

# ROTARY CLUB OF NANAIMO

# “COGS”



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photo by Yvan Gosselin

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

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## Meeting Notes October 30, 2009

By John Anderson

President Ken opened the meeting with the four-way test. **Bob Fenty** finally figured out the CD player and we sang Oh, Canada. **Doug Cowling** gave invocation. **John Anderson** introduced the visiting Rotarians and Guests. **Gill Campbell** introduced the two visiting Rotarians, President Bud Roworth and John Pike from the North Club. **Wahid Ali** introduced his guest, John Shillaber. **Charles Ramos** introduced his guests. They are the three exchange students, Melody Lecocq, Belgium, Get Katrapakorn, Thailand and George Stanonek, Slovakia. **Yvan Gosselin** reported that Kaitlyn Hais is now out of the hospital. **Gill Campbell** had a special award for **Doug Cowling**. He is now a member of the Rotary Bequest society. Gill presented Doug with a diamond pin, certificate and a crystal award. Our Club has now 10 bequest members and Doug joins 6,703 Rotarians that have reached this level.



Gill Campbell, co-chair of Foundation Committee presents certificate to Doug Cowling

**Janeane Coutu** gave a notice of motion October 23<sup>rd</sup>. It read: Notice of 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. This motion will be voted on November 6<sup>th</sup>.2009.

President Ken informed everyone that there was a program change. The committee reports have been put off and we will have a report from the exchange students. As per tradition we all sang Happy Birthday to **Bob Hoffstrom** as it fell on a meeting day. **Ross White** had two comments:

He wanted to thank everyone for their donations to Project Amigo for their upcoming trip in December. Also he let everyone know that **Frank Shoemaker** will be collecting any other donations while Ross and Pam are away

He also had a wonderful trip to Montreal to visit with his sister and tour the sight of the upcoming Rotary International meeting. **Judy Malcolm** was up to let everyone know of the up coming Fellowship committee trivial pursuit night Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>. The location will be announced soon. President **Bud Roworth** was up to announcing the Citrus for charity drive. The proceeds will go to youths at risk. There are forms on the table and they need to be filled out by next Friday. For more information contact **Gill Campbell**.

**Douglas Anderson** was up next to talk about the Car Raffle for this year and up coming years. He stated there have been two groups in the club in regards to the car raffle. One group is very enthusiastic and one not very enthusiastic. Douglas wanted to have a free and open discussion on how we should proceed.

**Lucie Gosselin** who was out of town had sent an e-mail. She expressed concern about the risk we face of burning out the small core of members who end up spending a lot of time in the background on the book sale and the car raffle. She senses some member fatigue. She believes that the club has become too small to do 2 major fundraisers per year. She suggests that the club choose the book sale over the car raffle because of the fellowship component of the book sale. She offered

to make a notice of Motion to cancel this year's car raffle. **Douglas Anderson** opened the floor for discussion.

**Ian Williams:** Ian likes the idea of a car sale but when recruiting people, the first two months are easy to fill- after that it tapers off. We should keep the sale shorter. He is in favor of having a new or different style of car.

**Wahid Ali:** Wahid is in favor of a car sale but thinks we should spend more time in car shows and less time in malls.

**Bruce Gordon:** Bruce would like to see us purchase something different. Maybe a smart car or something that would appeal to a larger audience.

**John Salem:** John agreed with Bruce. We need to find something that will sell easily. Something with pizzazz.

**Dave Connolly:** Dave thinks the book sale has a much greater chance to make more money. Also the government regulates the funds from the car raffle. There is not a great return for the amount of time we spend on the car raffle.

**Ross White:** Ross stated that we all join Rotary knowing it is a service club. We are all here to help our club raise funds. The book sale supports both the community and internationally. The car raffle supports our community. Ross feels we should hold both events.

