

ROTARY CLUB OF NANAIMO

“COGS”

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4,700th Meeting

Friday, October 30, 2015



Two AED Defibrillators were presented by the Rotary Club of Nanaimo this past week, providing life-saving equipment to Nanaimo North Town Centre and Nanaimo Track & Field Association. Attending the presentation were, left to right Bob Fenty, Director of Community Service; Rebecca Niamath, NNTC; Dan Fraser, Nanaimo North Town Centre Mall Manager; Lila Tanner, Rotary Club President; Gary Bowen, Alert First Aid Trainer; Sven Donaldson and Wanda Urbanowich both from Nanaimo Track & Field Association.

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

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Meeting Notes from October 23rd

By Charles Ramos

President **Lila Tanner** called the meeting to order, and led the singing of the national anthem. Our Invocation today was delivered by **Donna Hais**

Visiting Rotarians and Guests

Ed Borisenko called for visiting Rotarians and guests. There were no guests, and one visiting Rotarian (also today's speaker): **Barry Sparkes**, from the Rotary Club of Lantzville.

Health of the Club

John Morris suffered a bad fall, and is in hospital. President Lila will check in with him and report back. There was no update on **Wayne Anderson's** treatment.

Announcements



Bob Fenty had a couple of announcements: first, that defibrillator training for the two units our club has purchased for the NNTC and Track and Field will be held at the NNTC on October 26 between 4-5 p.m. The second announcement was about Youth Exchange: two local students are slated to go on

full exchange next year, and one student on summer exchange. The five clubs are currently hosting a student from Colombia, and a student from Japan.

Lynne Pankratz provided a yearly budget summary.

Janeane Coutu announced that the book sale has brought in a total of \$63K so far.

Sergeant at Arms

Bruce Samson was today's Sergeant, and he began by fining **Ed Borisenko** for shirking his introductory duties by asking today's visiting Rotarian to introduce himself.



The Sergeant then asked who is happiest with the election results. When **Wendy Pratt** responded, she became the proud owner (for \$5!) of a book about Liberals.

Joyce Smith paid announcement bucks that her firm has completed a business merger

Joan Ryan gave announcement bucks about the upcoming seniors' health fair

Mike Herold gave happy bucks that the BC Lions are playing.

Wendy Pratt gave confession bucks that she forgot her nametag

Janeane Coutu gave announcement bucks that the NNTC mall and the sign company have erected a massive billboard advertising our book sale

Dave Hammond gave bucks to mention that he thought of long-time Rotary member and staunch Liberal after this

week's election

Douglas Anderson mentioned that Brenda is sick and will need a fill-in for her book sale shift

Egon Holzwarth gave happy bucks to see **Barry Sparkes**, as they immigrated to Canada on the same boat many, many years ago



Charles, Joyce and Mike all paid the Sgt. For their announcements.

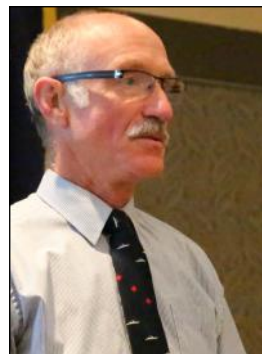


Table stakes were won by **Wendy Pratt**, and **Janeane Coutu's** draw attempt for the Ace of Spades was unsuccessful. The 50-50 pot continues to grow.

Navy Career Remembered by Past Assistant Governor

Reported by Mike Herold

Douglas Anderson introduced our speaker today, Rotarian **Barry Sparkes** although Barry did not need any introduction. Douglas did note however that Barry arrived in Canada on the same boat as club members **Egon Holzwarth** and **Guenter Raedler**.



Barry came to our club today to tell us about his career in the Royal Canadian Navy appropriately entitled "An Old Salts Story".

After arriving in Canada, Barry decided that the best way for him to get an education and see the world was to join the Navy. He attended the Royal Officer Training Program in both Royal Roads Military College in Victoria and RMC in Kingston and graduated with a degree in engineering. He obtained his degree plus basic military training with sports being a big part of the training along with academics.

During his first summer in 1968 while away from school, Barry spent time at sea on the HMCS Miramichi travelling

to Alaska and the HMCS Columbia to Hawaii, San Diego and San Francisco in 1969.

