

# ROTARY CLUB OF NANAIMO

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Friday, September 28, 2018



Rotarian Wendy Pratt, VIU Chief Advancement Officer William Litchfield, and RBC Banking Advisor Andy Gaur assisted the Brown family with setting up Registered Education Savings Plans (RESPs) for their children. The first time September 22 event at Fairview Community School helped many low-income families in the community learn more about the Canada Learning Bond and monies available to them for their childrens' education.  
photo - Joe Wittkofski

Club Meeting Friday at 12:00 p.m.  
at the Coast Bastion Inn  
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## Meeting Notes, September 21, 2018

by Denise Wittkofski

**President Charles** called the meeting to order and all rose for the national anthem. **Denise Wittkofski** was caught off guard when asked to give the inspiration and offered a quick ad hoc one, with apologies that she was not aware of this duty.

Obviously something was amiss as the scheduled Sargent of Arms was in Italy. Members were not informed of duties, including greeters and inspiration (duties were published in COGS). **John Heisterman** was asked at the last minute to step in, so we were a bit thrown off from the start.

**Janeane Coutu** asked for any visiting Rotarians and guests:

- **John Sessions** and **Don McPherson** from Qualicum Sunrise
- No guests

**Charles** then announced that **Carlene Shaw** and **Bob Wilson** can celebrate their September 27 birthdays together, **Jane** and **John Currie** celebrate their 42 year wedding anniversary and **John Heisterman** has a 22 year anniversary with the club on September 29.

Announcements:



Janeane Coutu

- **Janeane Coutu** – reminders of upcoming book sale on October 12, posters are available to hang at businesses, gyms, etc. Sign up is still available for shifts. Hope the rain continues into October

- **Brent Barootes** – said scout popcorn from his daughter's scout troop is available; Also asked everyone to fill out the programming committee survey on the tables regarding the program to celebrate Chinese New Year

- **Joan Ryan** – announced that it is time for applicants for RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) Vancouver Island. Our club sends two young people to this event. If anyone knows of any outstanding grade nine or ten student that is worthy and would benefit from a leadership weekend, please refer to the information on the District 5020 website: <https://portal.clubrunner.ca/50092/sitepage/ryla-vancouver-island>. Here you can access the application and other important files.

- **Sean Martin** – reminded of upcoming VIU RESP sign up event on September 22 at Fairview Elementary, starting at 930am.
- **Egon –Zorka Horman** has quite a number of tulip trees (1 to 3 feet) growing on their property. If anyone would like one to please contact her.



Don McPherson

- **Don McPherson** (from Quality Sunrise Club) – announced their clubs annual rose sale is underway \$32/ dozen. Forms are available to purchase and have delivered to recipient on October 20. This is the first time they have come down to Nanaimo and approached both the Nanaimo and Lantzville clubs.

Club business:

- Rotary board made many grand sweeping decisions of which **President Charles** does not remember what they were, but more info to follow

Presentation:

- **Lila Tanner** gave a brief talk about the amazing success of humanitarian efforts by Rotary International to combat polio. 34 million children were vaccinated in 2017 and Rotary awarded \$70 million in grants. As a club we are doing our part, one Paul Harris at a time.



With great honor, Lila presented Doug Cowling with his 9<sup>th</sup> and Wendy Pratt with her 5<sup>th</sup> Paul Harris.

Fines:

**John Heisterman** stood in as Sargent of Arms and claimed it was “such an honor to be asked.”

He also inquired as to who was in charge of making badges as he noticed **Brent Barootes** did not have one and we should find out why. To which Brent replied that because the greeter did not greet him on the way in



Janeane presents Brent with his badge

and he was waiting for the greeter to give it to him. John waived the fine but other members protested. Joyce paid a fine for the greeter who did not greet Brent.

