

# ROTARY CLUB OF NANAIMO

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Friday, September 22, 2017



The colours of Fall are showing in Neck Point Park as we approach the  
Fall Equinox on Friday, September 22, 1:02 P.M. PDT

photo taken Sept. 20, 2017

Club Meeting Friday at 12:00 p.m.  
at the Coast Bastion Inn  
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## MEETING NOTES FOR SEPTEMBER 15, 2017

By Charles Ramos

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

**Charles Ramos** delivered the inspiration.

### Visiting Rotarians and Guests

**Peggy Richardson** called for visiting Rotarians and guests, and introduced visiting Rotarian **Pat Cox** from Daybreak. Kathy Smith then introduced our three Rotary exchange students, and one guest: **Koko** from Taiwan, **Peter** from Hungary, **Beatrice** from Brazil, and guest **Jason Bradley**, whose daughter, **Grace Bradley**, is one of Nanaimo's outbound exchange students right now.



Jason Bradley

### President's Remarks

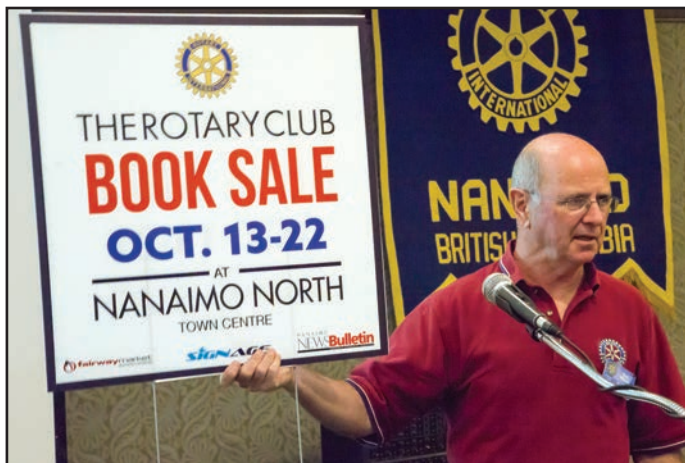
The monthly board meeting will be held at **5:30 on Tuesday, September 19** in the **Cascara Consulting Engineers** offices (#206-335 Wesley Street).

An email was received from **ADG Bev Hilton** about an upcoming Qualicum Beach Rotary club event, open to all Rotarians.

Many thanks to member **Mikel Knuttson and Thrifty Foods** for donating food to the recent youth services barbeque. Over \$3,000 was raised thanks to their generosity!

### Announcements

**Bob Janes** announced that it's time to sign up for the booksale.



**Bob Wilson** demonstrated freestanding booksale advertising signs that are available to all members.

### Health of the Club

**Yvan Gosselin** delivered that sad news that past member **Bob Peters** has passed away. Bob joined Rotary in 1981 and was an active member for 27 years.



Bob Peters

Bob was very involved in club activities and played an important role in the club for many years.

**Egon Holzwarth** missed today's meeting to bring wife Ann for a checkup. We hope all is well, Egon!

### Sergeant at Arms

**Dave Hammond** was today's Sergeant at Arms. He gave a short quiz on astrology, sports, politics and geography, then opened the floor to confessions.

**Janeane Coutu** confessed that booksale nightmares are keeping her up at night

**Brent Barootes** confessed that he has inside knowledge that **John Heisterman** has sold all his garlic (and may want to contribute a small portion of the proceeds)

**John Heisterman** confessed that he almost brought home food for the family, but missed the shot

**Lila Tanner** said she sold 10 silk scarves from last weeks' speakers

**Douglas Anderson** confessed he was grumpy with wife **Brenda** for over-browning the pie. For shame!

### Happy and Sad Bucks

**Joan Ryan** gave happy bucks for the youth exchange program

**Douglas Anderson** gave inspiration bucks

**Jane Currie** gave happy bucks for her upcoming Hawaii trip, and confused bucks as to her PhD husband's choice in booking a 5:30 am Victoria flight.

**John Heisterman** gave non-begrudging bucks. After the terrible treatment he's received from **Douglas Anderson** these last few weeks, John still sat next to, and spoke civilly to Douglas. It's rare that our club is witness to such selflessness.

**Bruce Samson** gave happy bucks that **Debbie** is back in Nanaimo

**Geoff Clay** gave happy bucks that the Florida storms seem to be over

**Henry Jiang** gave welcoming bucks to the exchange students

**Dave Hammond** was sad to hear the news of **Bob Peters** passing

**Exchange student Beatriz** won the table stakes, and **Joan Ryan** won the chance in the card draw. She



was, unfortunately, unsuccessful in locating the ace of spades.

### **Program - Exchange Students Introductions** **by Peggy Richardson**

Kathy Smith introduced our three exchange students.

Our first student, **Beatriz (Bia) Pilla** (Brazil), is from a town near Sao Paulo in Brazil. She has an older sister and younger brother, 4 dogs and 1 cat, and is currently attending Dover Bay High School here in Nanaimo. She is 17 years old.



