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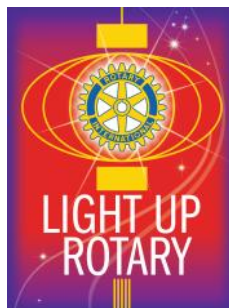


Literacy Central Vancouver Island (Nanaimo) speakers included: (l-r) Rebecca Kirk, Judith Russell, Brian Walker, Billy Hackett, and Ross Cameron.

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

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Meeting Notes from Sept. 26th

By Charles Ramos

President Bob Wilson began the meeting today with our National Anthem and **Joan Ryan** gave a thoughtful invocation giving our thoughts and prayers to **Bob Fenty**, whose mother just passed away.

Bruce Gordon introduced our visiting Rotarians and guests. There were no visiting Rotarians, and our guests included **Katy Patrick**, introduced by her father, **Bob Patrick**. Also, **Rotaractors Erin** and **Mathieu** joined us.



Katy Patrick was the guest of proud dad Bob.

Brent Stetar reported on the health of the club: **Bob Fenty's** mother passed away this week, and he is in Calgary. Club member **Ed Borisenko** is now back home and doing better, but is still on IV and will be on antibiotics until next month fighting a blood disorder.



President Bob began President's remarks by noting that the picture on the front of *COGS* strangely showed the sunrise in the west.

Allan Smith announced that the October 17th meeting is canceled for the book sale, but the mall will be hosting a lunch for Rotary members at the book sale location from 12-2 that day. There will also be a media event at the sale sometime in the afternoon when total proceeds from all book sales to date hit the \$500,000 mark. We should all be proud of this huge fundraising effort!

Ross White announced that there will be ongoing membership promotion during the book sale. He will also be visiting island clubs to promote our sale, and requested volunteers to join him in this work. Contact Ross to join.

Ian Williams announced that the

book sale signup is online. When selecting multiple shifts, just use the 'back' button after selecting and submitting the previous signup instead of restarting the whole process. Sign up early and often! **Lila Tanner** agreed that it's a very user-friendly online signup.

There were no notices of motions today. Last week, a proposed enactment spearheaded by the **Tumwater Rotary** club to establish the motto, '*Service Above Self*', as the annual and ongoing Rotary theme was discussed. **Ross White** explained that the *Rotary International Council and Legislation* meets every three years to consider enactments. An enactment is a change to the RI bylaws not requiring action by the Board. The majority of club votes for or against the enactment will stand as our clubs' vote.

There was spirited discussion with many members weighing in:

- **Susan Gerrand** is in favour of the theme.
- **Susie Walker** is in favour of the theme, and noted it will give focus as a marketing tool
- **Ian Williams** is in favour of the single theme.
- **Guenter Raedler** noted that often societal values change over time, and we may want to think carefully before casting a single theme in stone.
- **Bruce Samson** agreed that branding is important, and a single theme may help this.
- **Brent Stetar** said the single theme would present a unified vision.
- **Joan Ryan** is not in favour of the single theme since '*Service Above Self*' is already the overall theme, and the yearly President's theme is specific for the current president's vision for his tenure.
- **Bob Wilson** agreed that '*Service Above Self*' has always been Rotary's overall theme.

A motion by **Janeane Coutu** was made to support the single theme and was seconded by **Frank Shoemaker**. Majority vote was to not support the enactment.



Sergeant-At-Arms Joan Ryan had only one fine-against **John Heisterman** and his cohort **Bruce Gordon** for fining her last week when she needed to keep her cell phone on in case help was

needed by **Bruce Ryan** while recovering from quintuple bypass surgery.

Happy and Sad bucks flowed into the bucket, beginning with **Bruce Gordon** who explained the apparent sunrise in the west on the *COGS* cover, was actually in the east (of course) but the boat had been turned about to catch the moment in the photo. **John Salem** rebutted by saying he understood the photo was actually on a sailing return from Greenland, so the direction was correct. **Janeane Coutu** gave advisory bucks that her daughter **Emily** is now 16 and has her driving learner's permit. **Guenter Raedler** paid John and Bruce's fine from the Ser-

geant. **Egon Holzwarth** gave happy bucks that his hearing aids are back in and working, and said the doctor noticed a fungus in his ear that he suspects was magic mushrooms since his wife mentioned he's been acting a bit 'goofy' lately. **Lucie Gosselin** gave happy bucks for her and **Yvan's** wonderful 3½ week vacation in Turkey. **Ross White** gave happy bucks for his and Pam's great vacation also in Turkey and points beyond. **Joan Ryan** gave bucks to say that hubby Bruce has been given the green light to work the book sale as rehab for his surgery.



Table Stakes were won by **Lila Tanner** and **Allan Smith** won the chance to draw the Ace of Spades, but was unsuccessful at finding the Ace.

Literacy Program Successes

By Joyce Smith

Al Smith, who has acted as past President of *Literacy Nanaimo* and has a long involvement in *Literacy Central Vancouver Island* introduced **Rebecca Kirk**, Executive Director since 2008. Prior to joining the Literacy Program, Rebecca had worked for 20 years in the Justice System and was an auxiliary constable for 15 years. Rebecca has held many other positions only some of them are on the *Downtown Planning Design Commitment* committee, *Marketplace Nanaimo* and the *Chamber of Commerce*.

Rebecca announced that at the end of August *Literacy Victoria* had to shut their doors meaning over 200 people were told they would not be helped. Our *Rotary Club* has proudly supported *Literacy Central Vancouver Island* by giving 50% of the proceeds from our Book Sale to this program.

