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ROTARY BOOK SALE

Nanaimo North Town Centre

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Our Club's Major Fund-Raising Event For The Year Needs Your Help!

We need help prior to the sale to sort books!

We are overwhelmed with the amount of books donated to our sale this year—so many that the storage space donated to us by the mall is full to capacity and there was hardly room to sort books.

The mall management came to our rescue this month and donated a second space in which we have room to sort our books—thanks to the crew who moved many of these books to the new sorting room

across the mall from Fabricland. This is a huge task and, since we have only a couple of weeks to go before the sale, the committee (*by saying the “committee” we mean the whole club*) needs quite a few volunteer hours to get organized.

Janeane Coutu has taken on the job as sorting coordinator because Book Sale Chairmen **Gary Gardiner** and **Yvan Gosselin** have been collecting books and dealing with the many details of organizing the sale and are reaching the burn-out stage. These Rotarians need our help.

Our Book Sale is in support of **CanWest Global's Raise-A-Reader Day**, which was September 24th this year. Last year the sale raised some \$26,000 which was split with CanWest. Their half was matched by the province and that money was donated directly to Literacy Nanaimo.

Our share of the book sale profits went to support community projects of our choosing.

Since this is our major fund-raising event of this Rotary year, every effort has to be made to make this sale successful.

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

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Meeting Notes from September 19 meeting

By Bill King

O Canada was lead by **Bob Pulleyblank**, invocation by **Doug Greer** and introductions of visiting Rotarians and guests were by **Bruce Gordon**.

Visiting Rotarian, **Chris Everett** from Daybreak was identified by **Lila** and **Bruce Samson** identified **Reed Elley** who is running in the upcoming federal election for the Conservatives and is also a Rotarian. Reed introduced his son, who is attending college here in Nanaimo. **Bill King** introduced his guest **Frank Mazzei**.

President Wayne gave information from the last club board meeting advising us **Dixie Simon** and **Sandy Orr** were granted leaves of absence, and went on to say there will be a World Community Service seminar and details are available from Wayne.

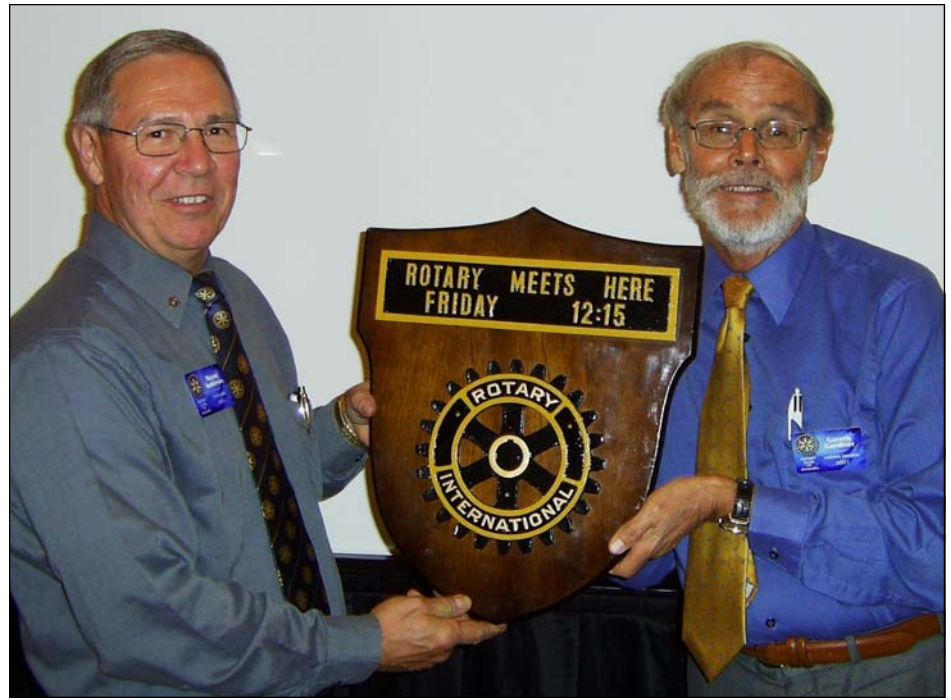
Ross White raised the idea **Carolyn McWhinnie** be nominated for a **Paul Harris Fellowship** and if granted it should be presented at the upcoming book sale.

Joan Ryan announced info from the supper club, details available from Joan, then **Alan Smith** corrected a statement in *COGS* which said three exchange students recently left for their home countries but the reality is only one returned home. Your scribe apologizes.

Yvan Gosselin displayed a beautiful wooden club plaque restored by **Gary Gardner** who donated it to the club.

