

ROTARY CLUB OF NANAIMO

“COGS”

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4,741st Meeting

Friday, September 16, 2016

Rotary Club of Nanaimo Budget - Club 2016/17		
Revenue Sources	Service Est to June	Budget 2016/17
Book Sale	\$ 142,410	\$ 140,000
Funds Distributed out of Service		
Book sale expenses		
Youth	5,475	6,000
Community grants	2,410	8,300
Donations outside of budgeted amounts	30,187	30,000
International	55,000	50,000
Seniors	25,053	27,500
Community projects	60	300
Centennial	500	5,000
Book sale grants	30,000	30,000
	22,000	22,200
	\$ 170,685	\$ 179,300
Net Funds Generated		
	\$ (28,275)	\$ (39,300)
Total income	142,410	140,000
Total expenditures	(170,685)	(179,300)
Net funds generated	\$ (28,275)	\$ (39,300)
Opening Equity	103,920	75,645
Closing Equity	\$ 75,645	\$ 36,345

Treasurer Lynne Pankratz explains the club's financial status. —Photos by Ian Williams

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

CLUB OFFICERS 2016-2017

President ----- Debbie Narver
Vice President ----- Carey McIver
Secretary ----- Bob Janes
Treasurer ----- Lynne Pankratz
President Elect ----- Jane Currie
Immediate Past President ----- Lila Tanner



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May 1, 1920 - Charter Number 43**

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Meeting Notes from September 9th, 2016

By Jane K. Currie

Yvan Gosselin presented invocation and **Lucie Gosselin** then called for visiting Rotarians and guests. **Joyce Smith** introduced **Jason Breuker** who has come as a guest previously and is interested in our club.



Jason Breuker

Announcements:

Ian Williams asked for 100% participation from members in volunteering at the upcoming Book Sale. Members can signup on the club website for a variety of positions. Rotary "friends" can also volunteer and signup on our website, but only for tables positions.



Lucie Gosselin read excerpts from a letter from our exchange student in Italy. It was a very positive note – "super busy", "fantastic", "pasta every day and pizza every other day – living the dream!" "Italian language skills improving", "school starting Sept. 15". The letter ended with "Thank you so much, my appreciation for Rotary grows stronger every day."

Man Chaijit, our student from Thailand, is living with the **Charles Ramos** family till Christmas. We need to confirm the next host family and ask members to please consider this opportunity to provide a host home for our young student. Man attends the Wellington school.



Janeane Coutu showed the new book sale signs produced by **Bruce Gordon** and printed by **Bob Janes**. Members are asked to take copies to help distribute and display these in our area. Janeane also needs a volunteer with a strong back and big truck to help pick up 30 boxes of

books from a local donor.

Sgt-at-Arms Report

Bruce Samson conducted Sergeant-At-Arms duties, assisted by **Doug Cowling** who acted as the money-man.



Joyce paid because she was sad to miss last week's meeting, and Douglas was happy for a recent ferry ride!



John Heisterman was happy he survived the previous week's fines; **Susan Gerrand** was delighted to have met her new granddaughter in Prince George, a very happy little girl; **Susie Stephens** was happy that her daughter had a beautiful wedding at Neck Point and thanks to social media, the photos were all online very quickly; **Joyce Smith** was sad that she had missed coming to Rotary last week with her invited guest Jason; **Douglas Anderson** was happy for a nice ferry ride with his cousin to go for lunch in Vancouver; **Norm Myden** was both happy and sad for an 8th birthday in his family as well as an 80th birthday that was coming up soon; **Kathy Smith** was happy to wish for the best for athletes competing in the Paralympics.

Club Draws

Janeane Coutu won the table stakes and **Carmon Henderson** nearly won the 50-50 draw.



Susie Stephens was happy about her daughter's Neck Point wedding.



Club Budget Report

By Kathy Smith



Our Rotary Club Treasurer, **Lynn Pankratz**, presented the budget for our club for the year. This budget has been approved by the board and was being presented for information.

The expenses this year are higher than last. One change is that RI dues and District dues fluctuate annually based on the US dollar. The other change was an additional line this year of \$1500 for Public Relations. This is for generic PR not book sale advertising. The final budget for Club expenses shows a small positive budget.

The Service budget is prepared based on projected sales from the book sale. Some items are contingent on how the book sale goes but have been pencilled in. Each year, \$30,000 is being set aside for the Centennial Project. The total after this year's contribution will be \$150,000 with a goal of reaching \$300,000 by the year of the Centennial.

Lynn cautioned the club to be careful when committing to large projects as our surplus is less than in previous years. There was some discussion on investing the funds that we have into 60-90 day short-term investments but with interest rates so low, it may not be worth it.

Any members wanting a personal copy of the budget would need to speak to Lynn or a Board member.

Guatemala Literacy Project

Norm Myden spoke on behalf of the International Service



Committee. We have six club members who are very active on this committee, which works closely with the other clubs in Nanaimo and with the Mid Island International Service group (23 clubs north of Victoria).

Our club allocates \$27,500 towards the International Service commitment, which is about 20% of the club service budget. Last year there were 16 different donations made to programs in Africa, South America, Mexico, Disaster Relief, Sleeping Children around the World, Mercy Ships, etc. By working together with other clubs, we are able to leverage our money and do more great work around the world. Many of the projects are open to any club member who wishes to volunteer.

