

# ROTARY CLUB OF NANAIMO

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A reminder that we had one day this week without snow, rain or fog!

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

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## MEETING NOTES FROM JANUARY 23, 2009

By Mike Herold

Today's meeting was started with the invocation by **Joan Ryan. Barb Blinston** had the honour of introducing our visiting Rotarians and guests. Barb's job was easy since there were none.

**Ed Borisenko** reported on the health of the club and informed us that **Peter Nurenberger** had a recent operation but is doing fine and that **Lionel Benoit** was in a motor vehicle accident down south but was not injured.

**Janeane Coutu** expanded on Lionel's accident and said that Lionel was on holidays and pulling his trailer when the truck in front of him lost its load and a mattress got stuck under Lionel's trailer. The mattress caught fire and the fire consumed Lionel's trailer plus all its contents. His vehicle was pulled away from the fire and was OK and Lionel is now home safe and sound.

On a sad note, we were informed that **Ray Kulai**, a former member of our club who resigned a year ago because of health reasons was in Palliative Care at Nanaimo Regional General Hospital and not doing well. What we did not know was the Ray had passed away in the morning prior to our meeting. Ray was a gentleman and an excellent Rotarian and our hearts go out to Ray's family.

On a brighter note, long-time Rotarian **Doug McFadden** was turning 89 on Saturday and looking as young as always.

**President Wayne** thanked VP **Doug Cowling** and President-Elect **Ken Westfall** for standing in for him last week and said that they did such a good job that he may consider taking more time off. Wayne also congratulated **James Snyder** for joining our club.

We were reminded that the District Leadership Conference is scheduled for February 21 and 22 and **Lila**

**Tanner** reminded us of our Robbie Burns night this Thursday at the Nanaimo Golf Course.

**Ken Westfall** reminded us of Rotary's commitment to eradicate polio and that the Bill Gates Foundation has just announced another \$255 million on top of their previous contribution of \$100 million to put towards the cause. The following explains the latest development.

### Rotary, Gates Foundation announce \$355 million for polio eradication

*New challenge grant helps bridge critical funding gap, inspire other donors in global effort to end crippling childhood disease*

SAN DIEGO, Calif., U.S.A. (Jan. 21, 2009) -- Rotary International and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation have announced they will contribute a combined \$355 million in new funds for polio eradication.

*The Gates Foundation is awarding Rotary a \$255 million challenge grant, which Rotary will match with an additional \$100 million raised by its members and supporters over the next three years. As a spearheading partner in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI), Rotary's chief role is fundraising, advocacy and mobilizing volunteers. The announcement came during the Rotary International Assembly, the humanitarian service organization's annual leadership conference.*

*"Rotarians, government leaders and health professionals have made a phenomenal commitment to get us to a point at which polio afflicts only a small number of the world's children," said Bill Gates, co-chair of the Gates Foundation. "However, complete elimination of the polio virus is difficult and will continue to be difficult for a number of years. Rotary in particular has inspired my own personal commitment to get deeply involved in achieving eradication."*

*In accepting the Gates challenge,*



*Rotary Foundation Chair Jonathan Majiyagbe said the funding partnership will inspire other polio eradication allies, both current and new, to ramp up their support.*

*"With the support of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, we are on the brink of eradicating one of the most feared diseases in the world," Majiyagbe said. "This shared commitment of Rotary and the Gates Foundation should encourage governments and nongovernmental organizations to ensure that resources are available to end polio once and for all."*

*"This partnership of Rotary and the Gates Foundation offers a historic opportunity to rid the world of a disease that robs children of their futures," said RI President Dong Kurn Lee. "It is a significant boost toward making real our dream of a polio-free world."*

*Rotary will spend the grant money in direct support of immunization activities carried out by the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, which is spearheaded by Rotary and its partners, the World Health Organization, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and UNICEF. Rotary will distribute the funds through grants to WHO and UNICEF.*

*Polio eradication has been Rotary's top priority since 1985, and since then Rotary clubs have raised nearly \$800 million for the effort. Although the initiative has slashed the number of polio cases by 99 per-*

cent, the wild poliovirus still persists in four countries: Afghanistan, India, Nigeria, and Pakistan, and imported cases from those nations threaten to reinfect countries where the virus has been stopped. The initiative currently faces a critical funding shortfall that must be closed if eradication is to be achieved.

