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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 23, 2009

By Janeane Coutu

President **Ken** began our meeting with the 4-Way test and then made the sad announcement of the passing of **Bob Pulleyblank** earlier that morning which was followed by a minute of silence. **John Anderson** performed invocation.

Gary Gardiner introduced visitors welcoming two of our exchange students to the meeting, **Melody** from Belgium and **Get** from Thailand. **Yvan Gosselin** reported on the *Heath of the Club* informing us that **James Snider** is home with the flu, **Donna Hais'** daughter **Kaitlyn** is in hospital, and he announced the memorial service this afternoon for **Cathy Schulz**, wife of our late member **Fred**.

President Ken announced **Gill Campbell** has resigned as Membership Chair as she feels her talents would be better used elsewhere in the club. He talked about our declining membership numbers and attendance, we are all defacto members of this committee and it is our job to invite prospective members to meetings and invite them to join. Ken encourages feedback from our members as to what is holding you back from inviting people to join. Plan to discuss in an open forum next week.

John Salem welcomed Gill to his Foundation Committee and announced that they will have a committee meeting Fri Oct 30th at



Is it a Van Gogh?
No, it's Ian Williams photographed by Y-Van Gogh-slin



Bob Pulleyblank passed away on October 23, 2009. Bob was hospitalized recently having suffered a heart attack but had seemed alert and his happy usual self when Rotarians visited him in hospital this past week.

Bob was a true Rotarian, always lending a hand when help was needed, as recently as a few weeks ago sorting books for our sale. Bob first joined Rotary in Calgary in 1977 and then came to our club in 1984, celebrating over 32 years in Rotary this past year. He was a five-time Paul Harris Fellow and holds the distinction of having been club President on two occasions, 1989/90 and 2000/2001. Bob was an advocate for education and literacy, he loved the theatre and was involved in countless productions over the years, and most of you will know him as our song leader at the weekly meetings.

11:15am before the regular meeting. Reminder that November is Foundation month.

Wayne Anderson thanked all members who worked so hard at the book sale last weekend. Good news from NNTC, they will work with us again next year, we can store books there, and they have given us a space to do weekend sales in November starting Nov 7th. He hopes those members who were away during the big sale will step up and volunteer for these subsequent dates. To summarize the sale, it went off relatively well and was a collaborative of committee members doing their share to get the job done. He thanked PR (**Andrea & Roy**) for the press releases and stories about the sale, **Wahid** for getting us new banners, **Ian** for signage, **Al Smith** for going to the mall every single day to collect donated books, **Bruce Gordon** for making the bookmarks that were a hit, **Yvan** for dealing with discards and excess books earning us money while doing so, **VIU** for the donation of tables, **Oceanside Business** furnishings for donating tables, **Frank, Janeane** and **Douglas** for signage – so many people involved, apologies for anyone missed. We grossed over \$21,000 which didn't reach Wayne's personal goal "but was a good result all the same" he says.

Judy Malcolm announced supper club is organized and participants

will be getting phone calls soon. She then asked if anyone knew the name of Dale Evan's horse. **Bob Fenty** called out *Buttermilk* and Judy replied "you're my partner for Trivial Pursuit", the newest Fellowship activity planned. Those interested let Judy know.

Douglas Anderson announced that next week we will have a discussion at the meeting regarding the car raffle. This is the time to ask questions, express your concerns, make suggestions, tell what you liked



about the past raffles. There is lots of back chatter going on so lets get it out in the open.

Gill reminded us of a Symphony concert next week and encouraged us to come out and fill the house and **President Ken** announced a member who wishes to remain anonymous made a \$500 donation to pay for the **Bayview School** Christmas lunch.

President Ken presented **Debbie Trueman** of the Nanaimo & District Museum with a \$5,000 cheque, our final installment. She told us that visitations are up 180% and the program rooms are used well by school programs and private meetings. Debbie invites us to come see the new facility.

There were many happy bucks collected by Sgt-at-Arms **Bob Fenty** and assistant **Barb Blinston**. **Keith McFarlane** won the table stakes and **Ian Williams** was lucky again on the wine.

Program Notes-Oct. 23, 2009 Nanaimo Area Land Trust

By Bill King

We had two guest speakers. Doug Cowling introduced Tasja McGregor accompanied by her colleague Stephanie and both gave an interesting multi-media presentation about Nanaimo Area Land Trust (NALT). Their talk dealt with an Edible Wild Plants Project.

Food security and ecological sustainability are of increasing concern to people from all demographics and NALT is pleased to be a part of this 'growing' movement with the creation of this project. The primary purpose of this year long project is to raise public awareness on how to identify, grow, harvest and eat appropriate wild and native plants in our region. In addition to hosting informative workshops and presentations throughout the community, an edible, native plants demonstration garden is under construction at NALT's Natural Abundance Nursery in Cassidy, also a cookbook and a wild greens festival are slated for a spring launch. Their annual income is close to \$300,000.

Their team of three JCP project participants has designed the portable multi-media presentation to share throughout the community, and also offer a field component to further teach identification and harvesting practices. On Oct.22/09 NALT gave

a presentation at Vancouver Island University entitled How did a Handful of Corporations steal our Water?

We learned about some local wild plants such as stinging nettle which is nutritious, woodland strawberry which is delicious, and wild field mint which is refreshing. Other local edible wild plants are Pacific crab apples, trailing blackberries, juniper berries, red huckle berries, Himalayan blackberries, Nootka rose, wild ginger, sala, miner's lettuce, and fireweed. NALT's website is: www.nalt.bc.ca

Bill King thanked the speakers on behalf of the club.



Update on Polio Plus

As part of a US\$355 million challenge grant awarded to Rotary by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Rotary clubs worldwide are aiming to raise a total of US\$200 million by 2012. According to PRNewswire-US Newswire Evanston Ill, \$99 million has been raised so far.

