

ROTARY CLUB OF NANAIMO

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Friday, September 7, 2018



Boarding the ferry to Newcastle Island in Nanaimo Harbour

Club Meeting Friday at 12:00 p.m.
at the Coast Bastion Inn
CLUB OFFICERS 2017-2018

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Meeting Notes for Friday 31 August 2018

By John Shillabeer

President Charles opened the meeting and we sang O Canada. **Justin Molander** gave the inspiration taking a quotation from Les Brown: "If you do what is easy your life will be hard". In other words, it's easy to complain but instead do what is hard and take ownership of your challenges.



Justin Molander

Guests

Doug Cowling welcomed guests. **Dave Hammond** introduced **Tyler Brown** from Nanaimo North Club.



Tyler Brown Ben Geselbrecht Umesh Lal Kari Bradley

Tyler's designation is planner and he has declared he is a candidate for City Council. **Dave Hammond** introduced **Ben Geselbrecht** a local business man and candidate for city council; also **Umesh Lal**, a local fireman and prospective Club member.

Jason Bradley introduced his wife **Kari** and daughter **Grace**, together with inbound exchange students



Grace Ayu Julia Dorien

Aiu Fujiwara, 16 (Japan) in Gr. 12 at Wellington and currently living with the Rogers family; **Julia Motta Collazos**, 17 (Colombia) in Gr. 11 at NDSS and currently living with the Dunstan family, and **Dorien Abbekerk** 17 (Netherlands) in Gr. 11 at Wellington and currently living with the Mont family.

Brent Stetar introduced **Brooklyn Barootes**.

Health of the Club

Brent Stetar informed us that **Bruce Gordon** is waiting at home for a follow up appointment with his specialist and expects to be fitted with a pacemaker.

Announcements

Joan Ryan drew attention to the glass jar from Tillicum Lelum to collect loose change to help their building fund.

Bob Janes distributed a sign-up sheet for those interested in participating locally in the New Zealand friendship exchange event. Bob also distributed lists of committees and members for members to review and make changes. Everybody is expected to be active in at least one committee. Prospective committee members should phone the chair to understand the scope of activities and meeting venues.



Jane Currie urged members to sign up for Wednesday night Rotary bridge which will start soon.

Douglas Anderson said the last day to decide about ordering Rotary golf shirts will be next Friday.

The next club Assembly will be on September 21. Members should submit agenda items to **President Charles**.

Jason Bradley thanked those who attended the exchange student beer and burger fund raiser. There were about 150 present and it was a great success.

President Charles thanked **Peggy Richardson** in her absence for pioneering use of Club Runner to produce a fully digital version of COGS. Members were generally in support of the move. However some formatting issues remain to be sorted out before the transition can be completed. While **Ian Williams** and **Peggy** wrestle with the formatting, **Ian** will produce COGS in the conventional manner.



Sgt at Arms

Sgt Wahid Ali collected plenty of voluntary fines from folks who admitted to talking while club business was conducted and then led a round of applause for **Bob Janes** in recognition of all the work he does so reliably as our hitherto unsung secretary.

Happy and Sad Bucks

Susan Gerrand was sad because she totally wrecked her car and sad because she was fed up with ICBC and its Roadstar policy.

Wendy Pratt was happy to announce to general applause that she has decided to run for City council again.

Behzad Forghani Targhi was happy to celebrate approximately two years in Rotary, living among beautiful, kind, caring people in Canada and wished the same for his other country, Iran.

Brent Stetar was happy to have daughter **Abigail** home

from her Rotary exchange stay in France.

Doug Cowling was happy because his son and daughter-in-law are expecting.

Rebecca Taylor was happy to announce that she has been accepted to study for a diploma in public relations through U Vic.

Ian Williams was happy (ecstatic?) that **Doug Wortley** was taking photos of the meeting instead of Ian.



Rebecca Taylor

The Draw



Bob Janes won the table stakes.

President Charles had the winning ticket for the card draw, but failed to find the Ace of Spades.

