

ROTARY CLUB OF NANAIMO

“COGS”



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Where has summer gone?

photo by Yvan Gosselin

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

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Meeting Notes November 13, 2009

By John Anderson

President Ken opened the meeting today and Bob Fenty lead us all in a beautiful rendition of Oh Canada. There were no visiting Rotarians or guests for **Gord Hubley** to introduce. **Yvan Gosselin** had no report on the health of the club. **President Ken** reported that **Gill Campbell** is out of surgery and doing well. She will be back with the club next week. There was only one announcement today. **Janeane Coutu** invited any interested member to come to the Directors meeting next Tuesday Nov. 17th 7:00pm at the Longwood Station upstairs.



Bob Fenty was the Sgt. Today, with the help of **Mike Herold**. Bob was happy he was the Sgt today as he put all his money in

the till and had none left for fines. Bob had every one stand and cheer our two W.W. II veterans **John Morris** and **Bob McDougall** for being such great Canadians. Bob had a question for the club. Did anyone know the name and residence of Canada's only surviving Veteran from the First World War?

Bob Wilson stepped up and answered the question correctly. His name is John Babcock and he resides in Spokane Washington.

Douglas Anderson had a happy dollar that the local ski hill



Bill Horman

will be opening this Saturday. **Dave Hammond** had a happy dollar to see **Bill Horman** was with us today. **Yvan Gosselin** had an excited \$5 because he and **Lucie** are now proud grandparents to a beautiful granddaughter. **Mike Herold** had \$10 to pay off one of his many gambling debts. **Ed Borisenko** won the table stakes and **John Morris** won the wine.

Lucie Gosselin gave a second reading of the Notice of Motion from two weeks ago. Her motion read, that the Rotary Club of Nanaimo Downtown cancel the Car Raffle for the 2010 year. **Bruce Samson** seconded the motion.



President Ken opened the floor for discussion. **Taunya Holland** spoke on behalf of the car raffle committee and answered some questions. She assured the club that the plan presented last week would be more fully researched and brought back to the club. After much discussion and clarification of the motion a vote was taken. **Janeane Coutu** and **Basil Hobbs** counted the votes. Basil read out the results:

Votes in favor of the motion – 20

Votes against the motion - 27

Abstention - 1

The motion was defeated. The Club will hold the car raffle this year.

Bruce Gordon made a motion to destroy the ballots, which was seconded by **Yvan Gosselin**.

Program Notes - Nov. 13, 2009 Rotary Foundation (Polio Plus)

By Janeane Coutu

Our speaker was **Sandra Piper**, a recent import from Dawson Creek, BC. Sandra is a nursing instructor at Vancouver Island University and is a recipient of Rotary's *Service Above Self* award.

Sandra began her talk by telling us that three of her four sons have gone on a year-long Rotary Youth Exchange and that Rotary is a fundamental thread woven into the foundation of her family. Rotarians have influenced the lives of her family and helped them all to become better people.

Sandra went on to tell us how Rotary has impacted her life. Six years ago her eldest son Sterling went on exchange to Chile sponsored by the Rotary club in Dawson Creek. Because of the connection to Rotary, she felt confident in the safety of her son while being while abroad and out of her personal protection. Her son was being sent to a far off land to live with strangers speaking a different language yet because of the affiliation with Rotary, she felt assured he was in good hands. She gave her consent for him to go away, practicing guidance parenting and encouraged him to trust his instincts and experience the exchange opportunity. Sterling reflects that the year enhanced his love of family, his love of Canada and how he appreciates the frailty of life and value of commitment. Experiencing other families daily interaction made him appreciate his own family all the more.

Her second oldest son Everett was changed too when Sterling spent the year away. Now the oldest in the house, he blossomed out from under the shadow of his older

brother and became a more confident, outgoing young man. He applied himself and spent grades 10 and 11 in Edmonton at a soccer academy and lived away from home. It was in Edmonton that he was selected by the Rotary Club of Mayfield Edmonton to go on a Youth Exchange year. Both boys have learned that you can find good in everyone and if you put yourself out there, you can become part of an international family. And most importantly, you get more from giving than receiving.

As a family, Sandra and her boys have learned to open their doors to youth and have hosted a German exchange student and now in Nanaimo are hosting a student from Dawson Creek. They are trying to live *Service above Self* and Rotary continues to weave threads into their lives. Sandra has witnessed the personal growth of her boys through their experiences with Rotary and having Rotarians as role models.

Personally Sandra was touched by Rotary when she sought treatment for cancer in Edmonton and stayed at Compassion House which was built by (you guessed it) the Rotary Club of Mayfield and is a home for healing for patients that travel for treatment. She also was able in her capacity as a nurse to experience her dream of travelling to a third world country. Rotary has been such an important part of their lives in such unexpected ways.

