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Fog lifting from Nanaimo Harbour, a predictable Autumn event.

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

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Meeting Notes from Sept. 26, 2008

O Canada was lead by **Bob Pulleyblank**. Invocation by **Keith McFarlane** while **Carey McIvor** called for visiting Rotarians, **Perry Williams** of Nanaimo North Club. Guests included **Doug McFadden** and his wife **Joan**, **Fernanda Reyes** of Mexico, **Jaija Turpelinen** of Finland and **Tricia Rynes** our main speaker having been in Mexico.

Ed Borisenko – Health of the Club - suggested that many members who are recuperating would appreciate a call or visit from club members. Some are **Rae Kulai**, **Bob Peters**, **Wayne Kuss**, **Al Jackson** and **Mary Weideman**. **Susan Gerrand** reported that Marty's wife **Pat Weideman** will be returning home from rehab soon and needs a sheepskin, if anyone has one. Susan encouraged everyone to visit with **Pat**. **President Wayne** announced the 65 wedding anniversary of **Doug and Joan**



Joan and Doug McFadden

McFadden. **Doug** came forward and expressed his enjoyment at attending various Rotary Meetings. They vary significantly, in Palm Springs he noted there were 6 members from our club in attendance as well as 3 other Canadians. **Doug** thanked the club for the warm welcome and made a financial contribution to the club.

Announcements: **Susan Gerrand** announced a Foundation meeting next week – 11 a.m. before the regular meeting. Also, on the 3rd Wed. Susan welcomes anyone inter-

ested in helping with Senior Assistance. **Joan Ryan** announced Fellowship meeting Wed. @5pm. **Cary McIvor** announced World Community Service meeting at Ross White's Thurs. Oct 2nd - 7pm. **Janeane Coutu** asked if anyone had or knew of a house for rent or free house sitting could be arranged for the month of November for a young family, 1 child and mom expecting second baby. They need to be closer to hospital facilities **Gary Gardiner** reminded us of the book sort tonight at the Mall @ 6:30 pm, the new banners look very nice, special thanks to **Janeane** for organizing the shifts of the upcoming sale and all her work organizing shifts for the book sort, special thanks also to **Yvan Gosselin** another hard working Rotarian and to **President Wayne Anderson** who has been at every work session. **Bruce and Barb Gordon** have attended many days also. The cooperation of others is most appreciated. We can't give up just yet and another week of hard work before the sale. **President Wayne** announced the canceling of the October 10th meeting due to every hand needed at the book sale – the busiest day of the sale is the Friday.

Sgt at Arms was shared by **Mike Herold** and **Bob Fenty**. **Bob** was determined to give away the



Sgt. Bob Fenty and Sgt. Mike Herold

Yacht Club hat that has been with the club for some and no-one claims, everyone belonging to the yacht club had to stand, finally **Bob Hoffstrom** was the lucky recipient. **Guenter Raedler** lost a bet with **Mike Herold** and paid \$20.00. **Bob Pul-**

leyblank as one of the Greeters was fined for leaving his post far too early (according to Bob Fenty) as soon as the lunch was ready – **Bob Pulleyblank** insisted the facts were that he had arrived and was on the job by 11:20, the sole Greeter and didn't think it a good idea to sing O Canada with a mouth full of food. **Ed Borisenko** managed to snaffle 2 dinner tickets and was fined for the 2nd one. **Gary Gardiner** was fined for putting his umbrella on the table, allowing it to fall, then putting it on someone else's chair. **John Heisterman** got a buffalo license, **Ed Borisenko** was fined again for so insensitive as to asking "did you mount his head?" **Bob Wilson** announced he was turning 60 and "finally feels accepted in the club" (he was jeered for that remark), he thinks "aging is



John "Buffalo Hunter" Heisterman cheers up an aging Bob Wilson

not for wimps". At 50 he took up biking but now at 60 he may actually take up bridge. Table stakes won by Doug Anderson, win was won by Don McMillan.

Program - Exchange Students

By Mike Herold

Kathy Smith introduced two inbound exchange students, **Maija Turpeinen** from Finland and **Fernanda Reyes** from Mexico and each student gave a short presentation to the club about themselves.

Maija has only been in Canada for 1½ months and comes from a town in Finland which is about 3-4 hours from Helsinki. She has played soccer for one year in a league with five teams. She has three sisters, one older and two younger and she is training to be a practical nurse while



Exchange students: Fernanda Reyes from Mexico, Tricia Reynes who returned from India and Maija Turpeinen from Finland.

also attending high school and has completed her first year of a two year program. She has travelled around Vancouver Island and has met other exchange students from all over the world.

Fernanda is from the south of Mexico on the west coast and has been here for one month. She attends Dover Bay Secondary. She is enjoying her stay in Nanaimo with her host family, **Ron and Susan Mielke**, both members of the Nanaimo North Club.

Kathy also introduced her daughter, **Tricia Reynes**, who gave the club an excellent presentation on her recent student exchange to India. Tricia told the club that India was not her first choice as she preferred Belgium or France, but after her 10 months in India, she was glad that her first choices were not met due to the cultural differences.

Tricia's experiences in India were many and included travelling, dancing, spending time with her host family and learning the various cultural aspects of Indian life. She did say, however, that the Indian people she met could not understand why a for-

eign girl would want to experience the poorer areas of India as well as the more scenic ones. She went on a month-long bus tour where they slept on the bus and she found that the south of India was her favourite area. She saw beautiful temples, large Buddha statues, the Golden Temple, the Taj Mahal, rode elephants, discovered the backwaters in India, went to the Himalayas and slid down mountain slopes on her ski jacket, travelled through salt deserts riding camels, went river rafting, attended dance festivals and experienced many traditional Indian functions including a large wedding. Whew!! Makes me tired just thinking about all that traveling.

