

# ROTARY CLUB OF NANAIMO

# “C O G S”



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Fraser Valley rainbow—photo by Darcie Vanidour-Kerkhaven

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

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## Meeting Notes from August 28th

By John Shillabeer

**President Lila** opened the meeting and called for the singing of O Canada. **Doug Cowling** then gave the invocation.

### Introductions

**Frank Shoemaker** called for guests of Rotarians and visiting Rotarians.

**John Morris** introduced his guest, **Lisa Reid**. There were no visiting Rotarians.

### Announcements

**President Lila** declared the winner of this month's Rotarian of the Month: **Bruce Gordon**.

### Motions



**Bob Fenty** proposed two motions, having previously given the required two weeks' notice:

**Bob** moved and **John Salem** seconded that the club donate \$5,000 to the **Nanaimo Child Development Centre** for the purchase of up to five laptop computers to assist children with communication issues. The motion was carried without discussion unanimously on a show of hands.

**Bob** then moved that the club donate \$3,000 to the **Janes Neighbourhood Park Association** to help make the park a child-friendly playground. **Bill King** seconded the motion which was carried unanimously on a show of hands without discussion.



**Norman Myden** proposed, having allowed two weeks to elapse since his notice of motion, that the club donate \$5,000 to help fund a **Water Harvesting Project in San Miguel Mexico**. The motion was seconded by **Carey McIver** and carried unanimously without discussion.

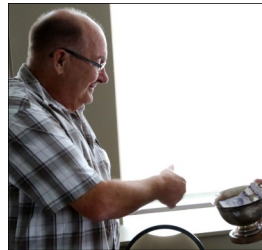
### Sergeant at Arms

**Joan Ryan** apparently had turned over a new leaf and consequently did not attempt to fine anyone. Instead she had a quiz for us about the Vancouver Island Exhibition (VIEX). The first table guessed correctly that one of the four goals of the VIEX was to promote agriculture. The second table completely missed the length of time that VIEX has been running: they thought it was about thirty-five years instead of more than one hundred. With Joan's help, the third table more or less guessed the types of things on display in the home arts building (pottery, playhouses, toys, preserves, fabric crafts). The fourth and last table did not know that children six and under are allowed in free and that seniors pay \$7. All those who failed to answer correctly paid a dollar, collected by **Mike Herold**.



### Happy and Sad Bucks

**Ellen Ross** was happy and hopeful that she would hear about a new job at VIU. She was also happy to have learned via **COGS** that her husband Don had done a good job repairing **Doug Cowling's** broken tooth recently.



**Yvan Gosselin** was very happy that his new house was almost ready to move in; that his old house was freshly painted by **Chris Coutu**—husband of Janeane—and ready to go on sale next week. The other part of his Happy \$10 went to announce that he and Lucie have a

new granddaughter.

Having been asleep at the switch and missed the opportunity to make his announcement earlier, your faithful scribe, was happy to remind members of the imminent book sale committee meeting following today's meeting.

**Sgt-at-Arms Joan** was happy that the *Lifeline Volunteers* had a successful celebration at her home the previous evening.

**Janeane Coutu** was both happy and sad that her son Matthew had decided to continue working at the Banff Springs Hotel until January.



### The Draw

**Janeane Coutu** had extraordinary luck by winning both the table stakes and the card draw. However, she only managed to draw the two of diamonds and so the 50-50 prize continues to grow for another week. *There are not very many cards left in the deck, so the prize pot must be getting up there!!*

## Nanaimo Daybreak Oktoberfest

The Rotary Club of Nanaimo Daybreak will be hosting their 1st Annual Oktoberfest Friday, October 23rd from 7:30 pm to 12:30 am at the Nanaimo Armoury Drill Hall at 709 Nanaimo Lakes Road.

Admission is \$31.50 per person, which includes your admission, a beer stein and 1 beverage and a pretzel, and two great bands. Playing will be the *Rheinlander Band* from Vancouver plus *Doctors of Rock & Roll*.

