

ROTARY CLUB OF NANAIMO

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Not in her usual skirts and high heels, Rotarian Donna Hals stands in front of the foundation of Eden Gardens

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

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Meeting Notes from September 4th

by Derek Lewis

President Lila Tanner asked the Club to stand and face the flag for the singing of O'Canada. **Bob Fenty** provided the invocation encouraging everyone to follow their individual beliefs regardless of denomination.

Brent Stetar called for the introduction of visiting Rotarians and guests. There were four visiting Rotarians including **Liz** and **Norman Wicks** from Hexham, England; **Bobbie Rathbun** from the Whistler Millennium Club; and **Brent Barootes** from the Calgary West Rotary Club. The only guest was **Pat Connelly**, **Dave Connelly's** better half.



Liz and Norman Wicks from Hexham, England.

President's Remarks:

President Lila advised the Club that a grant application form is required for all categories and needs to be signed by the Club president.

VIU has invited the Club to an open house on October 2 from 4p.m. to 6 p.m. on the 5th floor of Building 305. There will be complementary parking in lot 5E.

Announcements:



Brent Stetar announced that Rotary poker would be starting up again every other Wednesday. Members interested in playing should let him know.

Sergeant-at-Arms:

The Sergeant-at-Arms this week was **Bruce Samson**, who initially indicated

everyone had been good and he had no one to fine. Then he asked for volunteers from the floor to confess their bad behaviour. **Ian Williams** obliged by admitting that he had left his name badge at home. Bruce then fined Ian's entire table for Ian's indiscretion. **Eric Brand**, who was at the table, was then fined an additional dollar for being a smart-mouth.



Happy/Sad Bucks:

Janeane Coutu had a happy \$2 that school was starting up again next week so maybe her daughter will be out of bed before 11 a.m. and that her daughter has her driver's test next Thursday and she may soon be free of her chauffeur duties.

Mike Herold had a happy \$2 that the BC Lions had won last night and that he was going treasure hunting



with his son to Oak Island.

Charles Ramos had a sad dollar for Mike Herold's quest for the Oak Island treasure, as several people have died over the past couple of centuries trying to unearth it.

Joan Ryan had a dollar to announce that she would be missing Rotary next Friday because she will be volunteering at the Hospital Foundation Golf Tournament and she hopes to see some of us out in support



Dave Hammond had a happy dollar to announce his road trip starting tomorrow and another quarter to whine about **John Salem** winning everything in sight at Men's Night Golf the night before.

John Salem had a dollar and change to rebut that the real reason Dave is whining is because he was not mentioned at all at Men's Night.

Ross White had \$2 to say he was happy to be back from Eastern Europe and secondly that he needs a volunteer with a truck and muscles to give him a hand one day.



Joyce Smith had \$5 to announce that in conjunction with Raymond James she was hosting a seminar for retirees or soon to be retirees on how to prepare for retirement. Joyce had another \$1 to rave about the Blue's Festival and to encourage people to attend next year.

Ellen Ross had a happy \$1 to announce that she was successful in her quest for a new job at VIU.

Frank Shoemaker had a happy \$1 to announce that he would be heading to France on vacation for six weeks and he encouraged the club to get out and vote in the upcoming election.

Ian Williams had a dollar to advise that he attended the second best wedding ever over the past weekend. It was an outdoor affair and with the stormy weather was late starting and included dancing in the rain.

Carey McIver had a happy \$2 that it did not rain last weekend in Qualicum during a Celebration of Life.



Draws:



Table stakes were won by one of our visiting Rotarians, **Bobbie Rathbun**. The Card Draw was won by **Ellen Ross**,

who drew the king of hearts. There are not many cards left, so the pot should be won soon.



Impromptu Program

Reported by Mike Herold

A quick Program change was organized by **President Lila** when our planned guest speaker could not attend. Three visiting Rotarians told us about their clubs and club member **Donna Hais** gave us an update on the construction of *Nanaimo Travellers Lodge Eden Gardens Project*.



Our first speaker was **Norman Wicks** who is visiting with his wife **Liz** from Hexham Rotary Club in England. Hexham is where England joins Scotland and close to Hadrians Wall. His club has 35 members and he is a retired Police Officer who retired at 49 years of age. Norm's first wife was England's first double lung transplant patient who managed to extend her life for 11 years after her

operation. His current wife, Liz, was his first wife's best friend. They have two children.

Doug's club gets mainly involved in shipping containers of goods to countries for disaster relief. **Bruce Gordon** asked about their fundraising and Norm said that their fundraising was from donations from the community. **President Lila** presented Norm with our banner.



Donna Hais updated the Club on the progress of construction on Travellers Lodge on Northfield Road. The project is divided into neighbourhoods or pods in a homelike atmosphere. Individual rooms will be complete with their own washroom and shower. The total building area is 107,000 ft² with in-house kitchen and laundry facilities. There is a future phase of 130 units available within the site. It

is 2 floors of wood frame construction over a partial concrete basement area and includes an Adult Day Care and Bathing Program. Travellers is an Island Health funded project with placement in the Lodge through Island Health. It has state of the art nurse call systems and will open in April 2017. Several questions from the club were answered by Donna and **Janeane Coutu** talked about her mom who had dementia and the important function for both the family and the person with dementia to attend the Adult Day Care Program.



