

# ROTARY CLUB OF NANAIMO

# “COGS”



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Friday, October 23, 2015



Happy customers Jordan and Myla Brown found books to read at our 15th Rotary Used Book Sale held this past week at Nanaimo North Town Centre. - *Photo by Ian Williams*

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

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## Meeting Notes from October 9th

by Kathy Smith

After O Canada, there was a long but thought provoking invocation given by **Douglas Anderson**. It was a story for thanksgiving about angels and why we need to acknowledge God's blessing and say thank you. If you have food in your fridge and clothes in your closet, then you are richer than 75% of the people in this world. If you have a computer to read emails, then you are luckier than 99% of the people in the world. And if you can read, you are more blessed than the 2 million people in this world who cannot. This Thanksgiving, be grateful for what you have.



**Barb Blinston** asked for visiting Rotarians and guests to be introduced. **Ross White** introduced **Nick Wilmot** from South Africa who is here visiting his daughter. Then **Lynn Pankratz** introduced **Michelle Hillier** who is the new executive director of Central Vancouver Island Literacy.

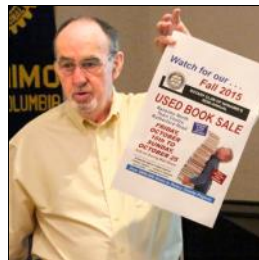
**President Lila** recognized the many Rotarians who have upcoming birthdays and anniversaries.

**Bob Fenty** brought forward his *Notice of Motion* for the club to approve up to \$4000 for two AED devices – one for *Nanaimo North Town Centre* and the other for *Rotary Bowl*. Questions regarding training were addressed and that will happen at both locations. **Mike Herold** seconded the motion and it was carried.



**Bob Fenty** also thanked **Kathy Smith**, **Leanna Plug** (Daybreak), **Steven Wilson** (Oceanside) and **Joy Cameron** (Lantzville) who all helped with interviews for the Youth Exchange program. There have been two good candidates picked – one from Dover Bay and the other from Wellington Secondary.

**Bob Fenty** also asked people to take a poster for the book sale and put it up at work or in your neighbourhood.



**John Shillabeer** thanked everyone for signing up for the book sale. There are still some spots to be filled and so a sheet will be sent around for people to sign up.

**Joan Ryan** spoke about the membership committee who have been working on the corporate memberships. There are two applications being processed now with more expected down the road.

**Douglas Anderson** reminded Rotarians that there is a Membership Seminar on Oct. 17 at Costin Hall in Lantzville. All are welcome to attend.



**Janeane Coutu** – the book sale committee had a meeting and discussed the issue of schools coming to the book sale and wanting deals on buggies of books. So, to make things more equitable, the committee created a voucher that will be sent to all 35 schools which will allow them to come and buy \$50 worth of books using the voucher.



### *Sgt. @ Arms – Joan Ryan*

**Joan** started by having **Ed Borisenko** explain why he missed a flight. While his wife **Iris** boarded with her zone 2 group, **Ed** missed his zone 4 call as he was playing free cell on his phone! He also did not hear them call his name and so he completely missed his flight to Montreal. He did catch up with **Iris** when he got on the next flight. **Dave Hammond** was thrilled to welcome **Ed** to the 'missed flights club'. But then **Charles Ramos** was not surprised to hear that **Ed** missed his flight.

**Sgt-at-Arms Joan** had anyone in the room who has something to be thankful about to pay \$1. Then she had a Thanksgiving quiz which 3 out of 4 tables answered correctly.



Ed and Dave from the "Missed my Flight" club!

### *Happy/Sad Bucks:*

**Janeane Coutu** was excited to arrive home from work last night to find her son **Matt** sitting at home. He came home for Thanksgiving weekend and she is thrilled to see him.

**Mike Herold** is pleased that the BC Lions have won one game in a row!

**John Heisterman** was very confused when he parked as **President Lila's** car was not in its usual place and so he thought that maybe it was Thursday and he was here on the wrong day.

**Kathy Smith** wanted to recognize the recent death of **Marcus Negrin**. Marcus was a Rotary Exchange student about 10 years ago. His mother, **Dawn Negrin** from the



Lantzville Club, has been very involved in Youth Exchange for many years now. The loss has been devastating for the family.

### *Club Draws:*

Table stakes were won by **Lynn Pankratz** and **Douglas Anderson** tried his luck at the card draw but did not win. The pot continues to grow.





# Nanaimo Correctional Centre: Guthrie House

*Reported by Mike Herold*

Today's speaker was **Leanne Kristofferson** from the Nanaimo Correctional Centre (NCC) who was introduced by **Dave Hammond**. Leanne's story is about Education Programs at NCC.

Leanne has spent 18 years as a Correctional Officer in British Columbia including one year at NCC. She is very involved in the Education Training that takes place at the facility. She is the Deputy Warden for Programs and was previously at the Vancouver Island Correctional Centre on Wilkinson Road in Victoria.

Every Correctional Centre in the Province provides some kind of Educational training and the programs are different in every centre. The NCC has 135 adults in the facility and their terms of incarceration are 2 years less a day.

Some of the inmates are on Open Custody which means that they help clear bush on the side of the roads or do site work at the BMX track.

The majority of the inmates at NCC suffer from some form of mental illness and addiction and very few come from happy homes. These inmates are usually not in prison for life and need some training to help them integrate back into society after release.