Tickets are limited to 300 so get yours early from any Daybreak Rotarian, or online at:

<http://www.nanaimooktoberfest.com>





# International Service

By Joyce Smith

Presented by **Norm Myden** and **Debbie Narver**

Rotary has 1.2 million members and 34,000 clubs world wide to help serve those in need. The foundation was established in 1928 and has done many good deeds. Local clubs have the ability to identify the needs of the community for projects. The selection of projects is based on the following criteria:

- Peace and conflict resolution
- Disease prevention and treatment
- Water & Sanitation
- Basic education & literacy
- Economic and community development



Our own **Norm Myden** and **Debbie Narver** were guest speakers today.

**Carey McIver** introduced Norm who spoke as he showed his International Service Video on Water Harvesting in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico. In 2008 the Rotary Club of San Miguel de Allende

identified a poor community in the north where thousands of residence were consuming contaminate water. They enlisted the support of Cedesa—an organization that was founded in 1960 to support economic development and family and community improvements. Cedesa and the Rotary Club of San Miguel identified cisterns that could be constructed and maintained by local residence of the community. The local rainfall was large enough to sustain a family with one cistern and the water could be disinfected using a solar method. The first project was completed in 2008 in Los Torres community giving 27 families' cisterns and 3 school sites.

Interest in the water harvesting project spread and two towns Los Magus and La Palma were identified as needing cisterns. Two Rotary clubs from Canada (the Calgary club where Norm was from) and a US club (Connecticut club) joined forces with the San Miguel club to help out with the project for two more communities. This project was completed in 2013 and the community has learned how to maintain the systems and support them. Through Cedesa the community has gone on to work with sanitation and other projects. In all 21 poor communities (4, 000 individuals) have a sustainable clean water source.

Interest in this project is not stopping as more individuals are learning of the success of the project. The next phase is a \$170,000 project to build over 200 cisterns. Norm made a Notice of Motion to have our Rotary club contribute \$5,000 to this project. That motion was passed today.

Norm mentioned that all the money raised goes to the materials and there are no labour costs. Labour is done by the

community. Each family builds their own cistern.

Debbie's presentation focused on another International Project which was to support Child and Maternal Health in Columbia. Our International service committee has been very involved with projects in Gauna Africa and now was interested in expanding to another continent and this led to the project in Ibaque, Columbia. Ibaque is the capital city of Tolima, Columbia. The local Rotary club supports families, particularly those that live in extreme poverty. Many of these low income families live in rural areas, and need to travel to Ibaque for hospital and medical treatments.



So they began with a \$2,000 contribution from our club. The first project was La Cas Chanita in 2012. This is a home for children to stay while they are receiving cancer treatments in the city. At the time, there were only 8 beds and the children needed more. Through our partnership, the local Rotarians used the funds provided by Nanaimo to purchase an additional 4 beds.

In 2013, with another \$2,000 contribution from Nanaimo, the clubs worked together on 2 different projects. The first was a games room at La Casa Chanita. The second project was to improve services at Kangaroo Mothers. This is a home away from home, for women that have given birth prematurely. When the mothers return from caring for their babies they need somewhere to sleep and receive instructions on how to care for their babies. The Ibaque Rotarians were able to use funds from Nanaimo to upgrade the computer system, which allows women to access information during their stay at Kangaroo Mothers.

Currently, the two clubs, Nanaimo and Ibaque are once again working together on another important health care project for children. Local Doctors will provide 2 days of surgery to help 100 children from low income families.

By clubs working together Internationally, although they speak different languages, they can share the common goal of helping people in need.

## ATTENDANCE

By Janeane Coutu

Attendance for **Aug 28<sup>th</sup>** was **48%**.

