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Bruce Samson with our 2 World War II veterans Bob McDougall & John Morris

photo by Yvan Gosselin

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

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Meeting Notes November 6, 2009

By John Anderson

President **Ken** opened the meeting. **Bruce Samson** gave invocation and asked us to give thanks to the men and women serving in our military. There were no visiting Rotarians. **Gary Gardiner** introduced his daughter Franki visiting from St. Paul Minnesota. **Bob Fenty** introduced our two exchange students, Melody from Belgium and Get from Thailand. **Yvan Gosselin** was pleased that there was nothing to report on for the health of the club. As far as he knew everyone was fine.



Gary Gardiner with daughter Franki

President **Ken** reminded everyone of the Nanaimo North club's citrus for charity drive. Please sign up for fresh fruit. President Ken received a thank you note from Doug, Robin and family to the downtown Rotary club and a special thank you to Bob Fenty for his eulogy; it made for a very special celebration of life for **Bob Pulleyblank**. The family made a \$200 donation to Rotary.

The vote on the notice of motion on the cancellation of the car raffle will be held next week (Nov. 13th).

Wayne Anderson, chair of the book sale thanked all the volunteers for filling all the spots for the next three weekends. Wayne gave a notice of motion for the club to purchase 20 tables for the book sale at a cost of \$900. The tables will be purchased from Oceanside furnishings for a greatly reduced price. They will be

stored at the Nanaimo North Town Center. The Club rented 20 tables last year for \$880 plus delivery and pick up. Over the long term it will save the club lots of money. The motion will be voted on in two weeks.

Donna Hais was happy to announce after seven years we have a new chair for the car raffle.



Donna Hais & Taunya Holland

Taunya Holland will take over the reigns as chair of the car raffle. After a meeting Taunya and the committee came up with 5 primary concerns:

- Cost of the car
- Used car
- Manpower
- Loss of Port Place mall
- Member fatigue

The solutions:

- 1) Get corporate sponsors to offset the cost of the car- We get money, they get advertising.
- 2) Buy a new hybrid car-obtain bids from local dealerships.
- 3) Sell at multiple locations during peak times (evening, weekends, holidays).
- 4) Find alternative venues... community events, beaches, pubs, liquor stores, drug stores, south Nanaimo Etc...
- 5) Create new supporting roles (i.e. Sponsorship committee, PR, print design, administration Etc. to allow people more flexibility.

Janeane Coutu made a motion that the Rotary Club of Nanaimo distribute proceeds from the 2009 car raffle to 5 area schools. Each receiving \$1700. The schools are Bayview, Park Ave., Georgia Ave., and Fairview

elementary schools and John Barsby Secondary School. It was seconded by Basil Hobbs and passed by the Club.

Frank Shoemaker was up to talk about **Ross White's** up coming Project Amigo. Ross and Pam will be in Mexico in December. The last trip Ross brought along plenty of school supplies. With the small baggage allowances these days it is not practical to take such heavy loads. Instead he will take donations to purchase supplies locally in Mexico. So far Ross has received app. \$200. If anyone else would like to donate **Frank Shoemaker** will be collecting the donations and sending it down to Ross.

Brenda Grice had some very sad news. Nicole Gosselin, President elect of the Rotary Club of Nanaimo Daybreak passed away this morning. She will be sadly missed by everyone.

Sgt. At Arms **Wayne Anderson** with the help of **Guenter Raedler** started the festivities. The first fine was for anyone that was not wearing a poppy. Wayne administered the quiz **Dave Hammond** tried to fit in last week. Each table was asked a question on the Olympic torch relay. It was not a good day for fines as each table guessed a correct answer on all 5 questions. It seems that Olympic fever has hit the whole club.