Program: Youth Exchange- Grace Bradley

Notes by Jane Currie

Jason Bradley introduced his daughter **Grace**. It was a pleasure to hear **Grace Bradley's** delightful & insightful account of her time in Norway as a rotary exchange student. She lived in Larvik, south of Oslo, and attended a very large high school. Each day she had to climb 5 flights of stairs several times to get to classes. It was very cold the year Grace was in Norway, with snow covering everything from November to April.



Grace enjoyed a visit from her parents while on exchange, during the May 17th National Day celebrations. Tradition starts with a champagne breakfast on that day. Other interesting Norwegian foods included Lutefisk (a marinated fish), polse in vaffel (hot dogs in a waffle), Lefse (a type of crepe with butter & sugar). Friday nights were often Taco night. Grace's pronunciation of the distinctive Norwegian foods was very authentic.

She noticed many cultural distinctions. Schools are structured differently, with students selecting career



paths (mechanical trades, cooking, academic) early on. More learning was done on-line, and students called their teachers by their first names. In traveling, Grace noticed unusual street signs – “no tractors on the highway” or “no dog peeing” on the lawns.

Grace enjoyed a 10-day bus tour of Norway with all the other Norway exchange students. One adventurous highlight was taking a train up a mountain and biking down on narrow paths on the edge of cliffs.

Learning the Norwegian language was a shared challenge with the other international exchange students. Initially, they all spoke English amongst themselves. After 6-7 months, they conversed more in Norwegian, but it was a hard language to learn, taking much more effort than expected.

Grace loved her exchange time abroad: seeing more of the world, becoming more independent, enjoying how people from different countries can still be similar. She was initially inspired to seek out a rotary exchange by the experience in 2016 of a family trip in Europe, and wanted to see more. Although there were times of missing home, she worked through it, wanting to get the most out of her time abroad, - and stayed for nearly a full year. Family photos of before and after show a young lady with more “Euro style.”



President Charles thanked Grace for her talk, and presented her with one of our club's beautiful hand-made pens.

Pictures from Norway Student Exchange

Thor Hyerdahl High School



Larvik



A Bike Adventure



BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Member Birthdays

Stephens, Susie Sep 12

Spouse Birthdays

Stephens, Chris - Susie Sep 07

Anniversaries

None

Club Anniversary

Huck, Dale 41 years Sep 09

DATES TO REMEMBER

September 11: Friendship Exchange at the yacht club, see Gill Campbell for details.

September 20: Fireside Chat, Joan Ryan's house; 6-8 pm

October 4th: Five Club Meeting at VIU.

Oct. 13: Club Pizza party, Beban Park

October 15: Happy Happy Hour, Coach and Hors-es; 5-7pm

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M. Eugene Newsome

WEEKLY CLUB PROGRAMS AND MEMBER DUTIES

Meeting Date	September 7 2018	September 14 2018	September 21 2018
Greeters	Rebecca Taylor Dave Woodward	Justin Molander Bob Wilson	Susie Stephens Joyce Smith
Cashier	Wendy Pratt	Wendy Pratt	Wendy Pratt
Sgt at Arms	Wahid Ali	Joan Ryan	Yvan Gosselin
Inspiration	Jane Currie	Donna Hais	Denise Wittkofski
Head Table	P. Charles, Don Bonner, Doug Salem, Bob Wilson, Rebecca Taylor, Dave Woodward	Pres. Charles, Donna Klockers	Pres. Charles,
Intro Guests	Mikel Knutsson	Henry Jiang	Janeane Coutu
Intro Speaker	Doug Salem	Kathy Smith	-
Program	Tribal Journeys - Don Bonner	Literacy Projects - Donna Klockers	Club Assembly - Pres. Charles
Thank Speaker	Wayne Anderson	Ross White	-
Meeting Notes	Jane Currie	Mike Herold	Denise Wittkofski
Program Notes	Wayne Anderson	John Shillabeer	Brent Barootes