In the summer of 1970 he travelled to the far north at 81 degrees north of the Equator to Tanguary Fjord and in 1971 he graduated with his civil engineering degree and his commissioning in the Canadian Forces.

Barry's first assignment was a CF Fleet School in Halifax and now that he was getting paid he bought himself a new car.

He was assigned to his first ship the HCMS Gatineau from 1971-1975 and was stationed in Nanoose and RIMPAC and noted that during this time the rationing of the tot was discontinued. During this period he travelled to many locations including Tonga, Australia, New Zealand.

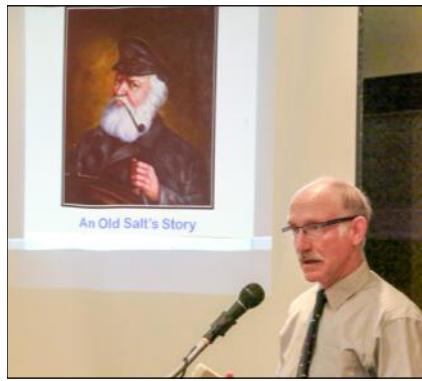
Barry had numerous career changes in the Navy including Weapons Officer from 1975-1977 on HMCS Mackenzie, back to Fleet School in Halifax from 1977-78 learning anti-submarine warfare, HMCS Saguenay from 1978-79 as Weapons / Operations officer and HMCS Iroquois from 1979-80 as Weapons Officer travelling to European Ports.

From 1980-83 Barry was assigned to Royal Navy Exchange in Northwood UK and then on to CF Command and Staff College in Toronto from 1983-84. He got to drive a tank at the college.

After Toronto, Barry was staff at Dalhousie Fleet School, back on the Iroquois as Executive Officer, back to Fleet School, US Naval War College in Rhode Island, Maritime Command in Halifax, off to Ottawa from 1992-93 and then to Russia from 1993-97 as CF Naval Attaché in Moscow. He found the Russian people very friendly. He was with NATO in England from 1997-2001 and finished his career from 2001-2005 at CFMETR in Nanoose.

Holy smokes, what a career!

Ross White thanked Barry for his excellent talk and commented that we should all be proud of the men and women in the Canadian Armed Forces who serve to keep us safe.



Rotary and ShelterBox Support Syrian Refugees

In Syria, where a civil war has been raging since 2011, more than 6,000 people flee the country every day. As of October, more than 5.1 million people have become refugees, and 7.6 million more have been internally displaced.

"The plight of Syria's refugees is a litmus test for the world's compassion," says Rotary International General Secretary John Hewko. "Rotary members worldwide are profoundly disheartened by the refugee crisis now unfolding in Syria and other parts of the world," which the United Nations has described as the worst in decades.

"Rotary is following the situation closely," Hewko says. "We know our members have an inherent desire to act, to relieve the suffering and uncertainty that displaced individuals and families are facing. We call on you to respond as Rotarians have for more than 100 years: to use your professional skills and acumen, leverage your connections to other leaders, and mobilize your local communities to provide the necessary resources and funding to address the humanitarian crisis."

Rotary members can donate to the disaster relief efforts of our project partner [ShelterBox](#). The organization has supported the Syrian relief effort for nearly four years and is working with other agencies to continue distributing relief materials. ShelterBox is also working with communities in Greece to provide aid and supplies to displaced people passing through the region.

Rachel Harvey, a member of a ShelterBox response team that recently returned from Greece, says Syrian refugees are making dangerous crossings to the shores of Greece.

"The experience is terrifying. Says Hewko: "We appreciate our clubs and members for their support, helping the millions of displaced people find shelter and rebuild their lives and communities. Every refugee is in our hearts and minds."

ATTENDANCE

By Janeane Coutu

Attendance - Oct 23 = **38%**

We missed Rotarians:

Ali, Blinston, Cantelon, Cowling, Currie, Finnegan, Gerrand, Y. Gosselin, Grice, Henderson, Janes, Jiang, King, Knutsson, Lessan, Lewis, McIver, Morris, Narver, Raedler, Ross, Salem, Shillabeer, A. Smith, K. Smith, Stephens, Stetar, Wilson, Zhang

Visiting Rotarians – Barry Sparks, Lantzville Club

Make-Ups:

Many Rotarians were working at the book sale helping to make the 15th sale the best so far!

