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Friday, October 6, 2017



Swy-a-Lana Lagoon in Maffeo Sutton Park in downtown Nanaimo. The lagoon is manmade and connects to the ocean only at the highest tides. photo - bof 2017-10-04

Club Meeting Friday at 12:00 p.m.				
at the Coast Bastion Inn				
CLUB OFFICERS 2017-2018				
President Jane K. Currie				
Vice President Carey McIver				
Secretary Bob Janes				
Treasurer Lynne Pankratz				
President Elect Charles Ramos				
Immediate Past President Debbie Narver				





# Meeting Notes for September 29, 2017

By Charles Ramos\*

President **Jane Currie** called the meeting to order, and led the singing of the national anthem.

**Douglas Anderson** delivered a vegetable-themed inspiration.

## Visiting Rotarians and Guests

**Charles Ramos** called for visiting Rotarians and guests. Charles introduced visiting Rotarian **Pat Cox** from Daybreak, and **David Woodward** introduced **Oman Karim**, a member of VIU's MBA team, who has recently taken a position at the University following his graduation.



Pat Cox

Oman Karim

## Announcements

**President Jane** announced the upcoming Rotaract fundraiser.



## **Rotaract Goods and Services Auction**

The Rotaract Club of Nanaimo is having a Goods & Services Auction on October 14th starting at 5 pm. Our goal is to make this a night of Rotary & Rotaract fellowship while also raising funds to help support our international project of building a well in Ghana.

This night will feature a silent auction of a variety

of items and a live auction that will showcase some of the amazing talents our club members have to offer including photography, a hiking buddy, and even a motorsport drifting session! While looking through the items you can enjoy the amazing cuisine offered by the Nanaimo Golf Club and mingle with fellow Rotarians from multiple clubs!

Tickets for this event are \$20 which includes your food and there will be a cash bar available. For tickets please contact the club at <u>nanaimorotaract@gmail.com</u>. There are a limited number of tickets, so get them while you can!

Our members are going to attempt to come to all your club meetings next week with tickets available for purchase!

### Caitlin Mangiacasale

### President Rotaract Club of Nanaimo

### **District Governor Visit**

ADG Bev said that the DG visit is set for Oct 17th Tuesday. We have reserved the Rugby house and I thought to reduce the cost somewhat we could have BBQ chicken and salmon, salads, buns etc. Bev has costed out the event at \$25.00 as long as we have 80-90 people. This will also get them a drink and \$5 contribution to WGmeal. If you have a connection for salmon. please let me know.

I am asking for 3 members from each Club to help during the night, 2 for cooking and the others for setup as well pickup of items from Triple T.

## Please let President Jane know if you can help.

**Janeane Coutu** announced that more cashier signups for the booksale are needed. She handed out posters for members to place around town.

**Debbie Narver** let us know that her committee is assessing a variety of projects for a community grants application.





Janeane Coutu

Debbie Narver



**Doug Cowling** gave a short presentation on the Nanaimo Canoe and Kayak Club and the impact of our donation of \$1000 to their program. He asked if anyone had a large Rotary sticker that could be applied to the canoe that our funds supported. **Douglas Anderson** indicated that he had

some that might work.

#### Sergeant at Arms

**Brent Barootes** was today's Sergeant at Arms. He was feeling magnanimous and awarded credits to members who have been dedicating time and effort to club activities.



**Dave Hammond** was in awe of **Brent Barootes** thoughtfulness in presenting Dave with the book *Megatrends 2000* in order to bring him up to speed(?) with developing trends.

#### Happy and Sad Bucks

There were several happy and sad bucks from members.

# Speaker Notes for September 29 2017

Reported by John Shillabeer

## Rotary Club Budget - Lynne Pankratz

**President Jane** introduced **Lynne** who joined the Club in 2011 and is a Chartered Accountant with MNP. She has been our treasurer for the last two years. Lynne's joining the Club was sponsored by the previous treasurer, Lucie Gosselin. Jane thanked MNP for their continuing support of the club through Lucie and now through Lynne.

Lynne introduced the budget by stating that it the best guess at expenditures and revenues for the year, based largely on recent experience. It reflected the decision to



lower dues to \$250 and that members should pay to attend installation. This had no impact on the bottom line as the reduction in dues equalled the saving in the cost of installation.

The budget had been reviewed by the board of directors and approved by them. It was now up to the members to vote to adopt (or not) the budget.

The budget upheld the principle established in prior years that the service revenue and spending should be kept quite separate from the revenue and costs of Club operations. Put another way, money from the book sale is not used to subsidise the club.