One of our exchange students, **Teresa Gaultois**, emailed **Paul Geneau** of the Nanaimo North club and **Al Smith** read a few items from her letters which told a story of the wonders and shocks of her first few weeks in Poland.

Sgt-at-Arms **Bruce Samson** said he needed someone to fine and the



President Wayne displays the original Rotary sign which was carefully restored for the club by Gary Gardiner. Hopefully it will hang in the lobby of the Coast Bastion Inn.

lucky winner was **Joan Ryan** who at an otherwise social encounter apparently said to Bruce in reference to his rank she did not have to call him 'SIR' since his officer rank did not require it. She paid. It was not Bruce's finest hour since Bill K. told his guest he may not be in 'good hands' the hands being Bruce's. King's the defense was feeble and King said he would not have said it if he had seen Bruce's SGT badge. King paid.

Lila Tanner paid a happy buck because she is going on a trip then **Ken X** said **Joan Ryan** had made a generous donation to the foundation, **Bob Pulleyblank** paid in honor of club member **Harry Wipper** on his being inducted into the city Sports Hall of Fame. **Doug Anderson** paid because of the great time he had at the meeting in Victoria held by the current R.I. president and also **Ian Williams'** creation which was the best video of National anthems he had ever seen or heard. **Brenda Grice** then 'subsidized' Doug's donation and reinforced his comments by saying Ian's rendition of O Canada was the best she has ever seen or heard, which prompted a spontane-

ous applause from the club. *Congratulations Ian!*

Ken X. told us that **Bruce Samson** made a donation to the foundation of \$335 which was collected by Bruce



Sgt-at-Arms Bruce contributed to the club's coffers from his own daughter's wedding.

from bar donations at his daughter's wedding last week. **Peter Nuernberger** was looking forward to a long dreamed of fabulous sailing trip he will be taking in the near future. **Ed Borisenko** was delighted his daughter returned home

from Africa for a visit and gave her dad \$40,000,000 however it was Zimbabwe dollars worth only a few cents. Zimbabwe has the highest rate of inflation in the history of the world. P.S. it's true.

Table stakes #965 was unclaimed and added to the pot. Wine was won by **Guenter Raedler**.

ShelterBox Program

By Lila Tanner

Our speaker today is certainly no stranger to Rotary. **Chris Everett** presented a very interesting, moving and humbling presentation about the many places shelter boxes have assisted those in need throughout the world.

Chris began his talk by telling of a personal experience – one that few of us have ever dealt with. He was making his dinner, steak, fries and mushrooms, left it cooking on the stove and ran downstairs to watch an exciting play on TV. Before he knew it his kitchen was in flames, he lost everything he owned in the fire. A neighbour took him to a local hotel. He sat on the edge of the bed with nothing to his name and having no idea how he was going to manage. Another friend came by much later, after fishing through the rubble, finding a few clothes, washing and pressing them then delivering them to him. “I thought you might need these,” she said. Chris then realized what so many in foreign countries have had to deal with – hence his dedication to this project.

Shelter Box is ready to provide *immediate* relief, often where no one else can. When a disaster occurs there are four immediate needs: food, drinking water, clothing and shelter. A ShelterBox provides shelter, the means to have clean water and equipment for cooking. The ShelterBox organization will only distribute aid according to need and under safe and achievable operating parameters.

Twelve thousand five hundred ShelterBoxes were sent to the areas affected by the Asian Tsunami Disaster. Another 137,000 people were provided with shelter, hope and dignity following the massive Kashmir-Pakistan earthquake in 2005. “Your tents are like soldiers standing proud in the snow” they said.

ShelterBox provided shelter for over 90,000 people in Pakistan Kash-



Egon Holzwarth thanked Chris Everett, and presented him with the coveted Rotary pen made by Dave Connolly.

mir. More recently ShelterBoxes have gone to the Solomon Islands and Bolivia. In Northern Sumatra, Indonesia 2,000 ShelterBoxes – each with two tents provides shelter for 40,000.

The new ShelterBox tent and contents were displayed in Nairobi at the gathering of high-level UN Officials from all over Africa. Following the display the UNHCR asked for 30,000 boxes for use in Sudan and Somalia. To try to meet this unprecedented demand, ShelterBox is undertaking an ambitious program called “A Million in Africa” (AMA). The aim is to provide shelter for one million people in Africa over the next four years, in addition to ongoing natural disaster relief.

In Kenya tents sent by ShelterBox have been used to create two new villages for families left homeless by floods in Kenya’s northern Garissa district. Following the creation of the ShelterBox villages, water supplies have been installed and the French Red Cross has set up a clinic. The Kenyan Government has also given the land to the people, meaning they will be able to rebuild permanent homes on higher ground where families will be safe from any future flooding. These tents which have

built in mosquito nets along with hundreds of extra mosquito nets were sent to help the flood victims combat malaria and the deadly Rift Valley disease

ShelterBox Canada is one of the four ShelterBox partners. The ShelterBox headquarters are in Helston, Cornwall, England. All boxes are assembled and shipped from the large ShelterBox warehouse. Currently Rotarians who are members of the Rotary Club of Ladysmith, BC, administer ShelterBox Canada.