To raise awareness and funds for the global push to end polio, Rotary clubs worldwide are conducting activities surrounding World Polio Day including:

Germany: Nearly 1,000 Rotary clubs are conducting a national outreach campaign. Rotary members are holding screenings of the Oscar nominated documentary, "The Final Inch" in Cologne and Berlin. Screening events for the film, which focuses on the current challenges to

ending polio in India, will include a panel of experts including the film's producer. Other local events will include information stands, a benefit CD set featuring international recording artists -- Seal, REM, etc -- (10 Euros from each sale are donated to polio eradication), benefit concerts and school events.

Austria: Austrian Rotary club members are conducting a national polio awareness week in mid-October. They will sell sunflower seeds for five Euros -- the approximate cost of ten doses of polio vaccine.

Washington, DC: Rotary members in Virginia are coordinating "The Final Inch for Polio Eradication Walk." The 20-mile fundraising walk will end at the White House.

California: On October 24, Rotary members will show "The Final Inch" film at a regional conference focusing on polio eradication efforts worldwide.

Attendance Report

By Janeane Coutu

Attendance for Oct.23rd was 62%.

We missed these Rotarians:

Blanaru, Currie, Gerrand, L. Gosselin, Greer, Hais, Henderson, Herold, Holland, Hrabowych, Hubley, Jaggars, Kolopenuk, Kuss, McIver, Patrick, Ramos, Ryan, Snider, Stetar, Tanner, White, Wilson

Make ups

Currie – Oak Bay
Borisenko – ms Zuiderdam
Cowling – Northampton, MA

Member Birthdays

Hoffstrom Bob Oct 30

Partner Birthdays

Anne Holzwarth (Egon) Nov 1
Diane Salem (John) Nov 1

Club Anniversaries

Judy Malcolm 3yrs, Nov 3
Kathy Smith 3yrs, Nov 3

WEEKLY CLUB PROGRAMS

October 30th

GREETERS	Wayne Kuss, Jane Currie, Brent Stetar
SGT AT ARMS	Dave Hammond
INVOCATION	Doug Cowling
HEAD TABLE	President Ken, Carey McIver, Bob Hoffstrom, Wayne Kuss, Donna Hais, Brent Stetar, Jane Currie
INTRODUCE GUESTS	Janeane Coutu
INTRODUCE SPEAKER	President Ken
PROGRAM	Committee Reports: Literacy, World Comm. Service, Car Raffle
THANK SPEAKERS	-----

November 6th

GREETERS	Garry Gardiner, Judy Malcolm, John Heisterman
SGT AT ARMS	Wayne Anderson
INVOCATION	Bruce Samson
HEAD TABLE	President Ken, John Salem, Brenda Grice, Frank Shoemaker, Gardiner, Malcolm, Heisterman
INTRODUCE GUESTS	Frank Shoemaker
INTRODUCE SPEAKERS	President Ken
PROGRAM	ROTARY FOUNDATION (POLIO PLUS): John Salem
THANK SPEAKER	-----

November 13th

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

Banerjee will target polio eradication as his top priority

October 27, 2009) – Kalyan Banerjee, a businessman from Gujarat, India, will become president of Rotary International www.rotary.org - one of the largest humanitarian service organizations in the world – on 1 July 2011. As president, Banerjee will lead a global network of 1.2 million business and professional leaders from more than 200 countries and geographical regions who, through volunteer service, help meet the needs of communities worldwide.

Banerjee, a member of Rotary since 1972, and the international organization's third president from India said, "I am honored to lead Rotary as its 101st president." Banerjee added that Rotary's strengths include its ability to attract leaders from different vocations around the world, as well as its role in promoting peace. "My goal is for Rotary to become the preferred organization for today's generation to join and participate in, to make the world better, safer and happier," he said.

As president, Banerjee will oversee Rotary's top priority of eradicating polio, a crippling and potentially fatal disease that still threatens children in Africa and Asia – including India. Since 1985, Rotary club members worldwide have contributed more than US\$800 million and countless volunteer hours to the effort, and Rotary is now working to raise an additional \$200 million to fulfill its commitment for a \$355 million challenge grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Great progress has been made, and the incidence of paralytic polio infection has plunged worldwide from 350,000 cases in 1988 to fewer than 2,000 in 2008.

As one of the four remaining polio endemic countries, which also include

Afghanistan, Nigeria, and Pakistan, India's fight against polio remains strong with the volunteer and financial support of more than \$106 million from Rotary. In addition, Rotary's sustained political, bureaucratic and religious advocacy efforts at national, state and district levels have made a discernible impact on the program in India.

Rotary also sponsors the largest privately funded international scholarship program in the world. Since 1947, Rotary has contributed roughly \$500 million to fund a year of study abroad for 38,000 students from 100 countries. These cultural ambassadors use the skills and knowledge they acquire through their time abroad to advance the cause of international understanding, goodwill, and peace. Rotary also sponsors seven Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution at eight leading universities in six different countries.

Banerjee is a director of United Phosphorus Limited, the largest Indian agrochemical manufacturer, and the chair of United Phosphorus (Bangladesh) Limited. He is a member of the Indian Institute of Chemical Engineers and the American Chemical Society, a past president of Vapi Industries Association, and former chair of the Gujarat chapter of the Confederation of Indian Industry. He earned a degree in chemical engineering from the Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur. Banerjee and his wife, Binota, have two children and four grandchildren.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Nov 7, 14, 21—Rotary Weekend Book sales at Nanaimo North town Centre

Nov 29—Family Christmas Breakfast, Beban Park clubhouse

Dec 16—Bayview School Christmas Lunch

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



Winner of District 5020 Best Bulletin Awards

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