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Classic Stearman bi-plane at the Qualicum Beach Airport Open House last Saturday. The airport got its beginnings from a donation of land to the Town of Qualicum Beach by the Qualicum Rotary Club in 1954. *Photo by Bruce Gordon*

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

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Meeting Notes June 12, 2009

By Mike Herold

The meeting started off with invocation by **Lionel Benoit** but I think what Lionel was praying more for was to see his sweetie in Olympia Washington this week.

Bob McDougall introduced our only visiting Rotarian **Nick Plasier** who was visiting from the Netherlands and his classification is Foreign Affairs. Past President **Yvan Gosselin** introduced his and **Lucie's** daughter Francine. **Donna Hais** introduced her guest Andrea Rosati-Taylor who we hope will become a new member of our club in the near future.

"Doctor" **Ed Borisenko** told us that he was not aware of any club members that were sick.

The club was happy to see member **Gary Gardiner** back at our meetings – welcome back Gary.

President Wayne thanked the Fellowship committee for the wonderful club golf tournament last Friday, weather was great and the fellowship was excellent.

On a sad note, member **Jane Currie's** mother recently passed away and Jane was in Ontario looking after the arrangements.

President Elect **Ken Westfall** (2 more weeks to go) said that the fire local PE's met to review the Roster and it was decided that the Roster will at least be continued next year.

Donna Hais introduced the new Travellers Lodge project, a \$20 million new dementia care facility on a 5 acre site on Northfield Road. Our club has always been a strong supporter of the

Travellers Lodge and currently four of our members are on the Board. Donna is encouraging all five local clubs to consider contributing \$500,000.00 over the next five years to the project. It will be a great opportunity for the clubs to have a hands on project and their will be opportunities for naming rights on various areas of the complex. Donna is also looking for a person to act as a co-ordinator of the volunteers for fundraising.

Club member **Susan Gerand**, a supporter of Travellers reminded members about the lunch with Travellers the third Wednesday of every month.

Visiting Rotarian **Nick Plasier** told our club about his club in the Netherlands. The size of his club is 35 – 40 members and he has been a Rotarian for one year. Nick and President Wayne exchanged club banners.



Sergeant At Arms today was **Yvan Gosselin** and he was in such a good mood because it was his and **Lucie's** anniversary that he did not fine anyone.

Happy and sad bucks were numerous. **Gary Gardiner** paid because he was happy to be back and had the opportunity of selling mustang tickets with **Brenda Grice**. **Donna Hais** paid \$10.00



John Morris, Bruce Tait, Bob McDougall & Bruce Gordon representing over 140 years of Rotary service.

and welcomed **Bill Horman** to the lunch and told us daughter Hayley's misfortunes in Europe as part of the student exchange program. **Bob Wilson** was happy to be back from Guatemala and heckled Sergeant At Arms Yvan for calling himself the Queen. Dumb move Bob. Other donation bucks came from **Brenda Grice**, **Dave Connolly**, **Bob Pulleyblank**, **Joan Ryan**, **Lionel Benoit**, **Lucie Gosselin**, **Ed Borisenko** and **Allan Smith**. **Nick Plasier** from the Netherlands gave a happy buck for his recent 40th Wedding Anniversary. Is it \$2.00 on your 80th Anniversary? Table stakes were won by **Bruce Samson** and the wine was won by **Douglas Anderson**.

Program Notes June 12, 2009

Developing World Connections

By Janeane Coutu

Our guest speaker, Rob Plowright, is retired from a career in elementary and secondary education. He was introduced to Developing World Connections (DWC) through his son William, who began the first projects for DWC in Swaziland and Peru. In 2008, Rob visited his first project and later that year, became a project leader himself.