When asked what she'd like to do this year, she found the question difficult to answer! She enjoys trying new things and wants to broaden her experiences in Canada. (Ian offered to take

the students out on the sailboat, for a different view of Nanaimo.) She says she should love to learn to ski while she's here!

**Bia** was happy to come to Canada because she is eager to learn English, and she loves cold climates, a stark contrast to her home country. She has found Nanaimo to be a beautiful city, and has heard so many good things about Canada, and found them all to be true.

Our second student is **Pin-Chen (Coco) Lee**, visiting from Taiwan. She is 15, and also attends Dover Bay High School. She has a younger sister, and a 3 year old baby brother. She is glad to have been sent to Canada, and is eager to try many Canadian experiences. She has always had a strong desire to travel and see the world.



**Coco** lives in a typical Taiwanese home, with 4 stories and little land. She speaks Mandarin, Taiwanese, and now English. (And like the other students, she speaks it remarkably well.)

Our third student is **Peter Bartok** from Hungary. He is almost 17, and attends Ellington School in

Nanaimo. He gave a hearty thank you to Rotary for the chance to come here and to Jason for hosting him. Like all Europeans, he loves his desserts, and is happy to find many other things about Canada that remind him of home - he is also very eager to try all things Canadian. He has a younger brother, aged 14, and is very involved in sports, especially hockey. He has played since he was 5 years old. He loves going to the gym here in Canada, and training with our local soccer team.

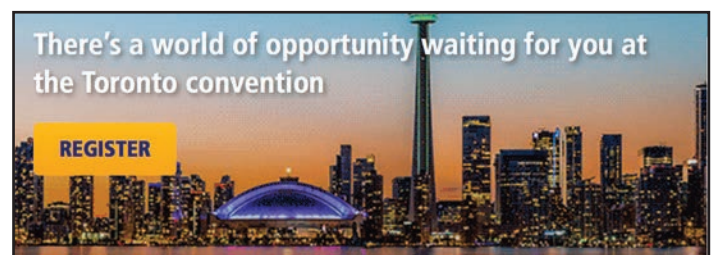


He loves skiing, and his one request was to attend a Seahawks game in Seattle while he's here. He speaks Hungarian, German, and English. He joked about learning English so well by watching TV back home in English with Hungarian subtitles. His Favourite TV show at home is a reality show, but he doesn't get much time to watch, as he's usually either in Hockey training,

sleeping, eating, or going to school. Susan made sure that before leaves, he promises to share any recipes he may know for Stroganoff.

Last weekend, all of our exchange students went to Seattle to attend our district exchange rally. We are proud to know that our district was represented by 31 students. The event appears to have been meaningful for all three students.

After the student talks **Ross White** encouraged us to attend the upcoming convention and **Douglas Anderson** showed a video promoting the next Rotary International Convention in Toronto - June 23 -27, 2018.







### **Birthdays, Anniversaries**

#### **Birthdays:**

Shaw, Carlene Sep 27  
Wilson, Bob Sep 27

#### **Anniversaries**

Tessier, Tim - Tessier, Nattalle Sep 23  
Minhas, Gagan - Minhas, Mike Sep 28  
Willis, Ron - Smith, Joyce Sep 28

#### **Club Anniversary**

Anderson, Wayne- 13 years Sep 24

**Happy, Sad and Confession Bucks provide not only great entertainment but also are a source of funds that are important to the operation of the club.**

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

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

**Oct 21** - Roses from Rotary - Qualicum Beach Club. **Order Roses now!** \$32 per dozen in red, yellow or cream. Order online - <https://www.qbsunriserotary.ca/roses2017/>

Meeting Date	September 22, 2017	September 29, 2017	October 6, 2017
Greeters	Janeane Coutu, Frank Shoemaker, Bob Janes	Doug Cowling, Al Smith, Moira Jenkins	Behzad Forghani, Henry Jiang, Mike Herold
Cashier	Mike Minhas	Mike Minhas	Lila Tanner
Sgt at Arms	John Heisterman	Brent Barootes	Bruce Samson
Inspiration	Wahid Ali	Doug Anderson	Wayne Anderson
Head Table	Charles Ramos, Brent Barootes, Karen Fry, Bob Janes	Pres. Jane, Lynne Pankratz, Brent Barootes	Pres. Jane, Tim Knight, Bruce Samson
Intro Guests	Guenter Raedler	Charles Ramos	Peggy Richardson
Intro Speaker	Kathy Smith	Pres. Jane	Doug Cowling
Program	<b>My journey as a female fire-fighter - Karen Fry</b>	<b>Lynne Pankratz Budget Discussion</b>	<b>The Scouts Movement and the Nanaimo Troop Update - Tim Knight</b>
Thank Speaker	Laurie Bienert	Pres. Jane	Bruce Samson