

ROTARY BOOK SALE

COMING OCTOBER 14th to 23rd

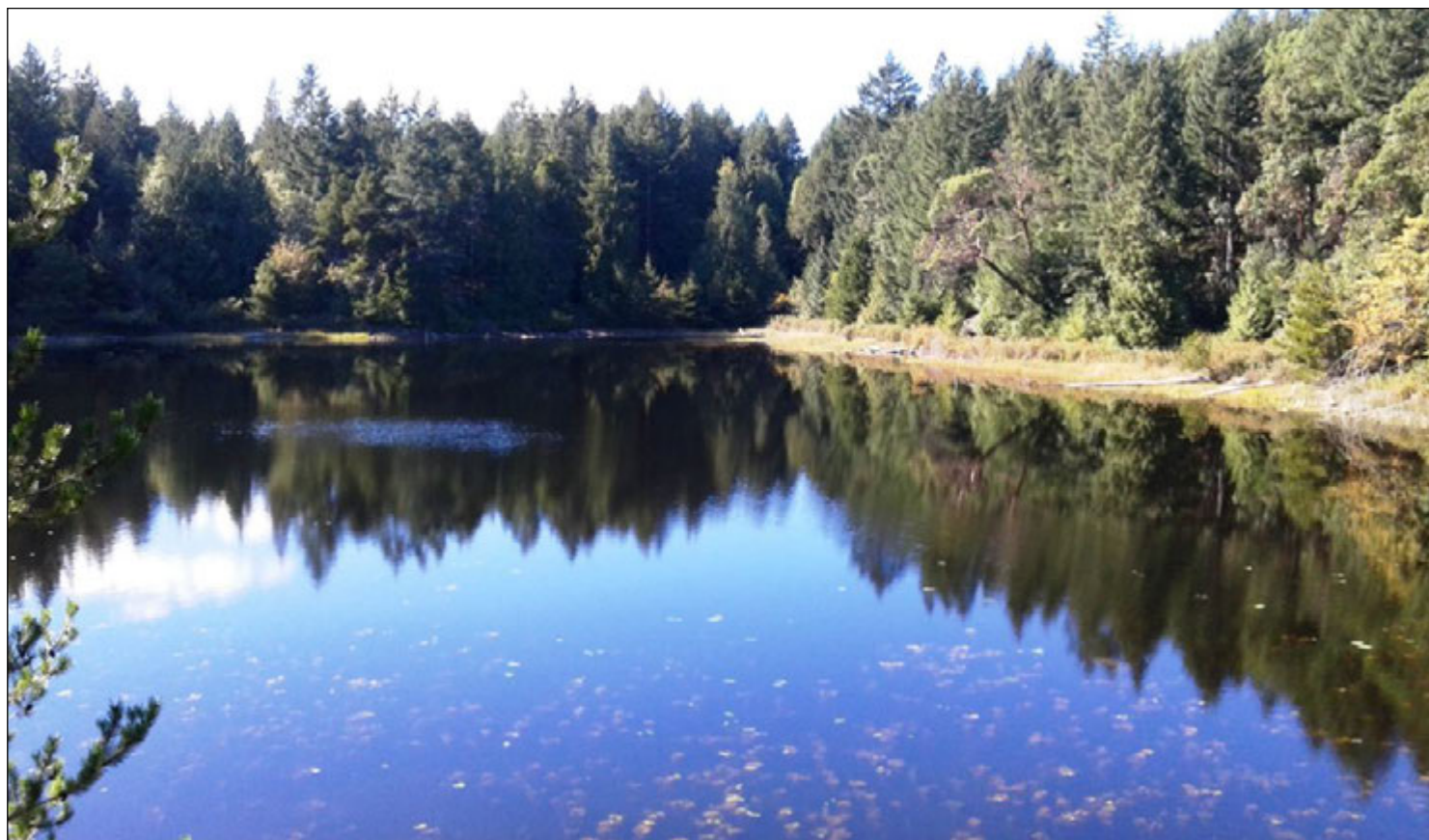
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ROTARY CLUB OF NANAIMO “C GS”

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4,743rd Meeting

Friday, September 30, 2016



Lost Lake in the centre of North Nanaimo.