Happy Dollars:

- **Doug Cowling** – information \$2 that in the field where he works, what Brent did was called “throwing Joyce under the bus.”
- **Joyce Smith** – Happy and sad \$5: Happy bucks for the French couple visiting them and sad bucks that her BMW was hit and is now being repaired
- **John Salem** -- sad dollar for missing the summer meetings, but to let everyone know that in July 1988 he joined the Rotary of Kamloops and has now been in Rotary for 30 years. So gave \$30 for 30 years.
- **Bob Wilson** – referenced **Brent Barootes** lamest excuse he ever heard
- **John Sessions** from Qualicum Rotary -- \$2 as a fellow Sargent of Arms and that you “have a wonderful club.”
- **Susie Stephens**— couple of toonies for not standing as greeter and that her daughter’s housemother from her exchange student year in Holland is coming to visit this week, 15 years later.
- **Bob Janes** – thanks to **Bob Wilson** for picking up the books for the book sale everytime he is called.
- **David Woodward** – happy buck to **John Heisterman** as Sargent of Arms
- **Wayne Anderson** – thank you dollar for those who have been taking care of his trains, planes and automobiles books category.
- **John Heisterman** -- joined Rotary in 1974 at the Malaspina Hotel and he was the youngest member by 10 years.

- **Joan Ryan** -- \$1 to remind people that the jar for First Nations is going around.

**Rebecca Taylor** won the table stakes for the red ticket draw.

**Charles** recommended that we give **Zorka Horman** a dozen red roses from the Qualicum Beach rose fundraiser.

### Program Notes, September 21, 2018 By Joyce Smith

**President Charles** introduced the Program today which was Club Assembly. Charles liked to refer to it as a “Club Chat”. Several topics were selected, and the Club had an opportunity to express their opinion on each one of them. The topics were as follows:

1) Book Sale—there has been requests from other clubs and charities to participate in the book sale in exchange for a share of the profits. **Janeane Coutu**, Book Sale Chairperson addressed the club on the position of the Book Sale Committee. Janeane said, “yes you can participate but our book sale is 365-day event, there are people sorting books every day, not just on the 10 days of the sale, it is not appropriate for a participation of a few hours to expect to get a monetary donation back. It is not fair to the Club and the many people who put countless hours in behind the scenes. Also, sometimes people approach us to ask us to put up a display for an event or activity, this is not our decision. We are in Nanaimo North Town Centre because of the graciousness of the mall. It is their decision to accept or reject anyone who wants to put up a display or an activity.”

**Ross White** asked—“what is the relationship of Interact and Rotaract with the book sale. I noticed that they have been at two book sales selling shirts?” Janeane mentioned she is aware of this and the book sale committee got in trouble with the mall over the sale of shirts. **Brent Barootes** suggested that a club should have a policy about not allowing clubs or organizations to participate in the book sale, **Jason** made the motion to have a firm policy and **Lila Tanner** seconded it if the motion goes ahead. After some discussion it was opposed because it was too binding on the Club. **Doug Cowling** gave his legal opinion and said we should have a non-binding letter of intent but after all the discussion everyone agreed that they should not have a policy and the matter of policy is addressed in the Book Sale Handbook of general procedures.

**Ross White** asked, “what is the relationship with Altrusa who receives an honorium each year for their participation?” **Susie Stephens** suggested Altrusa should apply for a Grant through the Community Grants Committee like Interact did when they help out at the

book sale one year rather than get paid by the Book Sale directly. **Janeane** explained that the Altursa Club has to work 70 hours or more to get \$1,000 dollars and it is too late for this year, but the book sale committee can address this question in their wind-up review at the end of the book sale. It may be better to have their payment go through the Grants committee to avoid the question of double standards. Wayne Anderson gave some history on the Altrusa club and explained that when Rotary Club expanded the sale from 4 days to 10 days they could not have done without the Altrusa club. They provide 75 shifts in total and they have been involved right from the beginning.

2) Community Grants Committee—**Doug Cowling** gave a presentation on the Committee and began by thanking everyone who supported the Committee. He paused around a copy of the Donation Guidelines, Application Process, Budget Process and the Approved Budget for 2017/2018. Doug mentioned that some requests for donations get turned down, some because they are part of a large donation or fundraising campaign. He said “we are looking to support groups that have difficulty fundraising on their own. The problem is there are lots of request and we do not want to drain our funds allocated.” The grants committee are looking at supporting infrastructure and how the donation can make the organization or society more self-sufficient.

