

ROTARY CLUB OF NANAIMO

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Beating the heat in Nanaimo's record breaking temperature last Friday, these youngsters enjoy the cool water at Swy-a-Lana Lagoon in downtown's Maffeo Sutton Park. —Photos by Bruce Gordon

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

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Meeting Notes from August 26th, 2016

By Kathy Smith

We all enjoy starting the meeting watching the lovely pictures from across Canada while we sing the national anthem. This was followed by invocation by **Bob Janes** who reminded us how fortunate we are to be able to serve others through Rotary.

Bob Patrick was busy with introduction of guests. **Charles Ramos'** wife, **Sari Saunders**, introduced our youth exchange student – **Man Chaijit** from Thailand. Sari encouraged all of us to spend time doing things with Man and to help welcome him to our country. He will be living with Sari and Charles until Christmas.

We also had **Ian Thorpe**, a City Councillor and member of the North Club, and **Melina Snyder** from the Lantzville Club joining our luncheon meeting today. Other guests included **Brent Barootes** daughter **Brooklyn** who is almost like a regular club member!



President Debbie announced upcoming birthdays and anniversaries. While doing this, both Debbie and Frank reminded us that members are encouraged to donate \$26.50 on their birthday in recognition of the centennial of the Rotary Foundation.

This birthday challenge began in July with **Ross White**.

Announcements:

Norm Myden had a Notice of Motion. The World Community Service Committee is proposing that the club donate \$1000 to the Guatemala project. This large and successful project is supported by 131 clubs in 20 districts and had made great strides in improving Literacy.

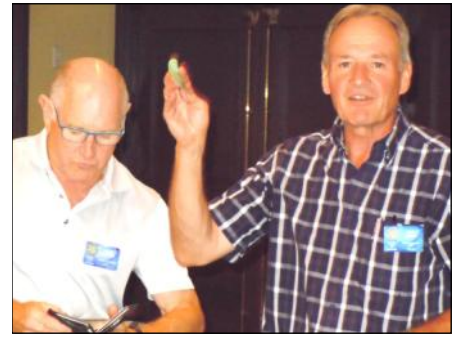
Sgt-at-Arms Report:

Dave Hammond did a great job filling in for **John Heisterman** who was AOL, and was assisted by **Bob Patrick**. Dave started by saying that you don't really need to have much prepared prior to the meeting as things just seem to pop up as the meeting starts.



He was happy to see the two City Councillors at the meeting, as he wants to know why no one seems to be fixing the

potholes on his street! Dave then had several fines for **Bob Janes** – who recently got married and was fortunate that some of the members did not crash his wedding; he was then fined for taking off to Mexico on his honeymoon and coming back looking so tanned and relaxed; and then the fines continued to grow as Bob won the longest drive contest at men's night golfing. All in all Bob was welcomed back and congratulated! Dave also noted that Brooklyn and Brent were still eating and wanted Brooklyn to know that dad took two plates of food.



Frank Shoemaker had recently travelled to Newfoundland and wanted Dave to know that potholes there were so bad that his wife graded them!!! Many had been painted over twice and obviously repairs were not a top

priority. If Nanaimo is to follow Newfoundland's example, Dave should not hold his breath.

Jane Currie noted that working part time at Staples has been very busy with back to school shoppers. She also wanted to encourage all to contribute to *Stock the Lockers* – a fundraiser for the Nanaimo Ladysmith Schools Foundation. **Joan Ryan** was happy that she had just had some young cousins from Australia visiting. **Ian Thorpe** was very happy to be visiting our club and invited us all to come to a North meeting at the golf club. **Art Vanidour** wanted to inform us that a niece is going through severe empty nest syndrome! She had quadruplets and they are all leaving to go to university at the same time!!! YIKES!!!



Wendy Pratt was happy that she won at bridge the other night – even if it was for low score. She also let us know that she will be away for a couple of weeks caring for a friend who has just had a second liver transplant and all is going well this time. We are lucky to live in a country where transplants are possible. **Kathy S.** was happy that they have had two sets of Arizona friends come visit – the first were from Kingston and the second from Missouri. **Peggy Lake**, our speaker, was grateful to be back at our club again.

Club Draws:

Ian Thorpe won the table stakes and **Brent Barootes** allowed his daughter to do the card draw. The pot continues to grow and Club Treasurer Lynne Pankratz reports it is now over \$350.00 for the lucky 50-50 winner.

Harewood Skatepark Project

By Joyce Smith

Wendy Pratt introduced the speakers-- **Peggy Lake**, an Executive Member of Harewood Neighbourhood Association and **Chris Leigh**, from Nanaimo Skateboard Association who both spoke about the proposed Harewood Skate and BMX Park.



Prior to their speech, Peggy had distributed a hand out package to all the members which included the outline of the project-- to create a Skate and BMX Park in the South of the City. Peggy's involvement has been over 15 years trying to make the dream a reality. The conceptual design and the budget for construction were also included in the package.

They have achieved quite a bit of progress since they last spoke to our Rotary club. They have met with the council twice and the design of the park and budget have been completed. The intention is that the Skate Park would form part of the improvements to the Harewood Centennial Parks project spearheaded by Parks and Recreation Commission members on behalf of City Council. The improvements to the park may include covered multi-purpose playing fields, the skate park and mountain bike trail. The current park is situated adjacent John Barsby High School and its facilities.