**Brent Stetar:** Brent stated that of every \$100 we raise on the car raffle only \$30 goes to charity, the rest goes to purchase the vehicle. The good thing about the car raffle is that it gets Rotary out in the public. Brent would also like to see something new in the style of car we purchase.

**Keith McFarlane:** Keith is concerned that spending \$25,000 is always a risk. With diminishing membership can we sell all the tickets? Our biggest ticket sales come from Port Place mall and it will be

under construction next year for possible a couple of years.

**Gill Campbell:** Gill agreed with Keith. \$25,000 is a lot of money. With no Port Place and no B.C. ferries we will lose two big money makers.

**Doug Cowling:** Doug thought that there may be other areas to go. Such as the new Rona south, maybe the Cedar area. Doug also stated maybe have the sale every two years.

**Yvan Gosselin.** Yvan stated the club is starting to get member fatigue. With both the book sale and the car raffle it is stretching our members too thin. Yvan suggested that with 65 members donating \$250 it would equal the amount we raise from the car sale with out doing any of the work. We could keep the book sale as our other means of fundraising.

**Bruce Samson:** Bruce's big concern is with manpower. Right now retired members are doing most of the work. With the club having less and less retired members who will pick up the slack.

**President Ken** concluded the discussion due to time constraints. A vote on the Notice of Motion will be held in 2 weeks.

**Sgt. Dave Hammond** had a fun Olympic torch quiz for the club but due to time constraints had to postpone the fines.

**Douglas Anderson** won the table stakes. The wine was unclaimed.



President Ken X, Sgt Dave Hammond and Greeter Brent Stetar.

## Program Notes-Oct. 30, 2009 Exchange Students

By Mike Herold

**Charles Ramos** introduced our speakers today which included our exchange students, **George Stranek** from Slovakia, **Get Ketprapakorn** from Thailand and **Melody Lecocq** from Belgium. George's host family is Charles and Sari Ramos and their two children.

**George** started off his talk by telling the club that Charles is not a very good chess player and that George had beaten him badly at the game.

George is from Slovakia in Europe which has a population of 5.5 million people and an area of 15,000 square kilometres. It is in the middle of Europe and is 2,667 meters above sea level. George is from Zilina which is the capital city and has a population of 300,000 people. George showed the club a video of Zilina that highlighted the City's culture and history.

Zilina is blessed with numerous historic buildings including the Zilina Historical Centre, Saint Stefans the King Church, Budatin Castle and Saint George's Church, which was constructed in the 16<sup>th</sup> century. We also saw Strecno and Lietava Castles.

Sporting activities included bicycle tours, football (our soccer), indoor swimming and hockey.

Other sporting activities include golfing at Rajec, paragliding at Stranik and skiing in Techova.

Industry in Zilina includes the Metsa tissue factory and Kia Motors.

Cultural events include the Old-town Celebrations, Carnival Slovakia Zilina, State Chamber Orchestra, Povazie Art Gallery and City Theatre Zilina.

During his first two months with his host family, he has enjoyed hiking, hunting and fishing in the Chilkotin. His highlight was spotting

a bear. Charles also convinced him to enter a run.

Our other speakers included **Get Ketprapakorn** from Thailand who told us that Thailand has a population of 10 million people and the capital is Bangkok. He thanked us for allowing him the opportunity to visit our city.

Our last speaker was **Melody Lecocq** from Belgium who said she felt safe here and did not miss home yet.



## Attendance Report

By Janeane Coutu

Attendance for Oct.30th was 63%.

