

# ROTARY CLUB OF NANAIMO

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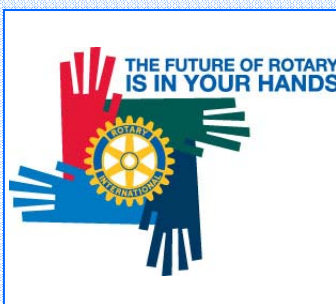
Canadian Snowbirds aerobatic team performed over Nanaimo Harbour on Wednesday.

*Photo by Daniel Champagne*

**Club Meeting Friday at 12:15 p.m.  
at the Coast Bastion Inn**

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## From Our Meeting on August 7th

By John Anderson

With **President Ken** away for holiday's **Past President Wayne Anderson** held the last meeting. **Brenda Grice** gave invocation and **Doug Greer** introduced our visiting Rotarians and guests. Doug had a very easy job as there no visitors or guests.

**Yvan Gosselin** gave the health of the club report. He reported that **Bruce Tait** is back at home but he is progressing slowly. He is not well enough for visitors yet but to keep our best wishes for him.

### Announcements:

**Joan Ryan** reminded the club of the up coming Presidents breakfast August 30th. The committee is working on one of two possible locations, either Bowen Park at the picnic area or at Joan's house. She will keep the club updated as to which location.

**Gord Hubley** was up for the second reading to support the Rotary Student Exchange in the amount of \$3,300.00. It was seconded by **Lucie Gosselin** and passed by the Club.

**Jane Currie** announced a pilot project for the RDN to produce a calendar of landscape photos for educational outreach. Each page will have tips on to conservation. If you would like to help sponsor the calendar please contact Jane.

**Frank Shoemaker** reminded the club of the upcoming presentation of Paul Harris Fellowships to the three sons of **Bob Fawdry**. Eric, Glen and Neil will be presented their Paul Harris Fellowships at the August 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. Anyone with anecdotes or wants to speak of their memories of Bob Fawdry is welcome to talk.

**Bob Wilson** was looking to fill the volunteer slots to sell tickets at the VIEX. There are 48 shifts to fill on August 21, 22 and 23. We have filled 55% so far and need to get more people especially for Saturday and Sunday.

**Janeane Coutu** had a few thank you notes from students in School District 68 who received bursaries from Rotary. If anyone would like to read them please contact Janeane.

Sergeant at Arms **Yvan Gosselin** with the help of **Bruce Samson**, started the fines. The first to be fined were **Borisenko, Buchanan, Ruttan, Taylor, Smith, Snider** they all missed last meeting and didn't put \$2.00 in for make up. **Dave Hammond** and **Lucie Gosselin** were fined for talking during the meeting. Yvan fined our newest member **Andrea Rosato-Taylor** who works for the *Nanaimo Daily News*. It seems they printed the same Sudoku puzzle two days in a row, and being so old and forgetful, Yvan completed both puzzles before he noticed. His complaint was that he had more trouble with the puzzle the second time he did it! Well at least he still has his good looks.

Happy and sad bucks: **Guenter Raedler** had a concerned dollar for Yvan. He wondered what kind of trouble he would be in for fining Lucie. **Dave Connolly** had a sad and happy dollar for loosing a bet with **Wahid Ali** on the B.C. Lions. Sad he lost but happy the money was going to Rotary. **Kathy Smith** had two happy dollars. Her Daughter has returned from her trip to India and her son has returned from military college. **Jane Currie** had a happy dollar for having her air conditioner working during the last heat wave. It was expertly repaired by Yvan and Lucie's son-in-law

Todd. **Bob Buchanan** had a sad and happy dollar. Upon returning from at trip to Winnipeg for the celebration of life for his Father-in Law he saw the Mustang raffle was a great success. He had a happy dollar to **Donna Hais** for all the work she has done on the raffle.

