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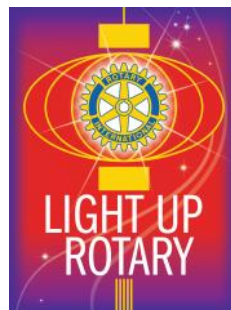


On the last day of our Rotary Book Sale a special presentation was made to Audrey Aquino for her tireless efforts sorting romance books. Audrey has been coming to our sale for several years and her favourite is Danielle Steel books which she organizes to perfection. The presentation was made by book committee chair, John Shillabeer, with Rotarian Volunteers: (left to right) Lucie Gosselin, Kathy Smith, Yvan Gosselin, Altrusa member Cheryl Curkowsky and John.

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

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## Meeting Notes from Oct. 24th

By Derek Lewis

**President Bob Wilson** started the meeting off with a moment of silence for the two Canadian soldiers, **Patrice Vincent** and **Nathan Cirillo**, killed in separate acts of domestic terrorism



this past week in Saint-Jean-Sur-Richelieu, Quebec and Ottawa, Ontario. The Club then sang O'Canada accapella as our usual electronic rendition was unavailable. **Ross White** provided the invocation giving thanks for peace and the freedoms we enjoy living in Canada.

**Carmon Henderson** called for the introduction of visiting Rotarians and guests. There were no visiting Rotarians, but **Joan Ryan** introduced guest **Bill Yoachim** who is running for city council in the upcoming Nanaimo civic elections.



Visitor Bill Yoachim is running for city council. He joins Rotarians Wendy Pratt & Kevin Canteion on the ballot.

With Yvan absent, **Ross White** provided an update on the health of the Club, which included an **Ed Borisenko** sighting at our book sale so hopefully he is on the mend.

### President's Remarks:

**President Bob** informed the Club that today (Friday, October 24<sup>th</sup>) was *World Polio Day*) We all will be receiving an email with more information.

An update from the book sale—**Allan Smith** had advised us that we are now over \$62,000 in sales (a record), with 2½ days still to go.

**President Bob** reminded the Club that the *Family Christmas Breakfast* will be on Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at the Bowen Complex from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and the *Rotary Christmas Dinner* will be on Thursday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at the Coast Bastion Inn with fellowship at 6 p.m. followed by dinner at 7 p.m.

### Motions:

**Carey MacIver** had presented a Notice of Motion on behalf of the International Service Committee two weeks ago that the Rotary Club of Nanaimo donate \$5,000 to the Oceanside Rotary Club towards the approved 5-Club Global Grant project to update and repair three schools in Sunyani, Ghana. **Ross White** seconded the motion and it was carried by the majority vote of the Club members present.

### Rotary Minute:

Pres Bob called on **Brenda Grice** to provide the Club with more information for *World Polio Day*. Brenda reminded us that the main focus of *The Rotary Foundation* is the fight against polio worldwide, with the goal to eradicate it for good. Our club has a proud history of supporting the Foundation with over \$280,000 in total contributions over the years.

In 1985, over 30,000 children were paralyzed worldwide by polio annually. By 2000, the number of countries with active cases of polio was 20. Today, thanks to National Immunization Days, polio is all but eradicated except in areas that are politically unstable, although immunizations in these areas are still quietly happening in association with "health camps" set up by the World Health Organization. Polio is still stalking children in poverty and conflict stricken areas and the risk is that refugees from these areas could cross border and re-infect locations where the disease had previously been eradicated.



Brenda Grice presents Ross White with his Paul Harris Society certificate. Ross joins fellow Rotarians Dave Connolly and Frank Shoemaker in society membership.



Brenda thanked all members of the Club that have generously donated to the Foundation and with **President Bob** welcomed three of our Club members to the *Paul Harris Society*: **Ross White**, **Dave Connolly**, and **Frank Shoemaker**. The presentation of the Paul Harris Fellow is the Foundation's way of expressing its appreciation for a substantial contribution to its humanitarian and educational programs and is named after our founder, Paul Harris.

While there will be a more formal presentation at a later date, because he will be away, **Ross White** was presented with a certificate welcoming him to the *Paul Harris Society*.

### Sergeant-at-Arms:

Sgt-at-Arms this week was **Wayne Anderson**, with help from **Charles Ramos**. Wayne fined any Club member that had not yet volunteered for a shift at the book sale \$2 and then fined anyone that had not yet bought a book at the book sale \$1.