ShelterBox, a Millennium Project of Rotary is the largest global Rotary Club project in the history of Rotary. Since its inception the project has raised over \$30 Million and provided shelter for 490,000 people in 33 countries. This project involves Rotarians and Rotary Clubs in the UK, Canada, USA and Australia.

ShelterBoxes cost \$1,200. Cdn. and are tax deductible. Our club has recently donated of one ShelterBox through donations from our pancake breakfast held in August along with some financial support from Nanaimo North Town Centre Mall.

Don't forget to mark your calendar for Oct. 10–13 Rotary's Book Sale

WEEKLY CLUB PROGRAMS

September 26th

GREETERS	Norman Beaton, Carmon Henderson, Bob Pulleyblank
SGT AT ARMS	Dixie Simon
INVOCATION	Keith McFarlane
HEAD TABLE	Pres. Wayne, Megan Radigan, Al Smith, Maija Tupeinen, Fernanda Reyes, Norm Beaton, Bob Pulleyblank
INTRODUCE GUESTS	Carey McIver
INTRODUCE SPEAKER	Allan Smith
PROGRAM	BACK FROM BOLIVIA: Megan Radigan <i>Short Presentation by Exchange Students</i>
THANK SPEAKERS	Marty Weideman

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 SPEAKER	Bob Fenty

October 10th

GREETERS	NO
SGT AT ARMS	ROTARY
INVOCATION	MEETING
HEAD TABLE	AT THE
INTRODUCE GUESTS	COAST
INTRODUCE SPEAKER	BASTION
PROGRAM	SO THAT
THANK SPEAKER	MEMBERS
	CAN WORK
	AT THE
	BOOK SALE

Letters from Poland

Local Rotary Exchange Student Teresa Gaultois is in Poland this year and sends letters to Paul Geneau of the North club.

Following are a few excerpts:

Dzien Dobry!!!

I am in Poland. I am having such a wonderful time. I guess I've been here for 2 weeks now, which has seemed to go faster than I thought (and it seems like a long time since I saw anyone back home).

I've been going to a language school for the last 2 weeks in a town near to mine called Torun. It is such a beautiful town, all old architecture, and on the Wysła river.

The language school was pretty intense (we finished yesterday), and I learned a lot of stuff in Polish. I am getting a lot better, and although I need to lean on my English sometimes, I speak mostly in Polish for everything.

I start real school on Monday, which, unlike the language school, will include no English. I guess I'll see how that goes :)

Pretty much everything has been great so far.

I am living with the Lubinski family, and they have a son who left for the US (but I was here for 4 days before he left, which was so nice) and a daughter who is 11 years old. I love the family, they are so nice, and do everything to make me feel at home. The mother, Magdalena, speaks some English, so when I don't understand something, we translate into English. The father, Krzysztof, also speaks some English (but speaks to me in Polish) and the daughter, Marcelina, speaks very little but is trying to learn.

I had my first week of school. It was different, but good. The first day, everyone got all dressed up

(lots of the boys wore suits), and we stood outside for the principal's speech, and then went to our first (and only) class. It was such a short day, maybe only 1 hour (we just got our class schedule). For the rest of the day I went with the other exchange students out to tour the city (and shop), which was really nice, except I was wearing my high heels because of my dressy outfit, so my feet still hurt 4 days later from walking non-stop in the high shoes!

I've been "adopted" into a group of girls. Mainly by 3 girls. It's a bit hard to explain, because it is the same group of people in every class, so everyone sort of knows everyone.

I am at a "sport" school. So I am so tiny. For instance, my three closer friends are Iza, Agata and Marta. Iza is at least 6'3, and Marta only a tad shorter. And Agata must be at least 5'8. There are only 3 girls my size, and then everyone else is taller.

Tomorrow I am off to a family picnic, and then Sunday, I am going to the opera house with my family (should be so much fun). We go to church every Sunday, and it's a bit crazy, because I understand nothing except "halluja!" and "brothers and sisters". Literally. My family is very religious. We don't eat meat on Fridays, only fish. (I'm not totally sure what custom that is, but something to do with church). It is pretty interesting.)

So all is good. Classes are new, but good. I have made friends. My family is still very nice. I am being fed so much food I am scared for my wardrobe.

And it has been raining quite often, so I have no reason to be homesick ... :D

I hope you are all doing well!!

Hugs kisses from Poland,
Teresa



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