Ian Williams had a happy dollar for Herold Engineering for the signs that were made up for the book sale. **Basil Hobbs** had a thank you dollar for **Donna Hais** for all the hard work she has put in over the



Janeane Coutu makes a Motion

years on the Car Raffle. **Donna Hais** had a grateful dollar that her daughter Kaitlyn is home after a week in the hospital with a burst appendix. **Dave Hammond** had a happy dollar to see **Susan Gerrand** back with the club. **Susan Gerrand** was happy to be back with the club and a sad dollar for the two lost Rotarians while she was away. **Joan Ryan** had a happy dollar for the successful health fair for seniors and an excited dollar for meeting one of the lost boys of Sudan. **Yvan Gosselin** had everyone stand and honor our very own veterans from the Second World War, **John Morris** and **Bob McDougall**. **Lila Tanner** had a congratulation dollar for the wonderful health fair for seniors that **Joan Ryan** helped put on. Lila also thanked the club for all the support she has received on the fundraising for Travelers Lodge. **President Ken** thanked the nomination committee for finding a replacement for **Jane Currie**. **Lila Tanner** is now a director for the Club. **John Salem** had a thank you dollar to **Lucie Gosselin** and **Janeane Coutu** for coming to the rescue and getting him a laptop for his presentation.



*Auctioneer
Wayne
Anderson*

To end the meeting and set up his presentation on Foundation **John Salem** had **Wayne Anderson** auction off a donated Rotary Polio T-shirt and bottle of wine. Wayne started the bidding at \$100. The bidding was fast and furious and was finally won by **John Heisterman** at a bid of \$140.

Ed Borisenko won table Stakes and Bob Buchanan won the wine.

Program Notes - Nov. 6, 2009 Rotary Foundation (Polio Plus)

By Bill King

Our program was 'Rotary Foundation' (Polio Plus). President Ken introduced **John Salem** who made the interesting presentation.

John gave excerpts from a film by Seattle's KIRO news anchor Peggy Legate entitled The Last Mile which was tapped at the 2007 PETS conference. The film displayed Rotary's 2006 participation in vaccinating thousands of youngsters who are now polio survivors. Even though Rotary is in 167 countries we must



John Salem

beat the drums and get the story out. We need a personal angle to advise the world polio will be eradicated! If Rotary is to survive we must keep recruiting new members.

Peggy's daughter who made the trip to inoculate said Rotary should talk to local students as well as Rotary youth exchange students. Her daughter advised Rotary could make Rotary even more attractive to young people by having shorter meetings and "less going on and on". Because of time constraints John had to select excerpts from the film which highlighted Mary Chapin singing 10,000 miles. Unfortunately we ran out of time but John may show the rest of the film in the future. John asked how many knew of a person who had been affected by polio and the response was unanimous every one had. Even though Rotary had left Nigeria for safety reasons we are now back doing the wonderful work.

In thanking the speaker **Frank Shoemaker** reminded us Bill Gates

pledged \$200,000,000 to be matched by R.I. So far we have raised \$100,000,000 but still have \$100,000,000 to raise.

Volunteering

Rotary clubs and Rotarians serving on Polio Plus committees can provide information about upcoming volunteer opportunities, polio eradication activities, and fundraising events. Find contact information through [club and district Web sites](#) and in the *Official Directory*.

Volunteers in polio-free countries can promote routine immunizations within their communities, stay informed about the global eradication effort, and support PolioPlus. Rotarians who wish to volunteer for an NID should carefully consider the difficult working conditions and challenges involved before traveling. Learn more by going to www.rotary.org/RIDocuments/en_pdf/pe_nids_travel.pdf

Attendance Report

By Janeane Coutu

Attendance for Oct.30th was 65%.

We missed these Rotarians:

Ali, Blackmore, Blanaru, Campbell, Cowling, Currie, Gordon, Henderson, Herold, Hrabowych, Jagggers, Kolopenuk, Malcolm, McIver, Ostling, Patrick, Ramos, Rostato-Taylor, Ruttan, Snider, White

Make ups

Susan Gerrand (World Community Service Mtg)

Guests

Melody Lecocq (Belgium)
Get Ketprapakorn (Thailand)
Frankie Gardiner (Gary Gardiner)