Wayne then asked if anyone had a good story from the first week of the book sale.

**Bruce Samson** told us how **Bob Janes** and **Keith McFarlane** were working one of the cash tables and tricked Bruce into believing someone had donated \$1000 to Rotary.



Keith and Bob pulled a fast one on the unsuspecting Bruce S.

**Janeane Coutu** shared that she is famous for culling books, especially old encyclopedia since with computers who uses encyclopedia these days? A customer came to her with a stack of encyclopedia very excited by his find and proceeded to come back for a second stack.

### Pres Bob

advised us that he found a picture in a book that someone had been using as a book mark and it was of his own daughter. He assumes a family friend must have donated the book forgetting that the picture was in there.



Ross White mentioned that while he was culling, a customer picked one of the books out of his reject pile and bought it.

Joan Ryan indicated that Susan Gerrand pulled a cookbook that she had culled and sold it for \$20 from the classics section.

### Happy/Sad Bucks:

Janeane Coutu had a happy and proud \$5 for the success of the book sale.

Keith McFarlane had a happy \$1 to announce the engagement of his daughter to an RCMP officer.

Douglas Anderson had a happy dollar to announce that customers come from all over the island to shop at our book sale and one particular dealer purchase \$1,100 in books and paid in USD.

Joan Ryan had a dollar to thank those who covered her shifts at the book sale since she had a family emergency to deal with.

Charles Ramos had a dollar to compliment Douglas on charging a 1 to 1 exchange rate on the \$1,100 USD sale to the dealer.

Wendy Pratt had \$3 to apologize for missing her first shift, being late for her shift this morning, and for the lovely stack of kids books she was able to purchase for her grandchildren.



Wayne Anderson had a dollar to thank Ross White for his visits to other Rotary Clubs to announce our book sale.

### Draws:

Table stakes were won by Bob McDougall. The Card Draw was won



by Derek Lewis who drew the jack of hearts, so the pot continues to grow.

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## Club Assembly

By Charles Ramos

The programme today was Club Assembly and Membership, with club members President Bob Wilson and Douglas Anderson presiding.

### Club Assembly

The 2014-2015 club budget was reviewed, with printouts provided to each table. A summary of the items discussed by the membership was as follows:

**Meal subsidy:** This line item contains the weekly subsidy provided to members, the annual joint 5-club meeting meal costs, the guest lunches, and Rotaractors meals when they attend a meeting. The weekly subsidy is substantial as meal cost is \$22, while \$20 is charged at the door. A subcommittee headed by Lila Tanner is being formed to explore the club's options to recover this moving forward.



Brenda and Wendy go over some of the Budget numbers

Janeane Coutu noted that an overall budget deficit is caused by the meal costs, and she questioned the wisdom of passing a budget that shows a deficit.

It was noted that sometimes large costs are incurred during weekly presenters when large groups of guests are

brought by the presenter. In future, we will suggest to speakers that their lunch costs plus one guest lunch will be covered, while additional guests may need to pay.

**Book Sale:** The book sale income and expenditures were reviewed. This is our largest single income generator and continues to be more productive year by year. The logistical organization has now reached a phenomenally efficient level, and support from the Nanaimo North Town Centre is excellent.

**Centennial Committee:** \$30,000 from club-raised funds is earmarked for the Centennial project account each year.

Joan Ryan and Dave Hammond are heading this committee, which will soon meet to discuss the project options.

### Membership

Douglas Anderson rose to present a strategy to increase membership. However, due to low attendance, the exercise planned for this item has been rescheduled for Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>, in order to have a more complete discussion with the full club.

Douglas summarized the issues around membership and the intent of the planned exercise. Our club membership was near 100 members 10 years ago, and has remained fairly steady at around 60 members for the last 4-5 years. There are generally three areas in which Rotarian membership is lost: Death, relocation, and dissatisfaction. The first two are inevitable, but the third can be addressed, and it may be possible to retain members



## ATTENDANCE: Oct 31st

By Bob Janes

Attendance for October 24<sup>th</sup> was 44%

### We missed these Rotarians

Blinston, Borisenko, Brand, Cantelon, Cowling, Currie, Fenty, Finnegan, Gerrand, L& Y Gosselin, Hais, Hammond, Heisterman, King, Lessan, Pankratz, Raedler, Salem, Shillabeer, A. Smith, K. Smith, J. Smith, Stetar, Walker, Welch