Our next speaker was **Brent Barootes** from the Calgary West Rotary Club which will be celebrating their 50th birthday in June 2017. Their club has between 65-70 members and their past



president brought in 20 new members during his term. They are a very active group with lots of seniors and they started a Satellite Club, not endorsed by Rotary, of young people to help them with fund raising events. They have two major fundraisers each year. One is a pancake breakfast for the Stampede parade which nets them about \$20-25k each year and is typically sold out. Their other major fund raising is delivering strawberry shortcake to people in the community at \$7.50 / slice which nets them \$10-15k per year. They sell about 4000-5000 pieces each year.

Our last speaker was **Bobbie Rathbun** from the Whistler Millennium Club which is a small club with 23 members. They do smaller fund raising events each year with their major event using one of their club members as a Community Santa Claus.



All speakers were thanked by **President Lila** with the presentation of a Rotary pen, hand made by **Dave Connolly**.

ATTENDANCE

Report by Janeane Coutu
Attendance for Sept 4th was **52%**

We missed Rotarians—

Ali, D. Anderson, W. Anderson, Borisenko, Cantelon, Finnegan, Ger-rand, Y. Gosselin, Grice, Heisterman, Janes, Jiang, King, Knutsson, Lessan, Narver, Pratt, Raedler, Shil-labeer, A. Smith, K. Smith, Walker, Wilson

Visiting Rotarians;

Liz and Norman Wicks, Hexham England
Bobbie Rathbun, Whistler

Millennium
Brent Barootes, Calgary West

Guests of Rotarians;
Pat Connolly, guest of Dave Connolly

Make-ups;
Joan Ryan, CR Daybreak
Brent Stetar, book sorting

Birthdays
Susie Stephens, Sept 12

Anniversaries
Carey McIver & Annabel Kirby, 9 yrs on Sept. 16th

Club Anniversaries
Lila Tanner, 14 years on September 14th
Bob Wilson, 21 years on September 16th

JOIN A ROTARIAN ACTION GROUP

A Rotarian Action Group is an autonomous group of Rotarians, family members, program participants and alumni who are experts in a particular field, such as microcredit or water and sanitation. Group members share their expertise by [collaborating with clubs and districts](#) on service projects.

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Population Growth & Sustainable Development	rifpd@aol.com
Water and Sanitation	ron.denham@atkearney.com

For example:

The Rotarian Action Group for Population Growth & Sustainable Development partnered with Rotary clubs in Germany, Austria, and Nigeria to reduce maternal death by 50 percent at 10 hospitals in northern Nigeria with a program to prevent and treat obstetric fistula, a serious birth injury.

Rotarians for Family Health & AIDS Prevention and Rotary club members from Nigeria, Kenya, and Uganda sponsored a three-day event to provide HIV testing and counseling for more than 138,000 people. Read about other action groups and their inspiring service in the [Rotarian Action Groups annual report](#).

FIND AND JOIN A ROTARIAN ACTION GROUP

Join a Rotarian Action Group to share your expertise and make a difference in projects beyond your club or district. To get involved, check our [group directory](#) and contact the one you're interested in.

START A NEW ROTARIAN ACTION GROUP

To start a group you need at least 25 prospective members representing at least five countries. Prospective groups are reviewed by the RI Board of Directors. Contact actiongroups@rotary.org for help with your proposal.

DATES TO REMEMBER

September—Work Party at Westdale/Leslie Park in North Nanaimo. More details forthcoming.

Oct 23—Oktoberfest in Nanaimo Armoury Drill Hall, 709 Nanaimo Lakes Rd. hosts: Daybreak Rotary. Tickets \$31.50—1 beer stein, 1 beverage, 1 pretzel, 2 great bands.

WEEKLY CLUB PROGRAMS & MEMBER DUTIES

MEETING DATE	Friday, Sept 11th	Friday, Sept 18th	Friday, Sept 25th
GREETERS	Douglas Anderson, Guenter Raedler, Bob Janes	Wayne Anderson, Charles Ramos, Henry Jiang	Barbara Blinston, Ellen Ross, Bill King
CASHIER	Ed Borisenko	Ed Borisenko	Ed Borisenko
SGT-AT-ARMS	John Shillabeer	Bob Fenty	Wayne Anderson
INVOCATION	Richard Finnegan	Susan Gerrand	Moe Lessan
HEAD TABLE	Pres. Lila, Morgan Carey, Richard Finnegan, Susie Stephens, Bob Janes, Doug Anderson, G. Raedler	President Lila, Phillip Lucas, Dave Hammond, Charles Ramos, Wayne Anderson, Henry Jiang	President Lila, Carey Powell, Ross White, John Salem, Jane Currie, Dave Connolly
INTRO GUESTS	Ross White	Ian Williams	John Salem
INTRO SPEAKER	Richard Finnegan	Dave Hammond	Ross White
PROGRAM	Real Estate Webmasters <i>Morgan Carey</i>	Tilray: Medical Marijuana <i>Phillip Lucas</i>	The Dark Side of the Rainbow <i>Carey Powell</i>
THANK SPEAKER	Ian Williams	Susie Stephens	Carey McIver