**Bob Wilson** was having a very bad week. He had bought a brand new car for the first time in a long time. When he went to drive away from the underground parking he noticed a large dint in the



Bob Wilson bearing the scars of being hit by his own parked car. You had to be there!!

spare tire cover. He proceeded straight to the dealership where they proceeded to tell him that wasn't a dent but the way it comes from the factory. Slightly embarrassed he stated it nice to know they come pre-dented from the factory. The next incident was him opening the car door and hitting himself on the head leaving a cut that required three stitches. Bob said it was the first time he had been hit by a parked car. **Bob Pulleyblank** had a happy and proud dollar. Bob became a great-grandfather for the first time in June and a second time in July. He is now the proud great-grandfather of two beautiful great-granddaughters each with the middle name of "Dorothy", which was Bob's late wife's name, and that made him very proud. **Lila Tanner** had a funny dollar for the great joke she heard. "*Where can men over 60 find younger, sexier women that are interested in them? Try the bookstore under fiction!!!!*"

**Bill King** won the table stakes

**Bob Pulleyblank** won the wine.



Past President Wayne chaired an impromptu committee report meeting when our scheduled guest speaker failed to show.

## Committee Reports: **Rotary Youth Exchange**

by Jane Currie

With just a moment's notice, **Kathy Smith** kindly agreed to step in and provide some highlights and updates on Rotary Youth Exchange activities. Throughout her excellent summary, it became clear that this work requires an ongoing, significant and steady commitment of time and resources. But the results – changing the lives of young people for the better, developing their potential and maturity, these are a living legacy of which our club can truly be proud.

This year we are expecting three inbound students, arriving Aug. 23 – 28. Our area has five outbound students, and four rebounds (those returning), including Donna Hais' daughter, Hayley.

Our district 5020 is the busiest in terms of international youth exchange (no wonder – who wouldn't want to come to Vancouver Island?!) Kathy acknowledged the involvement of many different chairs of district committees, who

help with all aspects of exchange. There is extensive paperwork and legal advice, considering that we accept students from all over the world.

One of our expected inbound students, a young man from Slovakia, will be staying with the Charles Ramos, and Janeane Coutu families—and we still need a host family for the December-March period, located near Woodlands School. We also need a host family for the same period near Dover Bay school for the Belgian student. Host families do not need to be Rotarians. Rotary provides a stipend to the host family (\$250/month) to offset the living expenses of the exchange student; exchange students also receive \$150/month to cover their personal/discretionary expenses. If you can help, or know someone who might, please call Kathy!!!

Other inbound students this year will be arriving from Belgium and Thailand. We may only see them four or five times at our club meetings during their very busy year abroad, but the experience of another culture will change their lives forever. The youth exchange aims to improve international understanding, and foster world peace.

Kathy concluded with the announcement that she hopes an “apprentice” will soon volunteer to work closely with her to learn the ropes. Kathy expects to be traveling extensively next year and we will need someone who can maintain continuity with our youth exchange duties.

With time remaining in the program, **Al Smith** described some highlights of their recent trip to Alaska. Although the trip began under difficult circumstances (the



Kathy Smith brought us up to date on Rotary Youth Committee activities, while Al Smith, reported on the Alaska cruise that he and Kathy recently took.



hotel air conditioning broke down the night before a crack-of-dawn flight (leaving Al to wonder how the sleepless flight crew would manage). Once en-route Al and Kathy had great weather and remarkable touring.

## **Attendance Report**

By Donna Hais and Janeane Coutu  
Attendance for August 7th was 65%

### **We missed these Rotarians:**

Blanaru, Blinston, Campbell, Fenty, Gerrand, Heisterman, Henderson, Herold, Hoffstrom, Holland, Hrabowych, Kuss, McFarlane, Ostling, Patrick, Salem, Snider, Stetar, Tait, Westfall, White, Willmon

### **Makeups**

Wayne Anderson (Oceanside)  
Bob Buchanan (Nanaimo North)

### **Birthdays**

John Heisterman, Aug. 19  
Wayne Kuss, Aug. 19

### **Partner Birthdays**

Andrea Hrabowych (George),  
Aug. 20

### **Wedding Anniversaries**

Wayne & Barbara Kuss, 28  
years, Aug 15  
Harry & Evelyn Cicconi, 60  
yrs, Aug 15

