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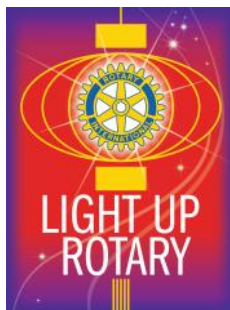


John Shillabeer brings a buggy load of donated books from the bin passing by the mural that Nanaimo North Town Centre has put on the wall displaying their support for Rotary. Our book sale is just 6 weeks away!

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

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Meeting Notes from Aug. 29th

By Janeane Coutu

Our meeting began with **President Bob Wilson** at the podium and the traditional video and singing of our national anthem. **Kevin Cantelon** followed with an inspiring invocation.

Bruce Gordon introduced visiting Rotarians and guests. We welcomed Rotarian **Paul Geneau** from Nanaimo North and **Mathieu Ennis** of the Rotaract club. We had many youth exchange guests and we met our new incoming student **Bas Bakker** from the Netherlands. Member guests included **Lisa Reid** who brought **John Morris** to the meeting, and **Ashley Nadeau**, partner of **Eric Brand**.



In news on the *Health of the Club*, **Janeane Coutu** mentioned she had spoken to **Ed Borisenko** by phone this past week and he is still laid up at home with lower back problems but otherwise healthy.

President Bob Wilson mentioned that he had received a letter of thanks from the **Bathtub Society** for the loan of tables during the *Marine Festival*. Bob also mentioned that he had forwarded an email to all members regarding the quest for donations for **Paul Harris Home**, a project to restore the home of **Paul and Jean Harris** in Chicago. www.paulharrishome.org



Janeane Coutu presented a **Motion** which was seconded by **Bruce Gordon** for the Rotary Club of Nanaimo to supply labour and contribute \$5015 for the purchase of fence and arbour materials for a garden project at *Nanaimo Community Hospice*. The motion was carried. Janeane subsequently pointed out the volunteer sign-up sheets to stain the fence materials at Hospice on Saturday and Sunday, Sept 6 & 7. Rotarians, spouses, children and friends are all welcome – “whoever can swing a paint brush”.



President Bob quizzed us on how fast the water flows in the rapids at Niagara Falls. The correct answer was 38 kph (closest guess and winner of the coveted coffee cup was 35kph – but

how does a table of six share one coffee cup?



Sgt-at-Arms Wayne Anderson levied a few fines to members and then we had a number of happy bucks. *Because I forgot that I was supposed to be taking meeting*

notes for Lucie during the meeting, this is a representation based on memory;

Joan Ryan paid a thank you buck for the use of Rotary tables during a Life-line volunteer appreciation event.

Donna Hais was happy her daughter received a large scholarship to attend art school in Vancouver.

Doug Cowling had attended the **Travellers Lodge** luncheon for the first time and thanked **Susan Gerrand** for her years of dedication.



Dave Hammond had sad bucks on the passing of former mayor **Joy Leach**.

I think I saw **John Heisterman** high-jack Dave's original \$5 and used it for his own happy bucks! He acknowledged his track-star granddaughter first, and then mentioned with September around the corner, it was time to go out in the forest to bring home food for the family.

Club Draws

Sorry, I have no idea who won the table stakes and the Ace of Spades is still in the deck as **Susan Gerrand** failed to find it—and the pot continues to grow!



Rotary Youth:

Yusuke Wada, Bas Bakker, Rebecca Miller, Sophia Guudi and Morgan Brimacombe

by John Shillabeer



Bob Fenty introduced the day's speakers: all visiting or returning Rotary exchange students.

First up was **Yusuke Wada** who had spent a year in Nanaimo as a Rotary exchange student three years ago. He has since graduated high school and is now at university studying economics. Yusuke said he made this return visit to Canada to satisfy his craving for Tim Hortons, to see his Canadian friends



again and to say thank you again to his host families. He said his year as a Rotary exchange student was a great experience that he will not forget.

Bas Bakker is our inbound exchange student who arrived one week ago from Holland. He said he already likes Vancouver Island and has a bucket list of things he would like to do, including whale watching, visiting Victoria, and seeing hockey and soccer matches. Bas is a keen soccer player and is hoping to get a regular spot with a local club. He is also hoping that school will start soon.