### We missed Rotarians:

Ali, D. Anderson, W. Anderson, Cantelon, Finnegan, Gerrand, Grice, Hais, Hammond, Janes, Jiang, Knutsson, Lessan, Lewis, Patrick, Pratt, Raedler, Ramos, Samson, A. Smith, K. Smith, Stetar, Walker,

Wilson

### Guests of Rotarians;

Lisa Reid, guest of John Morris

### Birthdays

Guenter Raedler, Sept 6th

### Spouse Birthdays

Pam White [Ross] Sept 6  
Chris Stephens [Susie] Sept 7th

### Club Anniversaries

Dale Huck, 38 years on Sept 9th

# R.I. Selects Auzzie President for 2017-18

Ian H.S. Riseley, of the Rotary Club of Sandringham, Victoria, Australia, is the selection of the Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International in 2017-18. He will become the president-nominee on 1 October if no other candidates challenge him.

Riseley says that meaningful partnerships with corporations and other organizations are crucial to Rotary's future.

"We have the programs and personnel and others have available resources," says Riseley. "Doing good in the world is everyone's goal. We must learn from the experience of the polio eradication program to maximize our public awareness exposure for future partnerships."

Riseley is a practicing accountant and principal of Ian Riseley and Co., which specializes in advising local and international businesses, and has a strong interest in international affairs. He received the AusAID Peacebuilder Award from the Australian government in 2002 in recognition of his work in Timor-Leste. He also received the Order of Australia medal in 2006 for service to the Australian community.

"Governments see Rotary as positive representatives of a civil society," he says. "We should work with them to advocate for peace and conflict resolution, just as we are advocating for polio eradication."

A member since 1978, Riseley has served Rotary as treasurer, director, trustee, RI Board Executive Com-

mittee member, task force member, committee member and chair, and district governor.

He is also a former member of the Australian Polio Eradication Private Sector Campaign and a recipient of The Rotary Foundation's Service Award for a Polio-Free World. He and his wife, Juliet, are Multiple Paul Harris Fellows, Major Donors, and Bequest Society members.



Ian Riseley, an Australian accountant and member of the Rotary Club of Sandringham, is selected as the 2017-18 Rotary president.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

**September**—Work Party at Westdale/Leslie Park in North Nanaimo. More details forthcoming.

**Oct 23**—Oktoberfest in Nanaimo Armoury Drill Hall, 709 Nanaimo Lakes Rd. hosts: Daybreak Rotary. Tickets \$31.50—1 beer stein, 1 beverage, 1 pretzel, 2 great bands.

## WEEKLY CLUB PROGRAMS & MEMBER DUTIES

MEETING DATE	Friday, Sept 4th	Friday, Sept 11th	Friday, Sept 18th
GREETERS	Bruce Gordon, Wendy Pratt, Egon Holzwarth	Douglas Anderson, Guenter Raedler, Bob Janes	Wayne Anderson, Charles Ramos, Henry Jiang
CASHIER	Ed Borisenko	Ed Borisenko	Ed Borisenko
SGT-AT-ARMS	Bruce Samson	John Shillabeer	Bob Fenty
INVOCATION	Bob Fenty	Richard Finnegan	Susan Gerrand
HEAD TABLE	Pres. Lila, Elizabeth Loudon, Doug Cowling, Guenter Raedler, Egon Holzwarth, Wendy Pratt, Bruce G.	Pres. Lila, Morgan Carey, Richard Finnegan, Susie Stephens, Bob Janes, Doug Anderson, G. Raedler	President Lila, Phillip Lucas, Dave Hammond, Charles Ramos, Wayne Anderson, Henry Jiang
INTRO GUESTS	Brent Stetar	Ross White	Ian Williams
INTRO SPEAKER	Doug Cowling	Richard Finnegan	Dave Hammond
PROGRAM	<b>Edgewood Treatment Centre Elizabeth Loudon</b>	<b>Real Estate Webmasters Morgan Carey</b>	<b>Tilray: Medical Marijuana Phillip Lucas</b>
THANK SPEAKER	Janeane Coutu	David Hammond	Susie Stephens