

ROTARY CLUB OF NANAIMO

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Friday, September 9, 2016



Busy bee. —Photos by Ian Williams

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

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Meeting Notes from September 2nd, 2016

By Jane K. Currie



President Debbie called on **Donna Hais** to deliver our invocation. **Sergeant-at-Arms Brent Barootes** called for introduction of guests: **Jason Breuker**, **Doug Steele**, **Man Eakapoom** (Rotary exchange student from Thailand), **Brooklyn Barootes** and her friend **Rebecca Kim**.

Remarks and Announcements

President Debbie reported that some requests to push back our meeting start time to 12:30 might only be possible on “internal business days” when the club had a shorter agenda and could indulge in a leisurely lunch. Meetings featuring invited speakers would continue to start on time at 12:15.

Upcoming dates include: Sept. 20 board meeting (committees please submit your reports by Sunday Sept. 18 to **Secretary Bob Janes**); Oct. 1 Foundation Grant meeting in Nanaimo; Oct. 14 the start of THE BOOLSALE!!!

Yvan Gosselin reported on Health of the Club: **Bob Fenty** will be on LOA to receive treatment in Victoria. Given Bob’s extensive work on behalf of our club, other members are needed to pitch in harder, to cover until Bob’s return. We wish Bob well, and look forward to hearing his voice again singing Oh Canada with us.



Joan Ryan is our Youth Protection Officer and reminded us that criminal checks are recommended for all members that are engaged in youth activities. While not required for an occasional or casual event, such checks are required for repetitive, direct or ongoing interaction with youth and exchange students. This is a serious matter of due diligence for our club and criminal record checks must be renewed every 3 years. Questions? Please consult Joan Ryan.



Doug Cowling announced that based on a club presentation a few weeks ago about the new VIU Theatre, the Community Grants committee had decided to provide club support through the purchase of a Director’s Seat. The seat will be recognized in memory of our late John Morris, who was an avid theatre fan. The Donor Wall will name the

Rotary Club of Nanaimo as a community supporter.



Bruce Samson reported that his business, the *Urban Wine Cellar* is the new home for both of our barbecue grills, gas and electric. To better track the whereabouts of these items, club members will need to fill in a sign-out sheet when they want to borrow a barbecue grill for a special event.



Sgt-at-Arms Report

Brent Barootes creatively and dramatically fined members for infractions real and imagined, as well as privileges enjoyed. **Brooklyn** and **Rebecca** helped with collecting the finan-

cial roundup. **John Heisterman** was allowed to belatedly celebrate his birthday, so long as he contributed a “birthday gift” to the Rotary Foundation. **Frank Shoemaker** later explained the new tradition we are trying this year – to gift \$26.50 to the Rotary Foundation on a member’s birthday. Apparently, being away on your birthday does *not* provide an escape from the Sergeant-at-Arms. **President Debbie** then called for the birthday song and the membership obliged with the usual great cacophony. You really had to be there! Out of pity, or more likely a grand heart, one of the guest speakers later offered to donate a gift back to our “young John”.



Brooklyn and Rebecca helped the Sgt-at-Arms collect his fines.

Happy and Sad Bucks followed, with **Ed Borisenko** proud that his daughter finished her Ph.D.; **Rebecca Kim** was grateful for a bursary received through our club’s support of the Vancouver Island Music Festival.



Doug Cowling won the table stakes and **Frank Shoemaker** almost won the card draw with the King of Spades. Apologies if anyone was missed, but the notetaker was bent on keeping a low profile from the line of sight of the Sergeant-at-Arms.



Jane, John and Donna each paid a happy buck to the Sgt-at-Arms for a reason that our reporter didn’t catch.



Charles introduced exchange student **Man**, then he’s waiving a \$20 bill around much to the amusement of **Rebecca**, who thanked Rotary for the Upper Island Music Festival bursary she had won.

Tillicum Lelum Friendship Centre

By Charles Ramos

Our presentation today was about Tillicum Lelum's Friendship Centre. **Wendy Pratt** acknowledged that we are on the traditional territory of the Snuneymuxw First Nations and introduced today's speakers, **Grace Nielsen** and **Tammy Myles**.



Grace Nielsen spoke first and began by thanking the club for the invitation. She discussed the purpose and mandate of the Friendship Centre, which is to provide services and support to families and individuals in need. There is a

First Nations focus to the support offered, but none are turned away, and a large proportion of the program users are non-native.

The Centre has been in operation for over 50 years. They take a holistic approach toward health and wellness, and offer programs for a range of ages from pre-natal to elderly. The Village is located on 10th Street on several acres of land. They currently offer 58 programs, employ 80 staff, and have 8 elders living on the premises.

Tammy Myles then spoke about the childcare centre that is currently in development, and some of the challenges that they are facing. Tammy is heading the childcare centre fundraising campaign. The project managers are meeting with the City of Nanaimo next week about the building permit, and the project is moving forward.

The project construction cost is \$2.1M, and fundraising efforts are in full swing. The next event will be a Witches and Warlocks Halloween Ball at Bowen Park and all are encouraged to attend.