The proceeds from the *Downtown Used Book Store* have been Literacy's meat and potatoes and has allowed it to remain sustainable. Rebecca's goal is to have the organization become self sufficient and provide service to over 200 people throughout the community. She announce to up and coming program—"Make a Space"—an open house being held on October 4. Makespace is a workshop for meeting people, working on projects and sharing skills. - See more at: <http://makespace.org/>

This program is being offered to children beginning in Grade 6 and Rotary may want to sponsor seats for children who can not afford to go this is program.

Rebecca introduced two of her program leaders to explain more about the



Al Smith introduced Rebecca Kirk of Literacy V.I

programs Literacy offers—**Judith Russell** (tutor coordinator) and **Brian Walker**-(aboriginal and correction centre coordinator).

Brian Walker spoke first. He is trying to establish programs with five different aboriginal bands in the area. He also coordinates the correction centre tutors where prisoners are using their time to improve their lives. The tutors help get many of the prisoners lives back together.

Brian introduced one of his volunteer tutors—**Ross Cameron** who has been a volunteer for 1 year. A former teacher, he took an abridged course specific to teachers on the difference of being a tutor versus a teacher. He was surprised at the high



quality of the course. He has tutored three adult learners in his first year and 15 to 20 children in elementary school. Brian said that basic literacy is also about offering emotional support since most students are struggling to learn while trying to raise children or just deal with life's challenges and often it is the little things that can make a huge difference. Sometimes tutors and learners will meet at VIU or other locations but Literacy Nanaimo has a downstairs are called *Rotary Learning Centre* where tutors and learners can meet.

Once the students have finished their Basic Education their confidence is vastly increased. The Literacy program can follow the student all the way through the Adult Basic Education program offered at VIU.

Other programs are Family Literacy program and ESL program for new Canadians who need practice with English.

The next person introduced was a student—**Billy Hackett** proudly announced that he

was 45 years old and had received the highest mark in his Class. He is just completing Grade 11 English at VIU. Billy has a tutor every Wednesday at 1:00. She helps Billy keep up with the classes and because he has had the help from the literacy program he achieved a 91% average in his class. He only had Grade 8 when he started and now has Grade 11.



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ATTENDANCE

By Janeane Coutu

Attendance for **Sept 26th** was **59%**

We missed these Rotarians

D. Anderson, W. Anderson, Blinston, Borisenko, Brand, Cowling, Currie, Fenty, Finnegan, Y. Gosselin, Grice, Hais, Hammond, Henderson, Hewitt, Janes, Lessan, Narver, Shillabeer, Welch

Visiting Rotarians

Erin Lee & Mathieu Ennis, Rotaract

Guests

Rebecca Kirk, Brian Walker, Ross

Cameron, Billy Hackett, Judith Russell of Literacy Central VI

Katie Patrick, daughter of Bob Patrick

Make-ups

Holzwarth – Hospice work party
Ryan – Oceanside
Gerrand, Coutu, A. Smith, K. Smith, Walker, White – Book sorting

Birthdays:

Lila Tanner on October 4th

Spouse Birthdays: None to report

Anniversaries: None to report

Club Anniversaries:

Guenter Raedler, 11 years, Oct. 3rd
Sharon Welch, 4 years, Oct. 8th

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WEEKLY CLUB PROGRAMS

Friday, October 3rd

GREETERS	John Shillabeer, Charles Ramos, Bill King
CASHIERS	Eric Brand
SGT-AT-ARMS	Bruce Samson
INVOCATION	Richard Finnegan
HEAD TABLE	Pres Bob, Erin Lee, Debbie Narver, Lila Tanner, Kathy Smith, Bill King, Charles Ramos, John Shillabeer
INTRODUCE GUESTS	Ross White
INTRODUCE SPEAKER	Debbie Narver
PROGRAM	ROTARACT: Our Youth At Work <i>Erin Lee</i>
THANK SPEAKER	Eric Brand

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 Narver, Kevin Cantelon, Derek Lewis, Frank Shoemaker
INTRODUCE GUESTS	Ian Williams
INTRODUCE SPEAKER	Debbie Narver
PROGRAM	SUMMITS OF HOPE <i>Randy Marback</i>
THANK SPEAKER	Susie Walker

Friday, October 17th

ROTARY BOOK SALE

Nanaimo North Town Centre

*Sign Up for Your
Shifts and help
Your Club with the
Major Fund-Raiser
of the Year!*

Judith Russell, tutor coordinator was last to speak. She wanted to emphasize two programs—*Basic Adult education* and *Family Literacy*. As she explained, if we support parent's literacy it flows through to the children and the community. She mentioned the



a new tutor training is starting in October for three evenings and a longer program requiring a teacher's certificate is available in November for over 30 hours.

Lila Tanner thanked the group of speakers from *Literacy Central Vancouver Island*, who not only gave us insight on how the program works but who have done so much to change people's lives.

Record Number of Books Donated to Our Sale

As the sale date nears volunteers have been busy sorting and categorizing books donated from the community to Rotary's Semi-Annual Book Sale. According to our Hon Rotarian and CEO of the book committee, **Rudi Steinmetz** tells us that the number of books has now topped 85,000 to go in the sale.

Highway signs went up on Tuesday thanks to **Bob Fenty's** crew of **Dave Connolly, Brent Stetar** and **President Bob**.

In the sorting room, **Al Smith** has been riding herd on a number of volunteers who have been getting the books sorted and ready for display in the mall.



Our club presented a cheque for \$3000 to Tour de Rock to help with their Cops for Cancer fund raiser. On hand for the presentation were Rotarians Mike Knutsson, Bruce Samson and Keith McFarlane.

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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