Birthdays:

Ellen Ross, November 1st
Spouse Birthdays:
Ann Holzwarth [Egon] November 1st
Diane Salem [John] November 1st

Club Anniversaries

Kathy Smith, 18 years on November 3rd
Doug Greer, 37 years on November 4th



ROTARY HONORS SIX WOMEN FOR LEADERSHIP AND HUMANITARIAN SERVICE

Rotary President K.R. Ravindran has named six Rotary Global Women of Action for 2015. The honorees were chosen for their dedication and service, which has improved the lives of thousands around the world. "Every day at Rotary I see firsthand how our members work to change lives and make a significant impact," said Ravindran. "Rotary's Global Women of Action embody Rotary's motto, Service Above Self."

The women will be honored at Rotary Day at the United Nations in New York City on 7 November. They will address attendees and lead discussions on various topics related to their work.

The six were selected by Rotary senior leaders and staff from more than 100 nominees from around the world. They are:

Dr. Hashrat A. Begum, of the Rotary Club of Dhaka North West, Bangladesh, who has implemented several large-scale projects to deliver health care to poor and underserved communities.

Stella S. Dongo, of the Rotary Club of Highlands, Zimbabwe, who leads the Community Empowerment Project in the city of Harare. The project provides basic business and computer training to more than 6,000 women and youths affected by HIV/AIDS.

Lucy C. Hobgood-Brown, of the Rotary E-Club of Greater Sydney, New South Wales, Australia, who co-

founded [HandUp Congo](#), a nonprofit that promotes and facilitates sustainable, community-driven business, educational, social, and health initiatives to underprivileged communities in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Razia Jan, of the Rotary Club of Duxbury, Massachusetts, USA, who has spent decades fighting for girls' educational rights in Afghanistan. An Afghan native, she is the founder and director of the [Zabuli Education Center](#), a school that provides free education to more than 480 girls in Deh'Subz, Afghanistan. She was also recognized as a CNN Hero in 2012.

Kerstin Jeska-Thorwart, of the Rotary Club of Nürnberg-Sigena, Germany, who launched the [Babyhospital Galle](#) project after surviving the 2004 tsunami in Sri Lanka. With a budget of \$1.8 million and the support of 200 Rotary clubs, the project rebuilt and equipped the Mahamodara Teaching Hospital, in Galle, Sri Lanka. The hospital has served more than 150,000 children and more than 2.2 million women.

Dr. Deborah K. W. Walters, of the Rotary Club of Unity, Maine, USA, a neuroscientist who has served as director of [Safe Passage \(Camino Seguro\)](#), a nonprofit that provides educational and social services to families who live in the Guatemala City garbage dump.

DATES TO REMEMBER

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

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

WEEKLY CLUB PROGRAMS & MEMBER DUTIES

MEETING DATE	Friday, October 30th	Friday, November 6th	Friday, Nov 13th
GREETERS	Frank Shoemaker, Dave Connolly, Keith McFarlane	Janeane Coutu, Joyce Smith, Carey McIver	Susie Stephens, Doug Cowling, Norm Myden
CASHIER	Henry Jiang	John Shillabeer	John Shillabeer
SGT-AT-ARMS	John Shillabeer	Bob Fenty	Dave Hammond
INVOCATION	Dave Hammond	John Heisterman	Dave Connolly
HEAD TABLE	Pres. Lila, Hillary Eastmure, Derek Lewis, Ellen Ross, F. Shoemaker, Dave Connolly, Keith McFarlane	Pres. Lila, Comm.Darren Rich, Doug Anderson, Brenda Grice, Frank Shoemaker, Janeane, Joyce, Carey	President Lila, Megan Lurn, Wendy Pratt, Doug Greer, Janeane Coutu, Joyce Smith, Carey McIver
INTRO GUESTS	Eric Brand	Kevin Cantelon	Carmon Henderson
INTRO SPEAKER	Richard Finnegan	Mikel Knutsson	Wendy Pratt
PROGRAM	Cops for Cancer / Tour de Rock Hillary Eastmure	Can. Forces Maritime & Test Ranges Commander Darren Rich	LIT/Quest: Our Future Leaders Megan Lurn
THANK SPEAKER	Kevin Cantelon	Bruce Samson	Barbara Blinston