Some of the projects include: a Guatemala water project done jointly with a club in Calgary; Project Amigo in Mexico where **Ross White** has volunteered before; The School Projects in La Panita, Mexico where the local Rotary club is made up of ½ locals and ½ snowbirds who work with their home clubs to provide funds for projects; the ongoing work in Ghana that our club has been involved with for years. Local Rotarian, **Bev Hilton**, has been working on a large project to provide Blood Fridges in Ghana and is working on a plan that would involve obtaining Canadian Government funds to blend with our local Rotary contributions.

Two weeks ago, Norm brought forward a Notice of Motion regarding the contribution of \$1000 to the Guatemala Literacy project. This 19-year-old project has seen over 500 Rotary clubs support it over the years. Currently, there are 130 clubs and 20 districts working on the project, which was able to get \$450,000 in Rotary Global Grant funds. There is a non-profit group called Co-operative for Education, which picks up the costs for any administration, which allows 100% of the Rotary funds to be used for the tools, training and scholarships for this hugely successful

literacy project.

To stop the cycle of poverty, the communities' need the tools to educate the youth for 12 years – this includes books, computers and other resources for the schools. A sustainable

plan has been put in place whereby the communities pay a "rental" fee for the supplies. After five years of collecting rental fees, the supplies are paid for and if new supplies are needed it can be done without huge deficits. The communities also take ownership in the care of the computers and school supplies, as they have had to pay to use them. To date, there are 179 communities involved and generational literacy is becoming a thing of the past. For more information, please visit www.guatemalaliteracyproject.org



Notice of Motion: That the International Service Committee contribute \$1000 US to the Guatemala Literacy Project. The motion was carried unanimously.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Oct 1st—Foundation/Grant Management Seminar, Nanaimo

Oct 14th to 23—Rotary Book Sale at Nanaimo North Town Centre
Many hands needed to work the sale—more info to come.

November 24th—Nanaimo Theatre Night, program to be announced

Dec 11th—Family Christmas Breakfast

December 15th—Rotary Christmas Dinner

May 4, 5, 6, 2017—Spirit of Rotary DTA & Conference, Suquamish, WA. More details at www.rotary5020.org

If you have any Rotary event you would like to advertise, contact your COGS committee member

ATTENDANCE

By Bob Janes

Attendance for September 9th was **57%**

We missed the following Rotarians:

W. Anderson, Barootes, Blinston, Fenty, Hais, Jiang, King, Knutsson, Lewis, McIver, Parsons, Patrick, Raedler, Ramos, Ross, Ryan, Salem, Shilla-beer, A. Smith, Tessier, Wilson, Woodward, Woy-chuk, Zhang

Guests: Jason Breuker

Makeups: A. Smith, D. Anderson, S. Stephens, B. Grice

Birthdays:

Brent Barootes, Sept. 19th

Wedding Anniversaries:

Carey McIver & Annabel Kirby, 10 years, Sept. 16

Brenda Grice & Douglas Anderson, 19 yrs, Sept. 20th

John & Diane Salem, 42 years on September 20th

Club Anniversaries:

Bob Wilson, 22 years on September 16th

Ironman triathlete Minda Dentler challenges world to end polio



Minda Dentler becomes the first woman hand cyclist to complete the 2.4-mile swim, 112-mile cycle, and 26.2-mile marathon of the Ironman World Championship in Kailua-Kona, Hawaii, USA.

I was born in 1978 in Mumbai to a domestic worker and single mother. At six months old, I was paralyzed from the hips down by polio. The chances of surviving in India until your 18th birthday with a disability are very slim. My mother was unable to care for me and left me at an orphanage. I don't remember much about my time there because I was so young, but I know the conditions were primitive. I had no real hope that my life would become anything of note or that I would have the opportunity to be independent and overcome the burden of a very preventable disease..

[Read this incredible story at rotary.org](http://rotary.org)

WEEKLY CLUB PROGRAMS & MEMBER DUTIES

MEETING DATE	September 16th	September 23rd	September 30th
GREETERS	Mikel Knutsson, Susan Gerrand, Susie Stephens	Bruce Gordon, Brent Stetar, Fay Laing	Lucie Gosselin, Moe Lessan, Denise Wittkofski
CASHIER	Ed Borisenko	Ed Borisenko	Egon Holzwarth
SGT-AT-ARMS	Wayne Anderson	Dave Hammond	Wahid Ali
INVOCATION	Douglas Anderson	Wayne Anderson	Brent Barootes
HEAD TABLE	Pres Debbie, Jason Harrison, Kiersten Stewart, Brent Barootes, Mikel Knutsson, Susie Stephens, Egon Holzwarth	VP Carey McIver, John Woychuk, Denise Wittkofski, Behzad Forghani Targhi, Brent Stetar, Fay Laing	PP Lila Tanner, Paul Sadler, Wayne Anderson, John Shillabeer, Lucie, Moe and Denise
INTRO GUESTS	Charles Ramos	Ellen Ross	Joan Ryan
INTRO SPEAKER	Brent Stetar	Lila Tanner	Wayne Anderson
PROGRAM	Mental Health Mid-Is Services Jason Harrison, Kiersten Stewart	CLASSIFICATION TALKS John Woychuk, Denise Wittkofski And Behzad Forghani Targhi	HARMAC: A Successful Comeback Paul Sadler
THANK SPEAKER	Ellen Ross		Henry Jiang