Photo by Ross White

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

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Meeting Notes from September 23rd, 2016

By John Shillabeer



Vice president **Carey McIver** led the meeting and opened with the Club singing O Canada. **Wayne Anderson** followed with a thoughtful and poetic invocation.

Introductions

Ross White called for the introduction of visiting Rotarians and guests of



Rotarians. **Frank Shoemaker** introduced visiting Rotarians **Sherry Cummings** and **Doug Scripture** from South Bend, Indiana. **Ivan Gosselin** introduced **Pat Bully** from the Nelson Daybreak



Club. **Henry Jiang** introduced his guest **Jessy Zheng** (VIU MBA International Studies), **Egon Holzwarth** introduced his wife **Ann**, **Behzad Forghani Targhi** introduced his wife **Shirin** and **Ross White** introduced his guest **Jason Breuker** (IT consultant, Mosaic Ltd).

Health of the Club

Janeane Coutu reported that **Bob Fenty** is home following his cancer treatment. He is not at present feeling well enough for visits, but Janeane suggested we call or email him with good wishes.



Announcements

VP Carey announced that there will be no meeting on October 14 as it is the first day of the book sale.

Susie Stephens recommended us to consider a skin cancer forum at Port Theatre on Oct 6 from 7:00 to 8:30 pm.

Ian Williams appealed for more members and friends to sign up for book sale shifts: about 100 shifts remain vacant at this time.

Ross White thanked members for their in-kind and cash donations at this meeting to the Loaves and Fishes food drive.

Wayne Anderson announced that Literacy Central Vancouver Island (a key beneficiary of Club money) will celebrate its 25th anniversary on October 23rd at Bowen Park Auditorium. There will be a 3 course dinner, celebrity hosts, live music and a special key-note speaker. Tickets are \$75 each or \$550 per table.



Wayne also announced that the Yel-

low Point Drama Group will put on "Father's Day", a comedy, from October 6 to 22nd at Cedar Hall. Tickets (\$20 adult, \$15 youth) will be available at the door

Janeane Coutu distributed posters advertising the book sale and appealed for members to sign up to *adopt a category*. This will involve organising books within a category, not necessarily at sale time.



Notices of Motion

Frank Shoemaker gave two notices of forthcoming motions on behalf of the International Service Committee.

To donate \$US 1,000 to Project Amigo

To donate \$US 2,000 for further improvements to a school at Los Ayala in co-operation with the Rotary club of La Penita, Mexico.

Presentation

VP Carey presented a club banner to **Sherry** and **Doug** from South Bend Indiana.



Sergeant at Arms



Wahid Ali started off claiming he would fine no one, but promptly stuck **Mikel Knutsson** and **Charles Ramos** for a dollar each for talking in the meeting. He then extracted another dollar from **VP Carey** as conscience money (for future sins, perhaps?).

Wahid focused his attention on a series of housekeeping items: why do we put a dollar in the pot at each table? Why does the Sgt at Arms call around each week? Does everyone have on line access to *Club Runner* and *COGS*? Why do greeters arrive half an hour early? And do you read and use the roster to help you know new members? Having received satisfactory answers to his questions, **Wahid** moved on to:

Happy and Sad Bucks

Joan Ryan was happy to have represented the Club at a recent membership workshop in Victoria.

Yvan Gosselin was sad to be dragged off to Winnipeg by **Lucie** for a month, but happy to receive a refund from the CRA.

Henry Jiang was happy to be back from China in his other home and happy to tell us that a Rotary Club had just started in his Chinese home city.

