

ROTARY CLUB OF NANAIMO

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Friday, September 21, 2018

ROTARY GIANT BOOK SALE OCTOBER 12 - 21, 2018



Gary Epp (centre) presents cheque from The Rotary Club of Nanaimo to Carlos Rendon (left), treasurer of the LaPenita Rotary Club and Octaviano Figueroa (right) acting President for their All Schools Project. See back page.

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

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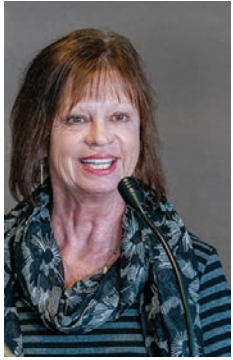
Campbell River Daybreak Rotary Club of Nanaimo

Rotary Meeting Notes Sept 14, 2018

By Debbie Narver

President Charles called to order our 4830th meeting. **Jason Bradley** provided the inspiration. **Dave Hammond** called for introduction of guests and visiting Rotarians. **Scott Wisdahl** from Ft. St. John Rotary Club introduced himself. **Jason Bradley** introduced youth exchange student **Dorien Abbekerk**. **Wendy Pratt** introduced **Patty Pigott**, whom is interested in Rotary. **Al Smith** introduced **Samantha Lefourneau** of Literacy Nanaimo. **Kathy Smith** introduced **Donna Klockers**. And **Joyce Smith** introduced her guests **Henri and Joseanne Flock** from France.

Announcements:



Denise Wittofski reminded Rotarians of upcoming events:

- Happy Happy Hour Oct 15
- RESP registration event Sept 22 (10 am to 2 pm at Fairview School)

Ross White gave notice of motion on behalf of the International Service Committee:

- \$2000 for Project Amigo
- \$2200 for Tembo Water Project



Janeane Coutu encouraged Rotarians to sign up for book sale, and thanked those that have already signed up. Should you need to make changes once you have signed up, please email **Ian Williams** as soon as possible.

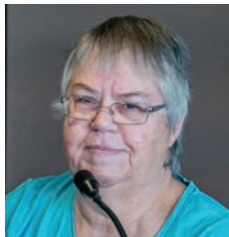
President Charles announced the tree planting and pizza party on Sun Sept 23 at 1 pm.

Sargent at Arms

Joan Ryan, assisted by **Lila Tanner**, collected several fines:

- **Joyce Smith** for her phone ringing
- **Jason Bradley** for allegedly exaggerating a situation
- **Wendy Pratt** for cutting in front of **Joan** in the food line
- **Bob Janes** for swaggering in late

Joan conducted a round of trivia about Rotary. While there was some unruliness and premature shouting of answers from the usual culprits, the group did rather well on answering questions.



Happy bucks:

Doug Wortley was happy to have grants approved for some important projects



Jason Bradley



Dorien Abbekerk

Jason Bradley was happy to have attended the International Youth Exchange Conference, and recognized Dorien and other students for their leadership.



Kathy Smith Janeane Coutu

Janeane was ... happy??. that her youngest daughter turned 20

Ester was grateful to have visited her Grandma, and managed to escape Calgary before it snowed

Sean was happy to have completed the RBC bike challenge, a gruelling 9 ½ hours on the bike!

Wendy was happy to have Patty here, and about soon going to visit her grandkids

Dave Hammond gave a hello from Zorka Horman, whom he visited recently

Ross was glad to be back from 2 great cruises, and happy that Pam wasn't slowed down by her injured ankle

Joan thanked those that donated wine for the polio event, and Egon for returning her lost pin

Tickets:

Bob Janes won table stakes

Debbie Narver won the card draw, but no ace of spades!

Programme Notes for Friday 14 September 2018 Literacy Projects by Donna Klockers

Reported by John Shillabeer

Kathy Smith introduced today's speaker. **Donna** is a retired teacher from School District 68 and before that was a speech therapist. Donna has published several books for small children and now volunteers extensively to promote reading and literacy among local First Nations preschoolers. Donna is well known at our book sales for collecting at least a buggy full of kid's books at every sale.



Donna began by acknowledging that we are living and meeting on the traditional territory of First Nations people. Today's talk was about her current professional learning project to develop early language literacy with family support among First Nations people centred on the Uy'qwalawun Child-care Centre. Donna said that the project is enthusiastically supported by the elders and parents.