Partner Birthdays

Heather Buchanan (Bob) Nov 16
Sherry Heisterman (John) Nov 17

Club Anniversaries

Susan Gerrand 9yrs, Nov 17
John Morris 49yrs, Nov 18

WEEKLY CLUB PROGRAMS

November 13th

GREETERS	Susan Gerrand, Wahid Ali, Lila Tanner
WINE SALES	Bob McDougall
SGT-AT-ARMS	Bob Fenty
INVOCATION	Dale Huck
HEAD TABLE	President Ken, Sandra Piper, Bob Wilson, Susan Gerrand, Wahid Ali, Lila Tanner
INTRODUCE GUESTS	Gordon Hubley
INTRODUCE SPEAKER	Bob Wilson
PROGRAM	LIFE WITH ROTARY <i>Sandra Piper</i>
THANK SPEAKER	Ryan Ruttan

November 20th

GREETERS	Keith McFarlane, Bruce Gordon, Art Vanidour
WINE SALES	John Anderson
SGT-AT-ARMS	Yvan Gosselin
INVOCATION	Dave Connolly
HEAD TABLE	Pres. Ken, Stella Bates, Kathy Smith, Keith McFarlane, Wahid Ali, Bruce Gordon, Art Vanidour
INTRODUCE GUESTS	Gill Campbell
INTRODUCE SPEAKER	Kathy Smith
PROGRAM	SD 68 FIRST NATIONS: <i>Stella Bates</i>
THANK SPEAKER	Wahid Ali

November 27th

GREETERS	Brenda Grice, Roy Ostling, Bob Wilson
WINE SALES	Brent Stetar
SGT-AT-ARMS	Mike Herold
INVOCATION	Lionel Benoit
HEAD TABLE	Pres. Ken, Brian and Barb Beagle, Brenda Grice, Bill King, Ross White, Roy Ostling, Bob Wilson
INTRODUCE GUESTS	Helen Blackmore
INTRODUCE SPEAKER	Brenda Grice
PROGRAM	PAST D.G.: <i>Brian Beagle</i>
THANK SPEAKER	Ross White

Investing less than US\$2 a week through the Foundation changes lives

By Antoinette Tuscano

Rotary International News -- 10 November 2009

Worldwide, Rotary Foundation Matching Grants are saving and changing lives. Since the first [Matching Grant](#) was awarded in 1965, more than US\$335 million has been distributed through more than 30,000 grants.

This is a tremendous achievement for Rotarians, who have made these grants possible through their generous donations to the [Annual Programs Fund](#), and dedicated their time and talent to help carry out projects that put Service Above Self.

[By giving \\$100](#) a year -- less than \$2 a week to the Annual Programs Fund through the [Every Rotarian, Every Year](#) (EREY) initiative, Rotarians become part of the Foundation's mission to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty.

Here are just a few of the projects made possible through Matching Grants.

New hope and self-esteem

The [Bitone Center for Disadvantaged Children](#), located in Kampala, Uganda, is home to two dozen children ages 8-18. Many are orphans; others have lost their homes or been estranged from their families by disease, war, or economic hardship. The Rotary clubs of Kampala-East and Traverse Bay Sunrise, Michigan, USA, are providing support with help from a Rotary Foundation Matching Grant.

By connecting children to traditional Ugandan dance, music, and theater, as well as providing shelter, food, and education, the center strives to give them new hope and self-esteem.

Without water, there is no life

In many parts of the world, people lack access to clean water, leading to disease and death. More than 3.5 million people die from water-related diseases each year, and more than 40 percent of those deaths are due to diarrhea, which UNICEF lists as the second-leading childhood killer. [Polio](#) also spreads through contaminated water.

Rotary club members have helped install 19,000 bio-sand filters, which make water safe to drink, through the Rotarian-led Children's Safe Water Alliance in the Dominican Republic. They've reached an estimated 100,000 people in 300 communities.

For seven years, more than 200 clubs in 18 districts in Canada, the Dominican Republic, the United States, and other Caribbean countries have supported the effort, as has the Foundation, with 30 Matching Grants.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Nov 14, 21—Rotary Weekend Book Sales at Nanaimo Northtown Centre

Nov 29—Family Christmas Breakfast, Bowen Park Activity Centre

Dec 16—Bayview School Christmas Lunch

Dec 16—Rotary Christmas Dinner at Nanaimo Golf Club, Fellowship 6 pm, Dinner 7 pm.

June 10, 2010—Installation at Coast Bastion Inn



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