Wayne Anderson was also happy to be home in Nanaimo after several weeks in his cottage in Manitoba. He was also happy to tell us an apparently true tale that included a human intruder, an open refrigerator, eggs, police, CBC world music and a black bear and her cubs.



Charles Ramos announced that he will be leaving Herold Engineering. We were all happy to hear that he will remain in

Nanaimo and will remain a member of the Club.

Dave Connolly was happy celebrating his 60th wedding anniversary.

Club Draws



No one claimed the table stakes.

Ian Williams was successful in drawing the ace of spades and won about \$400. Well done, Ian! *Photo of our club photographer by Janeane.*

Rotary supports Loaves & Fishes



Thanks to the many Rotarians of the club that supported the Fall Hamper Drive for Loaves and Fishes. The success of this small effort indicates a willingness to support the needy in our community. From generous Rotarians, I have \$265 in cash and several items to take to Loaves and Fishes. The groceries

I estimate to be about \$300 so we certainly demonstrated "Community Service"

Again, my thanks to those who participated. I know that these gifts will be gratefully received.

Yours in Rotary Service
Ross White

Classification Talks by New Members

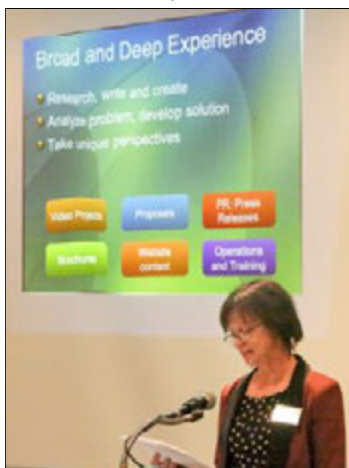
By Charles Ramos

Our presentation today included initiation talks from new members **Denise Wittkoski, Behzad Forghani Targhi, and John Woychuck**. **Lila Tanner** introduced each of the speakers, and provided a brief biography.



Denise Wittkoski spoke first and began by discussing her love for writing, which led to university education in journalism, and a career in advertising work. Denise has spent

her working career exploring many areas of advertising, with a special focus on video production. Being also an extensive traveler, her work and interests have led her on excit-



ing journeys around the world, and into journalism and advertising projects in many different areas. As a communication specialist, she regularly works for corporate, educational and non-profit groups, and she was invited to Rotary by **Lila Tanner** while working with one of her non-profit clients.

Discussing the incredible advance in technology, Denise related that when she first began, a video recording machine was the size of a table, enormously heavy, and took an entire crew to operate. In just a handful of years, this has reduced to handheld units with excellent recording capabilities.

Behzad Forghani Targhi was the next member to



speak, and he began by mentioning his appreciation for his two wonderful daughters and compassionate wife. He then apologized for his accent and lack of presentation expertise; however, it quickly became apparent that this was just for show, as he proved to be an excellent speaker.

Behzad has recently immigrated to Canada from Iran, together with his family.

His life and professional career is varied and expansive, ranging from vegetable farmer to mushroom farmer, to engineer and owner of his own firm, to project manager and finally to financial advisor with SunLife Financial in Nanaimo.

Behzad completed his engineering training in Iran and ran a firm there specializing in irrigation, reservoirs, and dam design before making his way to Nanaimo by way of Australia.

Behzad was born in Mashad, which has a population of 2.5 million. He was born just before the revolution, and has two sisters and a brother. His oldest sister is working Swe-

ATTENDANCE

By Janeane Coutu

Attendance for **Sept 23rd** was **54%**.