## WEEKLY CLUB PROGRAMS

### August 14th

**GREETERS** Douglas Anderson,  
John Heisterman, Guenter Raedler

**SGT AT ARMS** Mike Herold

**INVOCATION** Roy Ostling

**HEAD TABLE** Pres. Ken, Leslie Sundby, Bob  
Wilson, Basil Hobbs, Wayne Kuss,  
Heisterman, D. Anderson, Raedler

**INTRODUCE GUESTS** John Morris

**INTRODUCE SPEAKER** Basil Hobbs

**PROGRAM**  
**ALIANZA IN GUATEMALA:**  
*Leslie Sundby and Bob Wilson*

**THANK SPEAKERS** Art Rotherham

### August 21st

**GREETERS** Carmen Henderson,  
John Anderson, Bob Pulleyblank

**SGT AT ARMS** Yvan Gosselin

**INVOCATION** Bob Wilson

**HEAD TABLE** President Ken, Gill Campbell,  
Judy Malcolm, Carmen Henderson,  
John Anderson, Bob Pulleyblank

**INTRODUCE GUESTS** Greg Willmon

**INTRODUCE SPEAKER** President Ken

**PROGRAM**  
**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**  
*Membership and Fellowship*

**THANK SPEAKER**

### August 28th

**GREETERS** Andrea Rosato-Taylor,  
Lionel Benoit, Basil Hobbs

**SGT AT ARMS** Wayne Anderson

**INVOCATION** Ross White

**HEAD TABLE** President Ken, DG Alex Alexander,  
Ed Borisenko, Joan Ryan, Basil Hobbs,  
Lionel Benoit, Andrea Rosato-Taylor

**INTRODUCE GUESTS** Ian Williams

**INTRODUCE SPEAKERS** President Ken

**PROGRAM**  
**OFFICIAL VISIT OF DISTRICT**  
**GOVERNOR ALEX ALEXANDER**

**THANK SPEAKER** Brenda Grice, Ass't DG

## New approach vital to membership growth

By Ryan Hyland

Rotary International News -- 11 August 2009

Potential club members are everywhere. But to get them to join Rotary, clubs must use creativity and imagination, says Past RI President Cliff Dochterman.

"Rotary International leaders keep emphasizing membership growth and extension because Rotary's very survival depends on it," says Dochterman, a member of the Rotary Club of Moraga, California, USA, and author of "The ABCs of Rotary", a resource for new members. "If Rotary is to grow, we all must take action."

Dochterman believes clubs can thrive by seeking new members, retaining current ones, and sponsoring new clubs in the community. He offers the following tips:

### Seeking new members

Clubs must have a specific plan in place, says Dochterman.

- Use a team approach. Teams should have several members who meet with qualified business and professional leaders to discuss the benefits of joining Rotary.
- Set aside one club meeting per month to be a "visitor day," to which all club members would invite a friend or prospective member.
- Seek out natural prospects, including Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholars, Rotaractors, and Group Study Exchange (GSE) team members.

### Retaining current members

"Keeping current club members is just as important as bringing in new ones. The key is to adapt and change," says Dochterman.

- Make sure club meetings, service activities, and social events are interesting, fun, and worthwhile.
- Initiate more hands-on projects so club members will feel that they're making a difference.
- Eliminate 100 percent attendance requirements.
- Be alert to the symptoms that lead to resignation. Club leaders should be considerate to members' personal problems.

### DATES TO REMEMBER

**August 14**—Presentation of Special Paul Harris Fellowship Awards in honour of the late Bob Fawdry. Please wear your PHF pins or medals

**August 21-23**—Gate Assistance at VIEX—We have to cover 48 shifts so **MANY VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!** See Bob Wilson if you can help

**August 30**—Presidents BBQ—Bowen Park. More information to come.

**August 28**—Official Visit by District Governor Harold (Alex) Alexander of Longview, WA



Winner of  
District 5020  
Best Bulletin  
Awards

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