At this point, Peggy and Chris are beginning the process of raising awareness in the community of the project and starting the fundraising process. **Wendy Pratt** mentioned that at two cities that she visited recently she saw skate parks at both cities and noticed how it became a gathering place for families. Peggy addressed the issue of having unsavory people at skate parks and mentioned that skaters police their own park. Several other members spoke about skate parks being a place where families gather. There is no skate park at the south end of the city all current skate parks are at the north end.

It is anticipated that the total cost of construction for the park will be \$628,000 but that it can be built in two phases,

however if the phases are built at the same time there will be a savings of approximately \$20,000.

Peggy said that she anticipated that it will take two years before they will have enough money to build and construction will take 4 to 5 months.

Ian Thorpe, Councilor, spoke in favor of the project and explained how this would be integrated with the City Plans for improvement of the Harewood Project. Skate parks can be used by skate boards and BMX bikes. Skate parks have a very high initial cost but little maintenance cost. Chris mentioned how Hastings Skateboard park in Vancouver attracted professional skaters recently and that their association is holding events throughout the year to help raise funds for the park. Fundraising is expected to come from Skate



Boarding events, grants, service clubs and corporate sponsors.

Although they have not set a budget for fund raising, **Doug Cowling** who thanked the speakers said in a similar project he was involved in they were expected to raise 1/3 of the contributions as part of the total overall fundraising.

ATTENDANCE

by Bob Janes

Attendance for August 26th was **36%**

We missed Rotarians:

D. Anderson, W. Anderson, Blinston, Coutu, Fenty, Forghani Targhi, Gerrand, L & Y Gosselin, Grice, Hais, Heisterman, Henderson, Jiang, King, Knutsson, Lessan, Lewis, Parsons, Raedler, Ramos, Ross, Salem, Samson, A. Smith, Stephens, Stetar, Tessier, Williams, Wilson, Wittkofski, Woychuk, Zhang

Visiting Rotarians:

Melina Snyder, and Ian

Thorpe

Guests:

Brooklyn Barootes, Chris Leigh, Peggy Lake, Sari Saunders and Man Chaijit

Makeups:

A. Smith, Joan Ryan

Birthdays:

Gunter Raedler, Sept 6th

Spouse Birthdays:

Iris Borisenko [Ed] Sept 2
Pam White [Ross] Sept 6th
Chris Stephens [Susie] on September 7th

Wedding Anniversaries:

Ed & Iris Borisenko, 61 years on September 2nd
Bruce & Barbara Gordon, 28 years on September 3rd
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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

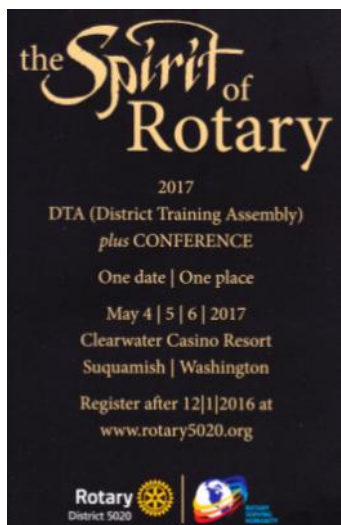
December 15th—Rotary Christmas Dinner

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

Rotary donates to Hospice

Dave Connolly presented a check for \$1000 to Judi Wilson-Storey of Nanaimo Hospice to assist with expenses for Margaret Murphy and Wendy Potter to travel to Montreal Oct. 21, 2016 to present their story/theatre piece; "Cicily—The Life and Work of Dame Cicily Saunders" at the International Conference on Palliative Care. Dame Saunders is the founder of the modern hospice movement.



WEEKLY CLUB PROGRAMS & MEMBER DUTIES

MEETING DATE	September 2nd	September 9th	September 16th
GREETERS	Jane Currie, Joyce Smith, Henry Jiang	Kathy Smith, Bob Fenty, Denise Wittkofski	Mikel Knutsson, Susan Gerrand, Susie Stephens
CASHIER	Ed Borisenko	Ed Borisenko	Ed Borisenko
SGT-AT-ARMS	Brent Barootes	Bruce Samson	Wayne Anderson
INVOCATION	Douglas Anderson	Wahid Ali	Douglas Anderson
HEAD TABLE	Pres Debbie, Tammie Myles, Grace Nielsen, Wendy Pratt, Guenter Raedler, Currie, J. Smith, Jiang	Pres Debbie, Lynne Pankratz, Norm Myden, Susie Stephens, Kathy Smith, Bob Fenty, Denise Wittkofski	Pres Debbie, speaker, Brent Barootes, Mikel Knutsson, Susie Stephens, Egon Holzwarth
INTRO GUESTS	Wendy Pratt	Guenter Raedler	Charles Ramos
INTRO SPEAKER	Wendy Pratt	President Debbie	—
PROGRAM	TILlicum VILLAGE <i>Tammie Myles & Grace Nielsen</i>	CLUB FINANCIAL / GUATEMALA <i>Lynne Pankratz / Norm Myden</i>	t b a —
THANK SPEAKER	Brent Barootes	Charles Ramos	—