### We missed these Rotarians:

Blackmore, Blanaru, Coutu, Currie, Gardiner, Gerrand, L. Gosselin, Greer, Grice, Hais, Heisterman, Henderson, Jaggars, Kolopenuk, Kuss, Rosato-Taylor, Rotherham, Ruttan, Ryan, Shoemaker, K. Smith, Snider

### Make ups

Jane Currie, Victoria Harbourside  
Brenda Grice, District Council

### Member Birthdays

Brenda Grice Nov 8  
Frank Shoemaker Nov 12

### Partner Birthdays

Brenda Grice (Douglas) Nov 8  
Peggy McDougall (Bob) Nov 10  
Barb Williams (Ian) Nov 12

### Club Anniversaries

Bob Buchanan 3yrs, Nov 10  
Bruce Samson 10yrs, Nov 12

### Wedding Anniversaries

Willis & Kay Ganderton 58yrs, Nov 10  
Bob & Marie Fenty 48yrs, Nov 11

## WEEKLY CLUB PROGRAMS

### November 6th

|                   |  |
|-------------------|--|
| GREETERS          | Garry Gardiner,<br>Judy Malcolm, John Heisterman   |
| SGT AT ARMS       | Wayne Anderson   |
| INVOCATION        | Bruce Samson   |
| HEAD TABLE        | Pres. Ken, Gill Campbell, John Salem,<br>Brenda Grice, Frank Shoemaker,<br>Gardiner, Malcolm, Heisterman |
| INTRODUCE GUESTS  | Frank Shoemaker  |
| INTRODUCE SPEAKER | President Ken  |
| PROGRAM           | <b>ROTARY FOUNDATION (POLIO PLUS):</b><br><i>John Salem, Gill Campbell</i>                               |
| THANK SPEAKERS    | - - - -  |

### November 13th

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| GREETERS           | Susan Gerrand,<br>Bob McDougall, Lila Tanner   |
| SGT AT ARMS        | Bob Fenty  |
| INVOCATION         | Dale Huck  |
| HEAD TABLE         | President Ken, Sandra Piper,<br>Brent Stetar, Susan Gerrand,<br>Bob McDougall, Lila Tanner |
| INTRODUCE GUESTS   | Gordon Hubley  |
| INTRODUCE SPEAKERS | Brent Stetar   |
| PROGRAM            | <b>LIFE WITH ROTARY</b><br><i>Sandra Piper</i>   |
| THANK SPEAKER      | Ryan Ruttan  |

### November 20th

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

## District Recognized for Net Member Gain & Highest Foundation Giving

District 5020 was announced as the winner of four Zone 25



Awards at the recently concluded Rotary Institute in Monterey, CA.

Past District Governor Brian Beagle received on the behalf of the entire District a Rotary Zone 25 award for Greatest Percentage Increase in Membership, with a 1.6% net increase during Rotary year 2008-09.

The District also received three Rotary Foundation Awards for Highest Giving the Annual Pro-

grams Fund, Highest Restricted Giving and Highest Total Giving. Certificates for these awards were presented to PDG Brian as part of The Rotary Foundation recognition luncheon held Saturday, Oct. 10. District 5020 was also recognized as the District with the highest total giving among all West Coast districts with over \$1.18M in one year.



Award for the Greatest Percentage Net Increase in Membership for 2008-09 presented by Zone 25 Membership Coordinator PDG Judy Beard-Stubbing.

## Every Rotarian, Every Year Can Change the World

When you make your club's Every Rotarian, Every Year program a success, you help change the world.

All money raised through EREY goes to the Annual Programs Fund, which supports The Rotary Foundation's humanitarian and educational programs. This includes humanitarian grants that Rotarians use for projects such as literacy classes, mosquito nets, and clean water.

While giving US\$100 per year through EREY -- less than \$9 per

month -- may seem like a small amount, the Foundation helps that money have a big impact. For example, it can help provide four cataract surgeries in India. Also, when you give \$100 you automatically become a Rotary Foundation Sustaining Member.

Learn how to make a world of difference through EREY, and download the EREY Success Booklet from the RI website. This publication includes a club schedule, weekly Rotary Foundation thoughts, and more information about EREY that can help make

## DATES TO REMEMBER

Nov 12—Trivial Pursuit Night, Nanaimo Golf Club, open bar

Nov 7, 14, 21—Rotary Weekend Book Sales at Nanaimo Northtown Centre



Winner of  
District 5020

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