NCC is one of two Open Working centres in the Province and works towards some kind of diploma with some of the inmates upon release. Last year they had approximately 30 graduates with diplomas.

Leanne is very proud of the programs that NCC offers to the inmates and some inmates come into the facility only missing a few credits for their high school graduation. The programs at NCC align with the Ministry of Education curriculum.

Inmates are not allowed access to any computers in Federal or Provincial prisons and many attend up to four hours a week in the classroom.

Some of the programs that NCC do include working farms, carpentry, fire hose drying for local fire departments and the demographics in the institution is approximately 18% aboriginal.

Leanne is very proud of NCC's four phase Addiction Therapy Program which is the only one of its kind in Canada. It includes traditional therapeutic treatment. The program currently has about 35 men and they need to be incarcerated for a minimum of four months to be able to complete the therapy. Some of the programs users gone into the community after successfully completing the training and

have become role models in the community.

The therapy program does not take violent or sexual offenders.

Leanne told us about one of the students in the program who came to the Guthrie House Therapy Program over a year ago who has become a leader of the program and is now "sober for the first time in his life". He is the most articulate and caring man that she has ever met.

**Kathy Smith** thanked our speaker and spoke about her attending the Aboriginal Days Celebration at the prison.



A small sampling of the 90,000 books that we offered for sale on opening day of the Rotary Book Sale. We continued to sort and add more books during the sale. — Photo by Ian Williams

## DATES TO REMEMBER

**Oct 23**—Club Budget Summary, Lynne Pankratz

**Nov 6**—Club Remembrance Day Program presented by Mikel Knutsson and Bruce Samson

**Dec 18**—Tentative date set for our annual Christmas Dinner ...???

## ATTENDANCE

*By Bob Janes*

Attendance on Oct. 9—**54%**

**No Meeting on Oct. 16**

**We missed Rotarians:**

Ali, W. Anderson, Cante-  
lon, Cowling, Finnegan,  
Gerrand, Y. Gosselin, Grice,  
Hais, King, Lessan, Lewis,  
McIver, Narver, Pratt,  
Raedler, Ross, Salem,

Samson, Al Smith, J. Smith,  
Stephens.

**Visiting Rotarians:** Nick  
Wilmot, South Africa

**Guests:** Michele Hillier of  
Vancouver Island Literacy

**Birthdays:**

Barbara Blinston, Oct 26

**Club Anniversaries**

Bill King, 28 years, Oct  
16th

## 15th Rotary Book Sale well underway

As we are at the midway mark with our semi-annual fund-raising Rotary Book Sale, all indicators are that it will either match or surpass our “best ever” sale last October with over \$70,000 raised for Rotary charity projects.

The first day of the sale was Friday and we saw book dealers attend from as far as Washington State and the north and south Island. The largest single sale was to a dealer from up-island who bought \$2,480 worth of books. A dealer from Salt Spring Is. Was the second highest with at \$1,532.

The success of this and all Used Book Sales is due to the tremendous support Rotary gets from Nanaimo North Town Centre, as well as Fairway Market. The number of hours put in by our sorters and organizers, plus all the Rotary and non-Rotary volunteers make our sales such a success.

Of course, our buyers make it all possible, and we look forward to seeing them all in the spring of 2016!



Our Rotary cashiers were very busy the first weekend of our book sale as record numbers of book-buyers came to take advantage of our tremendous bargains offered.— *Photo by Ian Williams*



Giant book sale sign contributed by Nanaimo North Town Centre in support of our Rotary book sale. Thanks to Dan and his staff for all their support for our sale! - *Photo by Dan Fraser*



Our Collectibles Room was very busy this year, with Susan selling one classic book for \$750.00. — *Photo by Ian Williams*

## WEEKLY CLUB PROGRAMS & MEMBER DUTIES

MEETING DATE	Friday, October 23rd	Friday, October 30th	Friday, November 6th
GREETERS	Kevin Cantelon, John Shillabeer, Mike Knutsson	Frank Shoemaker, Dave Connolly, Keith McFarlane	Janeane Coutu, Joyce Smith, Carey McIver
CASHIER	Henry Jiang	Henry Jiang	John Shillabeer
SGT-AT-ARMS	Bruce Samson	John Shillabeer	Bob Fenty
INVOCATION	Donna Hais	Dave Hammond	John Heisterman
HEAD TABLE	Pres. Lila, Barry Sparkes, Brenda Grice, Barbara Blinston, Lynne P. Cabtelson, Shillabeer & Knutsson	Pres. Lila, Hillary Eastmure, Derek Lewis, Ellen Ross, Frank Shoemaker, Dave Connolly, Keith McFarlane	Pres. Lila, Comm. Darren Rich, Doug Anderson, Brenda Grice, Frank Shoemaker, Janeane, Joyce, Carey
INTRO GUESTS	Ed Borisenko	Eric Brand	Kevin Cantelon
INTRO SPEAKER	Brenda Grice	Richard Finnegan	Douglas Anderson
PROGRAM	<b>The Man Behind &amp; Before Rotary Barry Sparkes</b>	<b>Cops for Cancer / Tour de Rock Hillary Eastmure</b>	<b>Can. Forces Maritime &amp; Test Ranges Commander Darren Rich</b>
THANK SPEAKER	Ellen Ross	Kevin Cantelon	Bruce Samson