A key element of the approach is that from the outset the children are surrounded by books and stories and are exposed to at least three stories a day. The project strives to be culturally appropriate and for example features many local forest animals. The children are encouraged to make the animals sounds as they play and experience the stories. Donna has organised innumerable book bags: a plastic bag with a several children's books (often from Rotary) and a stuffed toy. The idea is to have books and stories everywhere all the time. There are also story baskets containing artifacts of the story as well as the book to help the children tell the story. Donna has developed story walks too: pages of a story are posted along a forest path. This helps to get the kids outdoors experiencing the natural environment at the same time they are improving their language skills. Throughout the project the idea is to get the children into conversation among themselves and with adults. They have a device called rhyme time conversation which has become a regular feature where the child is encouraged to say something and an adult responds, then the child says something and again the adult responds. Books are a foundation for these conversations.

The idea is to celebrate every child's learning spirit through:

- Feeding the language
- Reading together
- Singing together
- Following the lead of the kids in play
- Removing the batteries (from the toys) and just being with the little ones
- Playing together
- Going outside

The project Donna described is aimed at closing the achievement gap between First Nations and other children. Little children need lots of stimuli through stories and conversation with adults to enhance their chances of



academic success. Research has shown that compared to the general population, exceptionally advanced children are exposed to many more books at home before they are of school age. Donna's project aims to expose the children to three stories a day and at least a thousand books by age five.

Ross White thanked the speaker and praised her for her with her enthusiasm and dedication. original ideas and integrating the intellectual, emotional, spiritual and physical components of the program. He noted that literacy must start early and all kids need reading encouragement. Donna is doing her best to see they receive it.



New Member Proposal

Unless written objection is received by the Secretary within the mandatory seven [7] days, the following applicant will be invited to join the Rotary Club of Nanaimo:

Name: Umesh Lal

Position: Fire Prevention Officer

Company: Nanaimo Fire Rescue

Proposed by: Jason Bradley

Rotary Club of Nanaimo Supports

All Schools Project

Once again thank you and your fellow Rotarians of the Nanaimo Rotary Club for your ongoing support of the La Penita Rotary's Club All Schools Project.

As I mentioned to you on the phone your club has been recognized with a plaque on the Angel Quintero Dominguez primary school (Los Alaya) and one on the primary school called Jose Maria Morelos in Lima de Abajo. In Lima de Abajo your funds were used mostly for the electrical fans and the installation by a qualified electrician.

John Spry - Campbell River



Note for Club Members:

The process of bringing a new member into our club is outlined in the document posted on our web site:

[NEW MEMBER PROCESS Aug27, 2018](#)

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Member Birthdays

Shaw, Carlene Sep 27

Wilson, Bob Sep 27

Spouse Birthdays

None

Anniversaries

Jane and John Currie, Sep 25 42 yrs

Club Anniversary

Heisterman, John Sep 29 23 yrs

DATES TO REMEMBER

September 20: Fireside Chat, Joan Ryan's house; 6-8 pm

Sept. 23: Tree Planting, Pizza party, Beban Park

October 4th: Five Club Meeting at VIU.

October 15: Happy Happy Hour, Coach and Horses; 5-7pm

Oct. 12 - 21: Rotary Book Sale, North Nanaimo Town Centre during Mall hours.

WEEKLY CLUB PROGRAMS AND MEMBER DUTIES

Meeting Date	September 21 2018	September 28 2018	October 5 2018
Greeters	Susie Stephens, Joyce Smith	Wahid Ali, Moe Lessan	
Cashier	Wendy Pratt	Wendy Pratt	Egon Holzwarth
Sgt at Arms	Yvan Gosselin	Dave Hammond	
Inspiration	Denise Wittkofski	Lila Tanner	
Head Table	Pres. Charles, Directors	Pres. Charles, Douglas Anderson, Brenda Grice, Lucie Gosselin	Pres. Charles, Sean Martin, Esther Robson, Rebecca Taylor
Intro Guests	Janeane Coutu	John Shillabeer	
Intro Speaker	-	Lucie Gosselin	
Program	Club Assembly - Pres. Charles	Journey to sketch India Douglas and Brenda	Member talks - Sean Martin, Esther Robson, Rebecca Taylor
Thank Speaker	-	Charles Ramos	Charles Ramos
Meeting Notes	Denise Wittkofski	Mike Herold	
Program Notes	Brent Barootes	Wayne Anderson	
COGS prodution	Ian Williams	Ian Williams	Ian Williams

This weeks photography by Doug Wortley