**Ian Williams** asked “how many requests for Grants are there in a year?” **Doug** replied “between 20 and 25 and another 50 that don’t meet the criteria”. The Committee meets four to five times per year, they review the grants and apply the guidelines. Doug Cowling went on to say that they are all very good cases but that they have to work within the budget. Doug Cowling mentioned that if a Rotarian knows someone who wants to make an application they should be referred to the Rotary guidelines.

3) Political candidates during election process. **Charles** mentioned that often there are political candidates that come out to the Rotary Club during the elections and he questioned what is appropriate. The club felt that it was okay to come to the meeting, be introduced and mention that they are running for a position but at no time should there be any time given for their platform. After election, it is appropriate for the club to have an elected official come and speak to the club about their job.

4) Speaker fundraising. The Club has a policy that no speaker is allowed to fund raise as part of his talk to the Club, either before, during or after. It is made quite clear to every Speaker at the time they are discussing

speaking at our club.

5) Member fundraising at the meeting—**Janeane** expressed her thoughts she said she felt it was perfectly okay. **Charles** thought as a new member that he was expected to give to every member fundraising item. **David Woodward** said the request should meet the four-way test—is it good for all. **Joan Ryan** agreed with Janeane and said the request for donations should be at announcement time during happy, sad, announcement bucks. **Brent** suggested it should be a happy \$5. **John Heisterman**, a poor senior citizen himself, said no person should have to feel obligated. Donation of money is a discretion and some people donate in different ways. He also felt that this message should be passed on to new members through the mentor program. Lastly the Club agreed to donate a dozen roses, a fundraiser of Qualicum Rotary Club, to **Zorka Horman**.

Club President proposed a toast to Rotary and the Queen and the meeting was adjourned.

#### Note for Club Members: Login required

The process of bringing a new member into our club is outlined in the document [NEW MEMBER PROCESS Aug27, 2018](#) listed in Private Documents posted on our web site:

#### BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

##### Member Birthdays

None

##### Spouse Birthdays

Minhas, Gagan - Minhas, Mike	Sep 28
Willis, Ron - Smith, Joyce	Sep 28

##### Anniversaries

Dave and Pat Connolly,	62 years	Sep 29
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##### Club Anniversary

Heisterman, John	23 years	Sep 29
Vanidour, Art	51 years	Sep 29

#### DATES TO REMEMBER

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

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

**January 24: Young Professionals of Nanaimo is having a get together at Mike Minhas' store and we are all invited.**





Rotarians helped with the sign up for *Canada Learning Bond*. Families enjoyed a fun morning/afternoon with a bouncy castle, balloon artist, and other activities along with hot dogs, hamburgers and snacks provided.

Rotarians are Action People. On Sunday, September 23 2018, 40 volunteers, including Rotarians from the 5 local Rotary Clubs, family, friends and 2 exchange students, in conjunction with Nanaimo Parks and Recreation, planted 187 trees in Beban Park.

WEEKLY CLUB PROGRAMS AND MEMBER DUTIES			
Meeting Date	September 28 2018	October 5 2018	October 12 2018
Greeters	Wahid Ali, Moe Lessan	Wayne Anderson, Lila Tanner	BOOK SALE No Meeting
Cashier	Wendy Pratt	Egon Holzwarth	
Sgt at Arms	Dave Hammond	Wahid Ali	
Inspiration	Lila Tanner	Denise Wittofski	
Head Table	Pres. Charles, Douglas Anderson, Brenda Grice, Lucie Gosselin	Pres. Charles, Sean Martin, Esther Robson, Rebecca Taylor	
Intro Guests	John Shillabeer	Mikel Knutsson	
Intro Speaker	Lucie Gosselin	President Charles	
Program	<b>Journey to sketch India Douglas and Brenda</b>	<b>Member talks - Sean Martin, Esther Robson, Rebecca Taylor</b>	
Thank Speaker	President Charles	President Charles	
Meeting Notes	Joyce Smith	Joyce Smith	
Program Notes	Wayne Anderson	Jane Currie	
COGS prodution	Ian Williams	Ian Williams	