

ROTARY CLUB OF NANAIMO

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Friday, September 15, 2017



Bruce Gordon, Al Smith and Rudy Steinmetz, three stalwarts of the year round sorting crew, were working on Tuesday Sept. 12 sorting books for our October Sale.

Club Meeting Friday at 12:00 p.m.
at the Coast Bastion Inn
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MEETING NOTES for September 8, 2017

By Charles Ramos

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

Denise Wittkofski delivered an insightful invocation.

Visiting Rotarians and Guests

Christine Parsons called for visiting Rotarians and guests. There were no visiting Rotarians, and three guests: **Niki Techen**, introduced by **David Woodward**; **Frank Shoemaker's nephew, Aaron Reimer**; and **Bob Francis**, introduced by **Bob Janes**.



Aaron Reimer Niki Techen Bob Francis

Announcements

Janeane Coutu announced that the book sale is getting closer every day, and it's time to sign up. All are welcome to help, so invite family, friends and passing acquaintances. The sign-up sheet is available on the website. It's requested that each member of our club serve at least three shifts. As always, sorting help is gladly welcomed.



Sergeant at Arms

John Heisterman was today's substitute Sergeant at Arms. He commented on last week's report from **Douglas Anderson** about seeing John rooting in the gutter for a dime. John felt that maybe Douglas had wanted the dime for himself; since, after all, frugality and parsimony are Scottish hallmarks!



The Sergeant then opened the floor to members for confessions. **Charles Ramos** confessed that when talking with guest **Niki Techen** about enjoying the self-help section at the book sale, he couldn't guarantee it, but

thought that **Christine Parsons** interjected a comment suspiciously close to, "it's not working".

Happy and Sad Bucks

There were many happy and sad bucks:

Donna Hais gave many bucks to apologize for recent poor attendance, advertising bucks that she has just started a new corporation, and proud bucks that her daughter Katelyn was the 3D modeler on "My Little Pony", and is earning enough to live in Vancouver.

Henry Jiang gave happy bucks to be back from a 2-month China visit, happy bucks that his son has been invited to study in a prestigious private school, and questioning bucks about the last COGS, where both his first and last names were misspelled.

Geoff Clay gave happy bucks for a recent California trip where they visited a past Japanese exchange student, and sad bucks about the Florida hurricane devastation.



Henry Jiang Geoff Clay Donna Hais

Frank Shoemaker gave sad bucks that 50 boxes of books slated for the book sale were secretly spirited off to parts unknown. Maybe we should call on the Hardy Boys or Nancy Drew to solve this *Case of the Vanishing Volumes*

Janeane Coutu gave happy bucks that former member **Ken Westfall** and wife stopped by her home for a visit.

Doug Cowling gave happy bucks for today's rain. He also mentioned that today's Sergeant strongly resembles the phrase from the Smokey Robinson saga, "she may be cute, but she's just a substitute".

Brent Stetar gave happy bucks that his kids are back in school

Professor **David Woodward** gave sad bucks that kids are back in school

Susie Stephens gave happy bucks that her husband, Chris, has retired

Lila Tanner gave happy bucks that she painted her

house herself (and saved \$5,000!). Also sad bucks that 5 cars in her neighborhood were violated by burglars.

Jane Currie relayed thanks to our club from a VIU



student who was awarded Helmut Graf bursary at VIU. and thanked **Peggy Richardson** for her work on the club's Facebook page.

Doug Cowling won both the table stakes and the chance



in the card draw. Doug then gave **Rick Lennert** the chance to win for his charity. The draw was unsuccessful.

SPEAKER NOTES from Sept. 8, 2017

by Peggy Richardson

Kids International Development Society

Adrianne Dartnall and **Rick Lennert** are the co-founders of the Kids International Development Society (K.I.D.S.) This remarkable couple have expanded their society across the globe to help thousands of children, but it all started with every parent's worst nightmare, the loss of their beautiful and intelligent daughter Danielle. At only 21, Danielle was killed by a drunk driver in the year 2000. After the shock of this event, this couple chose to devote their lives to help others.