Developing World Connections or DWC is a small, registered BC charitable organization that was started in Kamloops in 2004 by a group of Rotarians after the tragic Boxing Day tsunami. Less than 10% of total revenues go towards administration costs and they have had more than 500 volunteers to date. There are no religious or professional affiliations, nor are they an aid agency. DWC provides the opportunity for personal growth and development through an international volunteer experience. Often called a “volunteer service vacation”, their projects are hardly a vacation unless you add an extended stay onto the trip - the 2 weeks of service are hard work involving manual labour. The rewards for volunteers are intrinsic - you can see the difference you are making in the faces of the children. Volunteers range from student groups as young as junior high to as old as 82-years - anyone can go that wants to help. Safe, reasonable accommodations and food is provided during the volunteer term.

DWC works with local charities in the host country to develop long term partnerships with the community. They develop appropriate, responsible projects and the project legacy is monitored by both local partners and the DWC. Volunteers are guests in the host country and honour the traditions and customs of that community. Project sites have included Rwanda, Kenya, Peru, India, Guatemala, Cambodia, Sri Lanka and Swaziland.

Swaziland was selected for a project because of their demographics and need. The numbers

are staggering; only 25% of children receive some form of education, 25% of the population face starvation, and 48% of the population has HIV. A previous project resulted in construction of a small group home, a classroom and a soup kitchen. SOS Children's Villages in Swaziland provides a house-mother and funding to run these programs.

Costs for the volunteer trip are about the same as a Mexican all-inclusive vacation for two weeks; \$3-4000 which includes meals, accommodation, flights, in-country transportation, and administration fees. Rob funds his travels for DWC by doing home renovation projects for donations, 100% of which go to the charity. He will be leading a group of adults to Swaziland on a two week project in July of 2010.

For more information on volunteering or to make a financial contribution, checkout their website <http://www.developingworldconnections.org>



Guest speaker - Rob Plowright

Attendance Report

By Donna Hais & Janeane Coutu
Attendance for June 12th was 54%.

We missed these Rotarians:

Ali, J. Anderson, Blackmore, Blanaru, Buchanan, Cowling, Currie, Fenty, Hammond, Heisterman, Henderson, Hobbs, Holland, Hrabowych, Hubley, King, Kolopenuk, Kuss, Malcolm, McFarlane, McIver, Nurnberger, Ostling, Shoemaker, Simon, Snider, Stetar, Salem

Visiting Rotarians

Nick Plasier (Noorburg-Vliet, Netherlands)

Guests

Francine Gosselin (Lucie and Yvan's daughter); Andrea Rosatto-Taylor (guest of Donna Hais)

Member Birthdays

Bob Peters	Jun 22
Greg Willmon	Jun 29

Partner Birthdays

Charlene Westfall (Ken)	Jun 20
June Shoemaker (Frank)	Jun 23
Kay Peters (Bob)	Jun 28
Jane Samson (Bruce)	Jun 28
Sharon Willmon (Greg)	Jun 30
Barbara Kuss (Wayne)	Jul 1

Wedding Anniversaries

Egon & Ann Holzwarth	46yrs, Jun22
Ian & Barbara Williams	43yrs, Jun25
Bob & Heather Buchanan	38yrs, Jun26
Dick & Pat Bond	63yrs, Jun 30
Ross & Pam White	48yrs, July 1

Club Anniversaries

Bill Horman	54yrs,	Jun 24
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E-mail from Bob Fenty: “We are enjoying our visit with Daughter and family in Chicago area. Yesterday, Wed., my son in law, drove me to Evanston for a meeting with our District's GSE coordinator Mary Beth Johnson. The foundation Dept. is on the 16th floor of R.I. headquarters, with an incredible view of Lake Michigan about 6 -8 blocks away, and the Chicago skyline off to the right in the distance.

Standing outside his office is Paul Harris, with his hand outstretched to welcome you to his floor and to make you feel welcome, with a handshake. You can now see that I did in fact shake the hand that started Rotary!!!!”