This is the second challenge grant Rotary has received from the Gates Foundation for polio eradication. In November 2007, Rotary accepted a \$100 million challenge grant, which Rotary is matching dollar-for-dollar. The two challenge grants represent a combined total of \$555 million in polio eradication funds. Rotary's three-year effort to raise the matching funds for both grants is called Rotary's \$200 Million Challenge. Rotary invites the general public to participate by visiting [rotary.org/endpolio](http://rotary.org/endpolio) to learn about polio eradication and contribute to the challenge match.

Rotary is an international humanitarian service organization with more than 33,000 clubs in about 200 countries and geographical areas. Rotary's 1.2 million members are men and women who are business, professional and community leaders united by a commitment to make the world a better place through volunteer service.

**Mike Herold** reminded us of the Superbowl Pool and that tickets are selling well. Mike will be selling the balance of the tickets at our Robbie Burns night.

Sergeant-at-Arms **Dave Hammond** fined **Greg Willmon** for stepping down from Sergeant-at-Arms duties due to other club commitments and Greg reminded Dave that he would be back and revenge for this fine would follow at a later date. **Ken Westfall** was fined as well as **Mike Herold** and **George Hrabowych** for some frivolous reason.

Happy and sad bucks were many including **Dave Connolly** for his

recent trip to Saskatoon with **Lila Tanner** and **Donna Hais** on behalf of Travellers Lodge and **Donna Hais** also for her recent trip to Saskatoon. **Lila Tanner** thanked **John Heisterman** for driving Lila home after she locked her keys in her car. **Douglas Anderson** welcomed the sunshine back, **Wahid** for his scotch tasting at Vancouver Island University, **Joan Ryan** for driving Zimbabwe supplies to Courtenay for the Interact Club, **Bob Fenty** for his mom feeling better and **Ed Borisenko** for his trip during the month of February.

Table stakes were won by new member **Roy Ostling**.



The wine was won by **Jane Currie**.



**Ken McVey** gets help with running his presentation from **Janeane Coutu**

## PROGRAM NOTES FROM JANUARY 23, 2009

by Bill King

Our presentation was **Holocaust Denial** presented by **Ken McVey** who was introduced by Bruce Samson. Bruce said that Ken is a former U. S. Marine who received dual citizenship (Can.-U.S.) in 1995. Ken has lived in Nanaimo for several years and designs websites for a living. He helps bring justice to those who spread hate throughout the internet.

Ken told us there are several people who he describes as paranoid, that defame and libel people on the internet. These people target, among others, those of Jewish decent, belief and their sympathizers. The deniers allege there were no gas chambers, mass murders or torture of Jews. According to Ken McVey one of the deniers was successfully sued and the plaintiff was awarded \$80,000. It was a sombre but interesting presentation.

### Attendance Report - by D. Hais

Attendance for Jan. 23 was 63%

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

Benoit, Blackmore, Blanaru, Cowling, Gardiner, Gerrand, L. Gosselin, Y. Gosselin, Grice, Heisterman, Hoffstrom, Kolope-nuk, Malcolm, McFarlane, Nu-ernberger, Orr, Patrick, Ramos, Simon, Snider, Stetar, White, B. Wilson

### **Makeups**

W. Anderson (Lantzville)

### Birthdays and Anniversaries

by J. Coutu

#### **Birthdays**

Bruce Gordon Feb 5

#### **Partner Birthdays**

Kay Ganderton (Willis) Feb 4

#### **Wedding Anniversaries**

Judy & Ben Malcolm

16yrs, Jan 31

#### **Club Anniversaries**

Dave Hammond 23yrs, Jan 30

Egon Holzwarth 17yrs, Jan 31

## WEEKLY CLUB PROGRAMS

### Thursday, Jan. 29th

GREETERS	Peter Nuernberger, Wahid Ali, Brenda Grice
SGT AT ARMS	Bob Fenty
INVOCATION	John Morris
HEAD TABLE	President Wayne, John Morris, Peter Nuernberger, Brenda Grice, Wahid Ali, Basil Hobbs
INTRODUCE GUESTS	Bob Hoffstrom
INTRODUCE SPEAKER	_____
PROGRAM	<b>ROBBIE BURNS DAY: at Nanaimo Golf Club</b>
THANK SPEAKERS	<i>Dress: Semi-Formal</i>