Rebecca Miller is a returning exchange student who spent July with a family in Turin, Italy. She is currently hosting her Rotary “sister”, **Sophia Gnudi** who was also present. Rebecca said she had a wonderful time getting to

know the host family who were very kind, and visiting famous cities including Rome and Venice. Sophia loves nature and the outdoors and has visited Tofino, Whistler, Parksville and Coombs. She loves the open spaces and the wonderful sunsets we experience.



Morgan Brimacombe recently returned after spending a year in Prague in the Czech Republic. She stayed with three host families, made lots of friends with the

host families as well as the other foreign Rotary exchange students. She fell in love with Prague and would go back any time. She was particularly impressed with the architecture (new and old) and the atmosphere in the old town. Morgan had opportunities to travel and explore extensively, including visiting Slovakia several times. She did several school trips including camping, kayaking and staying in a concentration camp. Before returning home, all 50 plus Rotary exchange students went on a hectic two week bus tour all over Europe.

Morgan will go into grade 12 this year and it remains to be seen if she will be credited for her time at school in Prague. She had to become quite fluent in Czech as all her classes were in that language. She found the teaching style to be quite different from what she was accustomed to (more like a university with lectures, not lessons). The subject matters were more advanced and taught with fewer resources than in Canada.

Morgan ended by saying her stay in Prague was the best year of her life and thanked Rotary for making it possible.

Debbie Narver thanked the students for telling us about their experiences and plans. She said we hope to see much more of Bas during his year here. In keeping with club tradition, she presented each of the speakers with a Rotary pen.

**District 5020
Conference
June 19 - 21**



Vancouver Island Conference Centre
NANAIMO, B.C.



Rotary exchange students:[l-r] Sophia Gnudi from Italy, Rebecca Miller, Yusuke Wada from Japan, Bas Bakker from the Netherlands—our inbound exchange student, and Morgan Brimacombe, recently returned from the Czech Republic.

Funds Needed to Restore Paul Harris' Home

Rotarians around the world are being asked by **Past RI President Ron Burton** to donate to the restoration of Paul and Jean Harris' home - Comely Bank.

They are asking for club's to do three things:

- ask your Rotary club to make a contribution of \$1000.00 to the Paul and Jean Harris Home Foundation
- promote the campaign to restore the Harris home at every opportunity in

your club

- make a personal contribution to preserve Paul and Jean Harris' home.

The committee members for the Paul & Jean Harris Home - Canada Campaign are **PRID Bryn Styles, Trustee Monty Audenart and PDG Chris Offer**. With your support we can protect and restore this unique part of Rotary's history.

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ATTENDANCE

By Janeane Coutu

Attendance for Aug 29th was **44%**.

We missed these Rotarians;

D. Anderson, Blackmore, Blinston, Borisenko, Currie, Finnegan, L. & Y. Gosselin, Grice, Henderson, Hewitt, Janes, King, Knutsson, Lessan, McIver, Myden, Patrick, Raedler, Ramos, Samson, A. Smith, J. Smith, K. Smith, Tanner, Walker, Welch

Visiting Rotarians;

Mathieu Ennis, Rotaract
Paul Geneau, Nanaimo North

Guests;

Ashley Nadeau, guest of Eric Brand
Lisa Reid, guest of John Morris

Youth Exchange students; Morgan Brimacombe and Rebecca Miller from Nanaimo, Sophia Gnudi from Italy, Yusuke Wada from Japan and Bas Bakker from the Netherlands

Make-ups;

Brent Stetar, Community Service meeting & book sort

Birthdays;

Gunter Raedler on Sept. 6th

Spouse's Birthday:

Pam White [Ross] on Sept. 6th

Chris Stephens [Susie Walker] on September 7th

Anniversaries:

Bob & Kay Peters, 61 years, Sept. 5

Club Anniversaries:

Dale Huck, 37 years, on Sept. 9th

WEEKLY CLUB PROGRAMS

Friday, September 5th

GREETERS	Douglas Anderson, Charles Ramos, Jeremy Hewitt
CASHIERS	John Shillabeer
SGT-AT-ARMS	Bruce Samson
INVOCATION	Dave Connolly
HEAD TABLE	Pres Bob, Norm Smith, Misty Dmytar, Keith McFarlane, Guenter Raedler, Douglas, Charles & Jeremy
INTRODUCE GUESTS	Brent Stetar
INTRODUCE SPEAKER	Keith McFarlane
PROGRAM	TOUR DE ROCK <i>Cpl. Norm Smith, Const. Misty Dmytar</i>
THANK SPEAKER	Dave Connolly

Friday, September 12th

GREETERS	Egon Holzwarth, Joan Ryan, Wendy Pratt
CASHIERS	John Shillabeer
SGT-AT-ARMS	Lila Tanner
INVOCATION	Janeane Coutu
HEAD TABLE	Pres Bob, Moe Lessan, Derek Lewis, Susie Walker, Egon Holzwarth, Joan Ryan, Douglas Anderson
INTRODUCE GUESTS	Lila Tanner
INTRODUCE SPEAKER	Douglas Anderson
PROGRAM	CLASSIFICATION TALKS <i>Moe Lessan and Derek Lewis</i>
THANK SPEAKER	President Bob

Friday, September 19th

GREETERS	Barbara Blinston, John Salem, Gord Hubley
CASHIERS	John Shillabeer
SGT-AT-ARMS	John Heisterman
INVOCATION	Doug Cowling
HEAD TABLE	Pres Bob, Charles Ramos, Mike Herold, Douglas Anderson, Barbara Blinston, John Salem, Gord Hubley
INTRODUCE GUESTS	Susie Walker
INTRODUCE SPEAKER	Mike Herold
PROGRAM	SAILING ADVENTURES <i>Charles Ramos</i>
THANK SPEAKER	Douglas Anderson

PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE



GARY C.K. HUANG

PRESIDENT 2014-15
SEPTEMBER 2014

One of the great privileges of being president of Rotary International is having the chance to visit so many parts of the Rotary world. Usually I travel to participate in Rotary events; speak at Rotary clubs, conferences, and institutes; and encourage

Rotarians in their service. But as president, I am responsible for all branches of the Rotary family. This means that it is also my privilege to support the service of Rotary's youngest generations: our Rotaractors, Interactors, Rotary Youth Exchange students, and Rotary Youth Leadership Awards participants.

When I see the work Rotarians do, I am always impressed, always excited, and always inspired. When I see the work of our New Generations, I am all of this – and frequently I am surprised as well. Not by the quality of their work – for I have learned to expect great things from them – but by the creativity and ingenuity of their thinking. I look at what they have done and think not just "What a great job!" but "What a great idea!" Because every generation sees the world in a unique way, and every individual has a unique point of view. Faced with the same problems, we arrive at different solutions. This is why, in Rotary, our diversity – of culture, language, expertise, gender, and age – is our strength.

In Rotary, we try to take the long view in our service. We aspire to serve in ways that will make a lasting difference, that will continue to have an impact after our participation ends. Our younger generations, in my experience, share this sentiment, and apply it globally, by focusing on environmental issues in new and innovative ways. When I became a Rotarian, environmental issues were barely on our radar. To young people today, these concerns are front and center. Their perspective is a valuable contribution to the world of Rotary service, and it is one that we should all encourage and support. Just as they are learning from us, so should we be learning from them.

The young people who are serving in Rotaract and Interact, and participating in Youth Exchange and RYLA today, are the Rotarians of tomorrow. When we support them, we are supporting the future of our entire organization. We are helping to train the men and women who will be the club presidents, district governors, RI directors, and RI presidents of tomorrow.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Sept 20—Rotary Fun Car Rallye, 10 am to 2 pm. Registration \$20 per vehicle.

Oct 17 to 26—Rotary Fall Book Sale at Nanaimo North Town Centre. *We are in need of Quality Used Pocket Books.*

Oct 18—Rotary District Foundation/Grant Management Seminar, 8:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m. VIU Campus, Nanaimo. More info on website at www.rotary5020.org

June 19-21, 2015—Rotary District 5020 Conference, Vancouver Island Conference Centre, Nanaimo, BC



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