WEEKLY CLUB PROGRAMS

June 19th

GREETERS	James Snider, Doug Greer, John Morris
SGT AT ARMS	Dave Hammond
INVOCATION	Chuck Blanaru
HEAD TABLE	President Wayne, Jackie Wunderlick, Hilary Ford, Hannah Swabey, Bobbi Ann Piercy, Al Smith, Bob Wilson
INTRODUCE GUESTS	Barbara Blinston
INTRODUCE SPEAKER	Al Smith
PROGRAM	Rotary Exchange Students: Jackie, Hilary, Hannah, Bobbi Ann
THANK SPEAKERS	President Wayne

June 26th

GREETERS	PE Ken and Charlene Westfall, Pres. Wayne and Gayle Anderson
SGT AT ARMS	Bob Fenty
INVOCATION	Donna Hais
HEAD TABLE	President Wayne and Gayle Anderson, PE Ken and Charlene Westfall, Keith and Wendy McFarlane
INTRODUCE GUESTS	Keith McFarlane
INTRODUCE SPEAKER	Keith McFarlane
PROGRAM	INSTALLATION NIGHT: Emcee: Keith McFarlane
THANK SPEAKER	_____

July 3rd

GREETERS	George Hrabowych, Taunya Holland, John Morris
SGT AT ARMS	Dave Hammond
INVOCATION	Janeane Coutu
HEAD TABLE	President Ken and guest speaker, Bob Patrick, Dixie Simon, Ross White, Art Rotherham, Bob Buchanan
INTRODUCE GUESTS	Guenter Raedler
INTRODUCE SPEAKERS	_____
PROGRAM	T.B.A.:
THANK SPEAKER	President Ken

The Rotary Foundation has honored Usha Mittal for her US\$1 million contribution to Rotary's polio eradication efforts.

In a reception at the House of Lords in London, Foundation Trustee Chair Jonathan B. Majiyagbe presided as Usha and Lakshmi Mittal were inducted into the [Arch C. Klumph Society](#), which honors people who give at least \$250,000 to the Foundation.

"It seems fitting," remarked Majiyagbe, "to convene in the House of Lords, the seat of such a proud tradition of leadership, to recognize the future unfolding before us -- a future where our world is polio-free, a future where peace is possible."

Mittal and her husband, Lakshmi, chairman and CEO of ArcelorMittal, the world's largest steelmaker, are originally from India but now live in London, where the company is based. Those attending the reception included [Rajashree Birla](#), another major supporter of Rotary's polio eradication efforts.

In May 2008, Birla arranged a meeting with Mittal to discuss polio eradication. Mittal responded with a \$1 million contribution to the Foundation in support of [Rotary's US\\$200 Million Challenge](#). Rotary has committed to raising \$200 million over the next three years in response to \$355 million in grants from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation for polio eradication.

"Polio is a devastating disease which still continues to cripple children in some vast populated areas of the world -- namely India, Pakistan, Afghanistan, and Nigeria, the four remaining countries where the virus is still endemic," said Mittal. "It is a disease for which there is no cure, yet a child can be protected for life with oral vaccine drops.

"I hope that my contribution to The Rotary Foundation will help their tremendous challenge to end polio worldwide, and that one day we will be able to live in a world where lives are no longer ruined by this terrible disease," she said.

Majiyagbe said the gifts from Birla and Mittal reflect the strong support the polio eradication initiative has received over the years from Indian Rotary clubs and from the country's government, general public, and private citizens.

"I am privileged to be able to recognize Mrs. Mittal for her outstanding contribution to global polio eradication," said Majiyagbe. "Through her dedication, we are one step closer to a polio-free world."

DATES TO REMEMBER

June 21st—Rotary Mustang at Father's Day Car Show & Shine, Qualicum

June 26l—Installation Meeting, Coast Bastion Inn, Fellowship 6:00 pm, Dinner 7:00 pm. Dress is business-casual.

June 27th—Pancake Breakfast at Nanaimo North Town Centre from 9:00 to Noon.

August 23—Presidents BBQ—Rath Trevor Beach More information to come.



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