### February 6th

GREETERS	George Hrabowych, Taunya Holland, Susan Gerrand
SGT AT ARMS	Bob Fenty
INVOCATION	Janeane Coutu
HEAD TABLE	Pres. Wayne, Paul Liddy, Carey McIver, Egon Holzwarth, Gordon Hubley, Janeane Coutu
INTRODUCE GUESTS	Guenter Raedler
INTRODUCE SPEAKER	Carey McIver
PROGRAM	<b>GENERATING POWER FROM GARBAGE: Paul Liddy</b>
THANK SPEAKER	_____

### February 13th

GREETERS	Douglas Anderson, Donna Hais and Sandy Orr
SGT AT ARMS	Mike Herold
INVOCATION	Bob Wilson
HEAD TABLE	Pres. Wayne, Roy Ostling, Charles Ramos, James Snider, Douglas Anderson, Donna Hais
INTRODUCE GUESTS	Bruce Gordon
INTRODUCE SPEAKERS	Lila Tanner
PROGRAM	<b>CLASSIFICATION TALKS: Ostling, Ramos, Snider</b>
THANK SPEAKER	_____

## ROBBIE BURNS SUPPER - January 29, 2009

Song written in 1795.

### A Man's A Man For A' That

Is there for honest Poverty  
That hings his head, an' a' that;  
The coward slave-we pass him by,  
We dare be poor for a' that!  
For a' that, an' a' that.  
Our toils obscure an' a' that,  
The rank is but the guinea's stamp,  
The Man's the gowd for a' that.

What though on hamely fare we dine,  
Wear hoddin grey, an' a' that;  
Gie fools their silks, and knaves their  
wine;

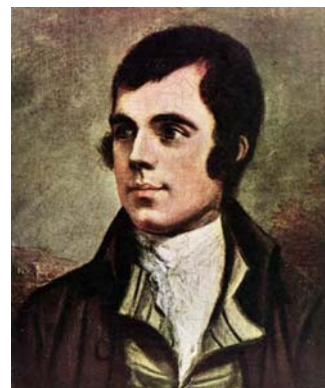
A Man's a Man for a' that:  
For a' that, and a' that,  
Their tinsel show, an' a' that;  
The honest man, tho' e'er sae poor,  
Is king o' men for a' that.

Ye see yon birkie, ca'd a lord,  
Wha struts, an' stares, an' a' that;  
Tho' hundreds worship at his word,  
He's but a coof for a' that:  
For a' that, an' a' that,  
His ribband, star, an' a' that:  
The man o' independent mind  
He looks an' laughs at a' that.

A prince can mak a belted knight,  
A marquis, duke, an' a' that;  
But an honest man's abon his might,  
Gude faith, he maunna fa' that!  
For a' that, an' a' that,  
Their dignities an' a' that;  
The pith o' sense, an' pride o' worth,  
Are higher rank than a' that.

Then let us pray that come it may,  
(As come it will for a' that,)  
That Sense and Worth, o'er a' the  
earth,  
Shall bear the gree, an' a' that.  
For a' that, an' a' that,  
It's coming yet for a' that,  
That Man to Man, the world o'er,  
Shall brothers be for a' that.

**Robert Burns** (25 January 1759 – 21 July 1796) (also known as **Rabbie Burns**, **Scotland's favourite son**, the



**Ploughman Poet**, the **Bard of Ayrshire** and in Scotland as simply **The Bard**) was a poet and a lyricist. He is widely regarded as the national poet of Scotland, and is celebrated worldwide. He is the best known of the poets who have written in the Scot's language, although much of his writing is also in English and a 'light' Scots dialect, accessible to an audience beyond Scotland. He also wrote in standard English, and in these pieces, his political or civil commentary is often at its most blunt.

He is regarded as a pioneer of the Romantic movement and after his death became a great source of inspiration to the founders of both liberalism and socialism. A cultural icon in Scotland and among the Scottish Diaspora around the world, celebration of his life and work became almost a national charismatic cult during the 19th and 20th centuries, and his influence has long been strong on Scottish literature.

As well as making original compositions, Burns also collected folk songs from across Scotland, often revising or adapting them. His poem (and song) *Auld Lang Syne* is often sung at Hogamy (the last day of the year), and *Scots Wha Hae* served for a long time as an unofficial national anthem of the country.

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