Tammy related some of the program's statistics and successes. There are 60 children in the school-readiness pro-

gram now. This program prepares children for the public school system, and has had amazing success; now children are entering school ahead of the curriculum, rather than lagging it, and are finding it much easier to maintain the momentum throughout the school years. She noted that the village is always interested in collaboration with agencies such as Rotary, and hopes there is a way to work together moving forward.

The presentation was followed by several questions and comments from the club.

Club member **Brent Barootes** thanked our speakers and recognized the great work they are doing. Brent then presented them with club

pens handmade by **Allan Smith**.



ATTENDANCE

Attendance for **Sept 2** was **46%**.

We missed Rotarians;

Ali, D. Anderson, W. Anderson, Fenty, Gerrand, Grice, Hammond, Henderson, Janes, Jiang, King, Laing, Lessan, Lewis, McIver, Parsons, Patrick, Raedler, Ross, Salem, A. Smith, J. Smith, Stephens, Stetar, Tessier, Wilson, Woodward, Woychuck, Zhang

Guests

Grace Elliott Nielson and Tammie Myles, guest speakers

Brooklyn Barootes & Rebecca Kim, guests of

Brent Barootes

Exchange student Man Chaijit from Thailand
Jason Breuker, guest of Joyce Smith
Doug Steele

Make-ups

A. Smith, Coutu – book sorting

Barootes – Parksville AM

Birthdays:

Susie Stephens, Sept. 12

Spouse Birthdays:

Shirin Forghani Targhi [Behzad] on Sept. 11th

Club Anniversaries:

Dale Huck, 39 years on Sept 9th

Bright Zhang, 1 yr, Sept 11

Lila Tanner, 15 years on Sept 14

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Oct 1st—Foundation/Grant Management Seminar, Nanaimo

Oct 14th to 23—Rotary Book Sale at Nanaimo North Town Centre
Many hands 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

ShelterBox and Rotary clubs take action following earthquake in Italy

A 6.2-magnitude earthquake struck central Italy early Wednesday August 24, 2016, killing more than 240 people and trapping an unknown number beneath rubble. Tremors were felt as far away as Rome, 100 km (65 miles) southwest of the quake's epicenter.

International disaster relief agency and Rotary International project partner [ShelterBox](#) is sending a response team from its headquarters in the United Kingdom to the remote mountainous area of Italy where the destruction is most severe. The response team will arrive Friday, 26 August, to assess the area's needs.

Luca Della Volta, president of [ShelterBox Italia](#), the affiliate organization in Genoa, will

accompany the response team. Della Volta is working with the Rotary Club of Rieti in District 2080, the club closest to the earthquake-affected sites, and will meet with officials of the Italian Civil Protection Department, fire department, and Red Cross to coordinate efforts.

If families and individuals made homeless by the disaster need emergency shelter, ShelterBox will send tents and other equipment from its locations in Italy and other sites across Europe. Della Volta says the most urgent need is for tents and relief supplies for the hospital of Rieti, where most of the patients from the destroyed hospital in Amatrice were taken.

"I am truly heartbroken over what has happened," says Della Volta, charter president of the Rotary E-Club of 2042 Italia. "As Rotarians, we are always available to help people in need."



Buildings lie in ruins Wednesday, after a magnitude 6.2 earthquake leveled towns in central Italy. The quake killed at least 241 and left thousands homeless.

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WEEKLY CLUB PROGRAMS & MEMBER DUTIES

MEETING DATE	September 9th	September 16th	September 23rd
GREETERS	Kathy Smith, Bob Fenty, Denise Wittkofski	Mikel Knutsson, Susan Gerrand, Susie Stephens	Bruce Gordon, Brent Stetar, Fay Laing
CASHIER	Ed Borisenko	Ed Borisenko	Ed Borisenko
SGT-AT-ARMS	Bruce Samson	Wayne Anderson	Bob Fenty
INVOCATION	Wahid Ali	Douglas Anderson	Wayne Anderson
HEAD TABLE	Pres Debbie, Lynne Pankratz, Norm Myden, Susie Stephens, Kathy Smith, Bob Fenty, Denise Wittkofski	Pres Debbie, Jason Harrison, Kiersten Stewart, Brent Barootes, Mikel Knut- son, Susie Stephens, Egon Holzwarth	Pres Debbie, John Woychuk, Denise Wittkofski, Behzad Targhi, Bruce Gordon, Brent Stetar, Fay Laing
INTRO GUESTS	Guenter Raedler	Charles Ramos	Ellen Ross
INTRO SPEAKER	President Debbie	Brent Stetar	Lila Tanner
PROGRAM	CLUB FINANCIAL / GUATEMALA Lynne Pankratz / Norm Myden	Mental Health Mid-Is Services Jason Harrison, Kiersten Stewart	CLASSIFICATION TALKS John Woychuk, Denise Wittkofski And Behzad Forghani Targhi
THANK SPEAKER	—	Ellen Ross	