Bruce Gordon thanked Sandra for highlighting to us what Rotary really does – we think we are aware but hearing her passion in her presentation about her experience and her children's, really brings it home for us.



Pres Ken with speaker Sandra Piper

November Book Sale

The weekend sales are going well. Al Smith reports that the Club raked in over \$2,800 for charity over the past 2 weekends. At \$1 a book, that's a lot of books. Let's all thank the volunteers who made that happen: John Anderson, Gary & Frankie Gardiner, Ken & Charlene Westfall, Douglas Anderson, Brenda Grice, Bruce & Barb Gordon, Al & Kathy Smith and Frank & June Shoemaker.



Committee chair Wayne Anderson & committed member Al Smith

Did you know?

The Amazon River pushes so much water into the Atlantic Ocean that, more than one hundred miles at sea off the mouth of the river, one can dip fresh water out of the ocean. The volume of water in the Amazon river is greater than the next eight largest rivers in the world combined and three times the flow of all rivers in the United States ..

Attendance Report

By Janeane Coutu

Attendance for Nov.13th was 70%.

We missed these Rotarians:

W. Anderson, Blackmore, Blanaru, Campbell, Currie, Gardiner, Henderson, Hrabowych, King, Kolopenuk, Kuss, McFarlane, Ruttan, Shoemaker, K. Smith, Snider, Stetar, White

Make ups

Jane Currie (Oak Bay)

Doug Cowling (Yaletown)

Member Birthdays

Ken Westfall Nov 22

Wedding Anniversaries

Ken & Charlene Westfall 41yrs, Nov 23

Club Anniversaries

Doug McMillan 28yrs, Nov 20

Letter received by the Pres Ken

Dear Rotary Club of Nanaimo:

Thank you for your recent gift to ShelterBox Canada. Your support is deeply appreciated.

We are happy to tell you that your ShelterBoxes #1648 & 1649 have been deployed to the Philippines after a series of devastating typhoons.

Thanks to your generosity, we will meet our mission to provide hope, comfort and dignity to victims of disaster.

Thank you again for your support of ShelterBox Canada.

Warmest regards,

Anne Ohlgren

Director of Administration

WEEKLY CLUB PROGRAMS

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: Stella Bates
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 DISTRICT GOVERNOR: Brian Beagle
THANK SPEAKER	Ross White

December 4th

GREETERS	Lucie Gosselin, Carey McIver, Ross White
WINE SALES	Douglas Anderson
SGT-AT-ARMS	Dave Hammond
INVOCATION	Joan Ryan
HEAD TABLE	Pres. Ken, Diane Brennen, Yvan Gosselin, Bob McDougall, Ross White, Lucie Gosselin, Carey McIver
INTRODUCE GUESTS	John Salem
INTRODUCE SPEAKER	Yvan Gosselin
PROGRAM	UNITED WAY: Diane Brennen
THANK SPEAKER	Barbara Blinston

Rotaplast International District 5020 WCS Project

A non-profit humanitarian organization providing free reconstructive operations and treatment for underprivileged children worldwide. We seek to provide long-term solutions by funding and coordinating surgical missions, training and mentoring local physicians; launching public education projects; and advancing research. Through collaborative programs through out the world, Rotaplast efforts expand far beyond surgical intervention and help foster international goodwill, peace and understanding.

Rotarians in District 5020 have served as non-medical volunteers since 2001 in the Philippines, China, Venezuela, San Salvador and Peru.

Education and care

Clefts of the lip and palate are among the most common of all birth defects. However in some areas of the world treatment is not common. Untreated, these children are ridiculed, rejected from society, and often deprived of an education. They are prone to serious upper respiratory problems, hearing loss speech and dental problems. Rotaplast works locally to educate families and communities and to provide free operations and therapeutic follow-up care for patients.



Medical teams include reconstructive surgeons with special training in cleft care, paediatricians, nurses, paediatric anaesthesiologists, dentists, orthodontists, and speech pathologists. Many teams also include geneticists focusing on researching causes of clefts. These highly skilled professionals work closely with local hospital staff and doctors sharing technique and working side-by-side to augment and increase care and capacity for treatment. Non-medical volunteers, who pay for their own transportation, perform needed tasks such as instrument sterilization, translation, recovery room monitoring, and comforting families. Rotaplast Missions vary in size with teams ranging from 15 to 35 members.. A typical mission is two weeks.



Rotaplast is an active partner wherever we go. We travel by invitation to each site. Working with hospitals, surgeons, local government, NGO's and other groups to bring needed care, medical equipment and supplies. Rotaplast also has a long-standing partnership with Rotary Clubs* around the world. Working with these service clubs at mission sites, Rotaplast builds logistical capability to consistently support medical teams.

More information at <http://www.rotary5020.org/rotoplast/>

DATES TO REMEMBER

Nov 21—Rotary Weekend Book Sale 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 of John Heisterman and the new executive at Coast Bastion Inn



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