Their mission is to "create better futures for children in developing countries". They traveled to Cambodia,



Adrianne Dartnall and Rick Lennert

where they saw the widespread and lingering impact of the regime of the Khmer Rouge. For the last 16 years, the couple has spent approximately 4 months a year in Cambodia, enabling them to personally oversee the society's improvement projects, and the distribution of funds.

The Society has made several education initiatives, such as building large and solid school buildings, and putting books in the school library. Other education-related initiatives include things like a solar lamp program, a bicycle program for travel to and from school, rebuilding a floating school in a rural area, and even a computer program.

Another family support initiative has been to support the Stung Treng Kindergarten and Women's Development Center, which provides not only job and personal training for women, but childcare as well. The women of this center create beautiful scarves, known as the Mekong Blue scarf, and which are now sold in various outlets online and in North America.

A special project is the Society's Girls Home, run by a woman named Yvette. Yvette lost her husband and children, and eventually her entire family, to the Khmer Rouge regime. She now cares for 13 orphaned or abandoned girls in a warm and loving atmosphere. She has also been trained by the UN as a social worker, and continues her work in a larger home, all with the support of K.I.D.S.

Water is a cornerstone of the Society's work. They have developed and executed several "water towers" and dispensing facilities, which support entire villages. Often built in conjunction with schools, these towers pump, store and filter water to a series of taps usable by the community. These towers use modern filtration



Adrienne and Rick presented a powerful Powerpoint presentation

systems just like those in North America, and replace ancient systems of water collection that often led to waterborne diseases that could kill if left untreated in these rural areas.

The villages maintain these systems themselves, which means that they are sustainable and can run almost indefinitely. The cost to complete a tower is as little as \$7500 USD - including the cost of drilling the well - which is (excuse the pun) a drop in the bucket compared to many comparable systems built here in Canada.

All of the projects completed by the Society work to hire 99% local Cambodian labour. The Society has a 4% - 5% administration

overhead, and almost everything else goes back to infrastructure and support.

A most moving talk by one of the most impactful speakers that this reporter



Henry Jiang thanked the speakers
has yet to hear at a Rotary meeting.

DATES TO REMEMBER

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

Attendance

Attendance for Sept 8th was ??%.

Birthdays, Anniversaries

Birthdays:

Barootes, Brent Sept 19

Anniversaries

McIver, Carey
Kirby, Annabel Sept 16 11 years

Anderson, Douglas
Grice, Brenda Sept 20 20 years

Salem, John
Salem, Diane Sept 20 43 years

Club Anniversary

Wilson, Bob Sept 16 23 years

WEEKLY CLUB PROGRAMS & MEMBER DUTIES

Meeting Date	September 15, 2017	September 22, 2017	September 29, 2017
Greeters	Dave Connolly, Carlene Shaw, Egon Holzwarth	Janeane Coutu, Frank Shoemaker, Bob Janes	Doug Cowling, Al Smith, Moira Jenkins
Cashier	Mike Minhas	Mike Minhas	Mike Minhas
Sgt at Arms	Dave Hammond	John Heisterman	Brent Barootes
Inspiration	John Woychuk	Wahid Ali	Doug Anderson
Head Table	Pres. Jane, Douglas Anderson, Joan Ryan	Charles Ramos, Brent Barootes, Karen Fry, Bob Janes	Pres. Jane, Lynne Pankratz, Brent Barootes
Intro Guests	Peggy Richardson	Guenter Raedler	Charles Ramos
Intro Speaker	Douglas Anderson	Kathy Smith	Pres. Jane
Program	Rotary Videos - Introduction of Exchange Students	My journey as a female fire-fighter - Karen Fry	Lynne Pankratz Budget Discussion
Thank Speaker	Joan Ryan	Laurie Bienert	Pres. Jane