was our presenter today. Erin is studying History and Geography at VIU and is passionate about Rotaract.



Rotaract, a part of Rotary International, was started in North Carolina in 1968. Members are 18 - 30 years of age and there are 7300 clubs in over 150 countries.

Although the local club is very small, with 5 regular members, they are working on building the group by attending various fairs at VIU. There numbers are now starting to grow as they promote themselves more. They meet every Monday at 6 pm in a meeting room at VIU. Although the members are predominately VIU students, any young

ATTENDANCE

By Bob Janes

Attendance for October 3rd was 57%

We missed these Rotarians

Borisenko, Cowling, Currie, L & Y Gosselin, Hais, Heisterman, Henderson, Hewitt, King, Knutsson, McIver, Narver, Pankratz, Patrick, Raedler, A. Smith, J. Smith, Stetar, Welch

Visiting Rotarians: Erin Lee, Mathiew Ennis

Guests: Debbie Marshall

Make ups: D. Anderson, Bob Fenty, J. Ryan, E. Brand, W. Pratt, B. Grice, S. Gerrand, R. White

Birthdays:

Carey McIver on October 18th

Spouse Birthdays:

Robert Hais [Donna] on Oct. 10th
Dawn Henderson [Carmon] Oct. 14th
Pat Connolly [Dave] on Oct. 18th

Anniversaries:

Wayne & Gayle Anderson, 45 years on October 11th
Wahid Ali & Nancy Ford, 18 years on October 12th

Club Anniversaries:

Jane Currie, 7 years on October 12
Carey McIver, 8 years on October 15
Bill King, 27 years on October 16

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WEEKLY CLUB PROGRAMS

Friday, October 10th

GREETERS Kevin Cantelon,
Frank Shoemaker, Derek Lewis

CASHIERS Eric Brand

SGT-AT-ARMS Yvan Gosselin

INVOCATION Susan Gerrand

HEAD TABLE President Bob, Randy Marback,
Debbie Harver, Kevin Cantelon,
Derek Lewis, Frank Shoemaker

INTRODUCE GUESTS Ian Williams

INTRODUCE SPEAKER Debbie Narver

PROGRAM **SUMMITS OF HOPE**
Randy Marback

THANK SPEAKER Susie Walker

Friday, October 17th

ROTARY BOOK SALE

Nanaimo North Town Centre

*No regular noon meeting
meeting at the Coast Hotel—
a buffet lunch provided
by Nanaimo North Town Centre
at the mall*

Friday, October 24th

GREETERS Janeane Coutu,
Joyce Smith, Mike Knutsson

CASHIERS Eric Brand

SGT-AT-ARMS Wayne Anderson

INVOCATION Lucie Gosselin

HEAD TABLE President Bob, Douglas Anderson,
Barbara Blinston, Doug McMillan,
Jeremy Hewitt, Wayne Anderson

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INTRODUCE SPEAKER —

PROGRAM **CLUB ASSEMBLY**
President Bob & Douglas Anderson

THANK SPEAKER —

adult in the community is welcome to join.

Fundraisers over the past year have included a Burger and Beer night which raised \$650, a Where are you from Dinner which raised \$560 and a



reusable fundraiser at VIU housing. The Where are you from Dinner was held at Garth Busch's and involved people dressing in traditional clothes, international food being prepared and served by the Rotaractors and beer and wine enjoyed by all. This event was very successful and so they are looking at hosting a larger event this coming year. The reusable fundraiser that was held at VIU was a great idea. Students who were moving out of residence were encouraged to leave their reusable furniture, computers, and other stuff in a secure location rather than discarding it into dumpsters. Some students who were returning to Africa were able to gather some of the goods to take it home with them. The remainder of the usable goods were donated to the Salvation Army.

Erin, and fellow Rotaract member Mathieu Ennis, will be attending the Big West Conference in San Diego.

Our club contributed \$400 to assist them in attending this West Coast of North America Rotaract Conference. Erin hopes to connect with other like minded youth, gain confidence in recruitment techniques and learn about projects that others are working on.

Over the past year, the club has supported an orphanage in Ghana. They have also supported a local Women's Shelter and helped the student union on campus. They also collaborate with the World University Students of Canada Association who work on getting refugees enrolled in Canadian post secondary schools.

They will now look at what they hope to support in this coming year both locally and internationally.

Members of our club are welcome to attend any of their meetings and are encouraged to support their fundraisers and events. The Rotaract members enjoy helping with our book sale and are amazed at the work that is put into this successful fundraiser.



Eric Brand thanked Erin and said that he would be attending their meetings.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Oct 17 to 26—Rotary Fall Book Sale at Nanaimo North Town Centre. *We are in need of Quality Used Pocket Books.*

Oct 18—Rotary District Foundation/Grant Management Seminar, 8:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m. VIU Campus, Nanaimo. More info on website at www.rotary5020.org

June 19-21, 2015—Rotary District 5020 Conference, Vancouver Island Conference Centre, Nanaimo, BC



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