Tricia now speaks and reads Hindi fluently in just 10 months.

Art Rotherham thanked all three of our speakers for their excellent presentations.

If wrinkles must be written upon our brows, let them not be written upon the heart. The spirit should not grow old.

James a Garfield (1831 - 1881)

Attendance Report

By Janeane Coutu and Donna Hais

Attendance for Sept. 26th was 77%

We missed these Rotarians:

Ali, Blanaru, Blinston, Currie, L. Gosselin, Hobbs, King, Kolopenuk, Kuss, Nuernberger, Peters, A. Smith, White, Williams.

Visiting Rotarian

Perry Williams (Nanaimo North)

Guests:

Joan McMillan (Doug McMillan's wife)
Tricia Reynes (inbound student from India) (Kathy's daughter)
Maija Turpeinen (exchange student from Finland)
Fernanda Reyes (exchange student from Mexico)

Birthdays

Lila Tanner Oct 4

Club Anniversaries

Guenter Raedler 5yrs, Oct 3

TRF'S Educational Programs

I believe if you want to choose one issue that will have the biggest impact in making this a better world, choose education.

Historically, Rotary's educational programs began in 1947 when we named our first scholarship recipients and the program eventually evolved into TRF's Ambassadorial Scholarships. Since 1947 we have named almost 40,000 scholarship recipients and Rotarians have donated more than 500 million dollars to that endeavor. Far and away the largest non-profit scholarship program in the world.

Our most recent Educational Program (2002) is the Rotary Peace Centers. Have you considered supporting the Centers and the Peace Fellowship Program?

Have you considered establishing an endowment in your family's name and creating a legacy that will last forever and will leave our world a better place?

Eddie Blender, Editor,
Foundation Newsletter

WEEKLY CLUB PROGRAMS

October 3rd

GREETERS	Peter Nuernberger, Wahid Ali, Brenda Grice
SGT AT ARMS	Greg Willmon
INVOCATION	Lucie Gosselin
HEAD TABLE	Pres. Wayne, Carey McIvor and Guests from Sunyani, Lila Tanner, Peter, Wahid Ali, Brenda Grice
INTRODUCE GUESTS	Doug Greer
INTRODUCE SPEAKER	Carey McIvor
PROGRAM	WORLD COMMUNITY SERVICE: <i>Rotary Guests from Sunyani</i>
THANK SPEAKERS	Bob Fenty

October 10th

**NO
ROTARY
MEETING
AT THE
COAST
BASTION
SO THAT
MEMBERS
CAN WORK
AT THE
BOOK SALE**

October 17th

GREETERS	Helen Blackmore, Bob Hoffstrom, Art Rotherham
SGT AT ARMS	Bob Fenty
INVOCATION	Gary Gardiner
HEAD TABLE	Pres. Wayne, DG Brian Beagle, Barbara Beagle, Lila Tanner, Carey McIvor, Basil Hobbs, Art Rotherham
INTRODUCE GUESTS	Susan Gerrand
INTRODUCE SPEAKER	Pres. Wayne Anderson
PROGRAM	D.G. OFFICIAL VISIT: <i>Brian and Barbara Beagle</i>
THANK SPEAKER	Pres.-Elect Ken Westfall

Canada Boosts Global Commitment to End Polio

By Dan Nixon

The Canadian government has announced it is contributing C\$30 million (US\$28 million) toward eradicating polio in sub-Saharan Africa.

The funding follows C\$60 million (US\$56 million) earmarked in June to help end the disease in Afghanistan.

"Canada's contribution will ensure that millions of children in sub-Saharan Africa and Afghanistan are protected against polio," said Beverley J. Oda, minister of international cooperation, on 4 September. "Our innovative partnership with Rotary International, along with the World Health Organization and UNICEF, will help ensure that we move toward destroying this crippling disease."

Canada's latest contribution will help launch national immunization campaigns in sub-Saharan Africa, and at least C\$15 million (US\$13.9 million) will support disease surveillance and training for medical professionals in Nigeria. The funding comes at a critical time for Nigeria, according to WHO. A polio outbreak in the northern part of the country is putting the sub-Saharan region at risk, and stepped-up immunization activities are essential to prevent the disease from spreading.

In Afghanistan, Canada's support is helping to immunize seven million children under age five against polio. The effort includes mapping nomadic migration routes and establishing vaccination points at major border crossings to synchronize immunization schedules between Afghanistan and Pakistan.

So far, Canada has contributed almost C\$331 million (US\$308 mil-


lion) to the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, making it one of the top five government donors.



Past RI President Wilfrid J. Wilkinson (left) and International PolioPlus Committee Chair Robert S. Scott join Beverley J. Oda, Canada's minister of international cooperation, in Ottawa, where Oda announced Canada's C\$30 million contribution to help end polio in sub-Saharan Africa. *Photo courtesy Canadian International Development Agency*

"Canada has led the way in the fight to eradicate polio from the face of the world," said Past RI President Wilfrid Wilkinson. "As chair of Rotary's polio eradication advocacy for Canada, I congratulate the government for its generosity, which is strategically directed to Nigeria and Afghanistan, two of the four remaining polio-endemic countries in the world."

Attention Rotarians
Book Sorting ALL DAY,
EVERY DAY.
We need YOUR Help.
Contact Janeane Coutu
or Bruce Gordon



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