**Visiting Rotarians:** None to report

**Guests:** Bill Yoachim

**Make ups:** Brenda Grice, Lila Tanner, Egon Holzwarth, Wayne Anderson, Wendy Pratt, Bob Janes

**Birthdays:** None to report

### Spouse Birthdays:

Ann Holzwarth [Egon] on Nov 1st  
Diane Salem [John] on Nov 1st

### Club Anniversaries:

Kathy Smith, 8 years, November 3

## WEEKLY CLUB PROGRAMS

### Friday, October 31st

|                   |   |
|-------------------|---|
| GREETERS          | Keith McFarlane,<br>Doug Cowling, Kathy Smith   |
| CASHIERS          | Eric Brand  |
| SGT-AT-ARMS       | Yvan Gosselin   |
| INVOCATION        | Brenda Grice  |
| HEAD TABLE        | President Bob, Trevor Davis,<br>Carey McIver, Keith McFarlane,<br>Doug Cowling, Helen Blackmore |
| INTRODUCE GUESTS  | Helen Blackmore   |
| INTRODUCE SPEAKER | Carey McIver  |
| PROGRAM           | <b>VIU—A Research Institution</b><br><i>Trevor Davis</i>  |
| THANK SPEAKER     | Moe Lessan  |

### Friday, November 7th

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|-------------------|---|
| GREETERS          | Carey McIver,<br>Bob Fenty, Brent Stetar  |
| CASHIERS          | Bill King   |
| SGT-AT-ARMS       | Dave Hammond  |
| INVOCATION        | Donna Hais  |
| HEAD TABLE        | Pres Bob, Mikel Knutsson, Bruce<br>Samson, John Morris, Bob McDougall,<br>Brenda Grice, Frank Shoemaker |
| INTRODUCE GUESTS  | Barb Blinston   |
| INTRODUCE SPEAKER | Preident Bob  |
| PROGRAM           | <b>REMEMBRANCE DAY</b><br><i>Mikel Knutsson / Bruce Samson</i>  |
| THANK SPEAKER     | _____   |

### Friday, November 14th

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|-------------------|---|
| GREETERS          | Richard Finnegan,<br>Lila Tanner, Norm Myden  |
| CASHIERS          | Bill King   |
| SGT-AT-ARMS       | John Heisterman   |
| INVOCATION        | Ed Borisenko  |
| HEAD TABLE        | Pres Bob, Douglas Anderson,<br>Ed Borisenko, Richard Finnegan,<br>Lila Tanner, Norm Myden |
| INTRODUCE GUESTS  | Dave Hammond  |
| INTRODUCE SPEAKER | _____   |
| PROGRAM           | <b>MEMBERSHIP / ASSEMBLY</b><br><i>President Bob / Douglas Anderson</i>                   |
| THANK SPEAKER     | _____   |

who feel their interests do not align with those of the club. The exercise will present some options to retain these members, and will generate ideas to attract new members, including gathering prospective members to a 'fireside chat' type of meeting to discuss the benefits of Rotary.

Discussion followed, with **Janeane Coutu** asking about follow-up on new members after they have attended a meeting or two as guests. Traditionally, the member who has invited the guest will gauge their interest in joining and follow up with them.

**Bob Patrick** asked if exit interviews are conducted? These are conducted in an informal manner, but no formal process is undertaken.

**Ross White** asked if there has been a re-

sponse from the membership booth at the book sale? Yes, there have been a number of names submitted to the drop box.

**Keith McFarlane** asked if the 5-club gathering at the Port Authority last year generated interest? It did generate interest, but was not specifically targeted as a membership event. The next one at the golf club may focus more on membership generation.

**Ian Williams** mentioned that available time seems to be a major concern for many prospective members.

**Brenda Grice** mentioned that the suitability of our midday meeting time seems to be about evenly split between those who find it works well with their schedule and those who don't.



A presentation will be made by the Nurses to Nepal—a group Rotary supported—Thursday, Nov 6th at 1:00 p.m., Bldg 300/Room 410 (*above the cafeteria*) and our club members are invited to attend. Please RSVP 604-299-1363.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

**Sunday, Dec 7**—Family Christmas Breakfast, Bowen Complex, from 9:00 am to 11 am

**Thursday, Dec 18**—Rotary Christmas Dinner, Coast Bastion Inn: fellowship 6:00 pm, dinner 7:00. Cost TBA

**June 19-21, 2015**—Rotary District 5020 Conference, V.I. Conference Centre, Nanaimo



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