The service budget included a conservative \$144,000 book sale revenue which was significantly less than last year's \$159,000 record revenue. However the service fund distributions did not include any "donations outside budgeted amounts" (\$50,000 last year). The budget projected a small (\$2,200) surplus of funds generated over distributed.

The Club operations budget generated much discussion from the floor because it included \$2,575 deficit. Last year's deficit was \$796. President Jane pointed out that the deficit could be easily offset by bringing in more members, reviewing and adjusting the funding for PETS and DLTA.

Unfortunately it was not possible to complete the discussion of the budget and vote on it because one of the three budget pages was missing from the presentation. Nevertheless a vote to accept the budget was proposed by Janeane Coutu and seconded by Bruce Samson. However, a quorum of members was not present and the vote could not be held.

Lynne undertook to email the budget pages to all members, to respond to questions and suggestions and to prepare a modified budget if required.

President Jane thanked Lynne for preparing and presenting the budget and councilled that there is no need to panic we have plenty of time to look carefully at the budget and adjust it if necessary.

## Facebook Drop-in Learning Opportunity for Rotarians

Here's a fantastic opportunity for all Rotarians to improve their Facebook skills in general, and learn how to support our events and programs using social media. Just in time to help promote the fall book sale!

When: Wednesday Oct. 11, 3pm to 6pm (drop-in during this time, with an overview presented from 3:30 to 4pm) Where: Hammond Bay Road public library, large meeting room (6250 Hammond Bay Rd, Nanaimo, BC V9R 5N3) Who: All Rotarians interested in getting 1-on-1 help using Facebook (and if time allows, other social media) What to bring: Any of the following... your smart phone (iPhone or Android doesn't matter), laptop, tablet, or just your curiosity and questions!

What we'll cover:

- Some introductory Facebook basics of how to post, how to find club events, and how to share 2 different ways.
- What to click to accomplish the basics, and get to feel confident while navigating the screen.
- How to help promote club events and the club in general, and the book sale in particular.
- How to find other Rotarians on Facebook and expand your online "Rotary Universe".

#### Schedule:

- From 3-3:30pm, we'll make sure everyone can connect to the wifi and Facebook, and then...
- 3:30, I'll make a short presentation showing you the basics of Facebook Events, focusing on our own Club events.
- From 4-6pm, we'll practice these skills and move around the room to take 1:1 questions and when appropriate, share them with the group so that all can take away exactly what they need to feel confident.

Can't attend the entire time? Not necessary - just drop in when you can, get your question answered, and then leave if you need to! Want to attend? Have questions? Please reach out to **Peggy Richardson** at <u>peggy@peggyrichardson</u>.com, as it helps to know how many people plan to attend.

#### DATES TO REMEMBER

**Oct 11 - 3-6 PM - Rotarians Learn Social Media.** Drop in - Library at 6250 Hammond Bay Rd

**Oct 13-22 - Rotary Fall Book Sale** at Nanaimo North Town Centre.

**Oct 17 - District Governor's Visit.** Rugby Clubhouse \$25 - chicken and salmon BBQ

**Oct 21 - Roses from Rotary** - Qualicum Beach Club. **Order Roses now!** \$32 per dozen in red, yellow or cream. Order online -

https://www.qbsunriserotary.ca/roses2017/

## **BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

Spouse Birthdays		
Robert Hais - Donna Hais,		Oct 10
Stephen Morison, Charlotte Mouge	ot,	Oct 10
Anniversaries		
Wayne Anderson, Gayle Anderson,	48 years	Oct 11
Wahid Ali, Nancy Ford,	21 years	Oct 12

Meeting Date	October 6, 2017	October 13, 2017	
Greeters	Behzad Forghani, Henry Jiang, Mike Herold	ROTARY BOOKSALE	Susan Gerrand, Kathy Smith, Mikel Knutsson
Cashier	Lila Tanner		Lila Tanner
Sgt at Arms	Bruce Samson		Wayne Anderson
Inspiration	Wayne Anderson		Brent Barootes
Head Table	Pres. Jane, Tim Knight, Bruce Samson	NO MEETING	Pres. Jane, Calum Matthews, Debbie Narver
Intro Guests	Peggy Richardson		Joan Ryan
Intro Speaker	Doug Cowling		Debbie Narver
Program	The Scouts Movement and the Nanaimo Troop Update - Tim Knight	ROTARY BOOKSALE	Impact of Tourism on Nanaimo & Vancouver Island Calum Matthews
Thank Speaker	Bruce Samson		Keith McFarlane