We missed Rotarians;

D. Anderson, Barootes, Currie, Gerrand, Grice, Hais, Hammond, Janes, Lessan, Narver, Parsons, Pratt, Raedler, Salem, Samson, A. Smith, J. Smith, K. Smith, Tessier, Woodward, Zhang

Visiting Rotarians;

Pat Dooley, Nelson Day-break

Sherry Cummings & Doug Scripture, South Bend, IN

Guests of Rotarians;

Ann Holzwarth, guest of hubby Egon

Jason Breuker, guest of Ross White

Shirin Forghani, guest of hubby Behzad

Jessy, Zheng, VIU MBA student

Make-ups;

Ali, Stetar, Borisenko, Stephens, book sorting Ryan, Oceanside

Birthdays:

John Shillabeer, Oct 1st

Lila Tanner, Oct 4th

Spouse Birthdays:

Marie King [Bill] Oct 2nd

Wedding Anniversaries:

Guenter & Rite Raedler, 50 years, Oct 1st

Club Anniversaries:

Guenter Raedler, 13 years, October 3rd



den on post-doctoral research in microbiology, his brother lives in Burnaby, and his youngest sister lives in Iran. Behzad's journey to his current position in Nanaimo involved working several jobs, completing certification for financial planning, and taking a position with SunLife. He is very happy to be a Rotarian, and hopes to make the list of "25 most successful immigrants".



John Woychuck was our final speaker. John has joined the club as part of the first corporate membership, which allows multiple people under a single membership. This one was through Vancouver Island University, and he joined along with two other staff. He spoke about his working career, and the path he's taken to achieve it. John used three themes that he feels illustrate his mindset: travel and culture, writing, and advising/coaching.

John was born and raised in Brandon, MB, and began to travel immediately after finishing high school, spending first 6 months in Mauritius, and then 6 months in Banff, before completing a B.A. at the University of Manitoba. Following his first degree, he moved to Taiwan and spent eight years teaching. John says that he thinks he can speak Chinese, but isn't completely sure, and usually with more confidence after a few drinks.

After Taiwan, John returned to Canada and completed a second degree in education with the University of Calgary. He worked a number of volunteer and paid positions, and is now teaching with VIU and managing the MBA program. He loves teaching and counselling, and finds it very fulfilling to see the light bulb when a student catches on.

The third theme of writing has always been a hobby and passion. John runs a blogging side business and is currently writing a book on careers. His goals for the future are to continue working with VIU students, finish his book, and invest his time and energy in Nanaimo.

Past president **Lila Tanner** thanked all our speakers and welcomed them to the Nanaimo Rotary Club.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Oct 1st—Foundation/Grant Management Seminar, Nanaimo

Oct 14th to 23—Rotary Book Sale at Nanaimo North Town Centre. **NO REGULAR NOON MEETING ON THAT DAY.** Many hands are 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



Visitors to our club last week were Doug Scripture and Sherry Cummings of South Bend, Indiana, USA

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: Jason Breuker

Position:
Accounts Manager

Company: MosaicIT

Proposed by:
Joyce Smith

WEEKLY CLUB PROGRAMS & MEMBER DUTIES

MEETING DATE	September 30th	October 7th	October 14th
GREETERS	Lucie Gosselin, Moe Lessan, Denise Wittkofski	Behzad Forghani Targhi, Yvan Gosselin, Derek Lewis	<div style="background-color: #007bff; color: white; text-align: center; padding: 10px;"> NO REGULAR NOON MEETING AT THE COAST ALL HANDS TO THE BOOK SALE </div>
CASHIER	Egon Holzwarth	Henry Jiang	
SGT-AT-ARMS	Wahid Ali	Dave Hammond	
INVOCATION	Joan Ryan	Barbara Blinston	
HEAD TABLE	PP Lila Tanner, Paul Sadler, Wayne Anderson, John Shillabeer, Lucie, Moe and Denise	Pres Debbie, Dr. Paul Geneau, Norm Myden, Behzad Forghani Targhi, Yvan Gosselin, Derek Lewis	
INTRO GUESTS	John Shillabeer	John Salem	
INTRO SPEAKER	Wayne Anderson	Norm Myden	
PROGRAM	HARMAC: A Successful Comeback <i>Paul Sadler</i>	Seniors Eye Health & Eye Disease <i>Dr. Paul Geneau</i>	
THANK SPEAKER	Henry Jiang	Ross White	