

# ROTARY CLUB OF NANAIMO

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Book sorting at North Nanaimo Town Center on September 19th. Pam White, Bruce Gordon, Ross White, Gary Gardiner, Al Smith and Frank Shoemaker.  
*photo: Ian Williams*

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

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## Meeting Notes September 18, 2009

By Mike Herold

Our meeting started off with **President Ken** reading the Rotary Four Way Test followed by **Bob Pulleyblank** with O'Canada. **Art Vanidour** had the honour of introducing the visiting Rotarians and guests which included **Ron Miekle** from Nanaimo North and **Jerry Jagers** from Vancouver, now living in Nanaimo and Manager of Thrifty Foods at Port Place Mall. The guest of **Yvan Gosselin** was well-known local realtor **Kurt Beans** with the Sutton Group. **Kathy Smith** introduced our three exchange students – **Get** from Thailand who is staying with **Paul Geneau**, **George** from Slovakia who is staying with **Charles Ramos**, and **Melody** from Belgium who is staying with **Alan and Kathy Smith**.



Get, Melody & George

**Yvan Gosselin** told us that **Willis Ganderton** is in the Royal Jubilee Hospital in Victoria for the next 3-4 weeks and that **Al Jackson** sounds good and is celebrating his 76<sup>th</sup> birthday at home.

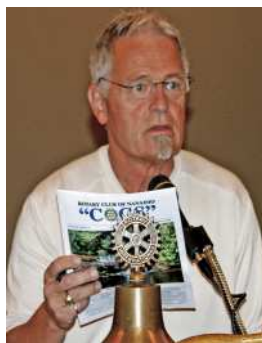
After discussions with the Board, **President Ken** asked the club to vote on taking on multi-year funded projects which could encumber subsequent Boards versus single year funded projects only. Multi-year projects were deemed to be up to three years. After comments from the floor by **Kathy Smith**,

**John Salem, Lucie Gosselin, Wahid Ali, Lila Tanner, Frank Shoemaker** and **Bob Fenty**, the club voted unanimously to continue with multi-year funded projects on a project to project basis.

Announcements included **Kathy Smith** informing members that Fairwinds Golf Club will again offer \$10 off every green fee to be put towards our club for golfing at their course over the next few months. Members must inform Fairwinds that they are a Rotarian. **Alan Smith** reminded us of Book Sale Committee sorting this Saturday and next Thursday at North Nanaimo Town Centre in the old Mariposa store.

**Bruce Gordon** read a Notice of Motion to be voted on in two weeks that the club spends up to \$25,000 for the purchase of a newer Mustang to be used for our 2010 Mustang sale.

**Ross White** informed club members about sponsorship opportunities for Project Amigo of \$95 US for an elementary student and said that he and Pam and their 19 year old granddaughter will again be going to Mexico and if anyone would like to make a cash donation in lieu of pens, etc., it would be appreciated. **John Salem** reminded us of a Foundation Committee meeting to be held after next week's meeting.



Sergeant-at-Arms **Mike Herold** fined both **Art Vanidour** and **Art Rotherham** – **Art Vanidour** for his faux pas in introducing visiting Rotarians and guests and **Art Rotherham** for not signing in. Both had vindictive and hurtful retorts against poor Mike who was visibly shaken from the remarks. **Bruce Gordon** was fined \$1.12 for his recent article on the HST and **Ed Borisenko** and **Egon Holzwarth**

were fined for leaving their greeter posts early for food. Everyone sitting with **Jerry Jagers** was fined for his recent picture in the paper and **Wahid Ali** bet **Mike Herold** \$10 and **John Salem** bet **Guenter Raedler** even on a Toronto Argonauts win. Too bad, so sad to Wahid and John. Pay up!!

Happy and sad bucks were a little slim but included a variation of money from **Kathy Smith, Ross White, Wayne Anderson, the two Arts, Lucie Gosselin, John Salem** and **Frank Shoemaker**.

Table stakes were won by **Gord Hubley** and the wine was won by **James Snyder**.

## Program Notes-Sept 18, 2009 Kimamba Youth Center

By Ross White



Her favourite mother, **Lucie**, introduced **Francine Gosselin**. **Lucie** told us that **Francine**, after high school, went to Central America. Following this, she spent 4 months in Africa at the age of 22.

When she was leaving, steeped in parental advice, she was encouraged to seek out a project that would have potential for Rotary. She did find a need for a youth centre but unfortunately Rotary cannot fund buildings so personally undertook the project and is here to give us an update.

**Francine's** presentation entitled was a blend of photos, visual information and personal commentary. The project started in 2006 when **Francine** volunteered to work with street kids, many with HIV/AIDS. During this time, she met **Simba** who told her of his dream to build a youth centre in his hometown, **Kimamba, Tanzania**. He was then working as an HIV/AIDS educator with a music

based organization. Francine and Simba traveled to Kimamba and met with the mayor, councillors and kids. It became apparent that a youth centre would be beneficial.

Kimamba is located in the Morogoro Region of Tanzania. It has a population of just over 20,000. In the community, 2.8% (575) are known to be HIV positive and only 225 receive treatment. Due to stigma and a lack of testing facilities, the actual infection rate is likely higher. Also, access to treatment is extremely limited.

Since 2006, work was done to open the Youth Centre and an official opening was held on July 9, 2008. The approach used is known as edutainment (education based entertainment) and is used to empower and educate young people. It is run by Tanzanian youth for youth and serves youth from all over the Morogoro region.

To raise funds for this project, Francine ran a poker tournament, two beach volleyball tournaments, and other fundraising initiatives. She also received donations from individuals and from the Interact Club of Nanaimo. Overall, about \$13,000 has been raised. As part of the project's development, Simba's family donated a building but it required considerable work and it has virtually been torn down and reconstructed. Although there is still work to be done, the before and after photos were impressive. Francine showed pictures of a soccer tournament, music and drama programs (youth do performances for other schools), and a talent show of young and older participants. It is through edutainment that "leaders" are able to provide solid information and education for the youth.

**NEEDS:** As the project continues, there are continuing needs.

- Classroom with electricity;
- A PA system – people are eager to learn and the availability of a PA system will enable the leaders to

reach a larger audience;

- Windows: these are needed for security and to preserve the stability of the building.

**FUTURE GOALS:** Francine indicated a clear vision for the future.

- Seeking volunteers to complete the project;
- Set up an HIV testing & counseling component;
- To be self-sustaining.

**CHALLENGES:** Francine was able to identify some of the difficulties ahead.

- Lack of funding;
- Lack of awareness
- Lack of resources – internet, library, no TV

In summary, Francine told members that this is a project to educate and empower youth on social issues. The goal is also to provide young people with an informational basis so they will lead healthy lives.

In response to questions, Francine indicated that she hopes to return in the next couple of years. She does not wish to use collected funds to finance her trip. She also told club members that the government will only provide financial assistance once the centre is fully established.

Art Rotherham thanked Francine. He expressed the sentiments of members by commenting **WOW!** In acknowledging Francine's work, he noted that she has accomplished a great deal. She is an excellent role model and a credit to her family.



Art Rotherdam thanking Francine Gosselin

## Membership proposal

Unless written objection is received by the Secretary within seven days of this notice, the following proposed members will be invited to join the Rotary Club of Nanaimo;  
Jerry Jagers,  
proposed by Janeane Coutu  
Classification: Retail Grocery

## Attendance Report

By Janeane Coutu

Attendance for Sept 18th was 56%.

### We missed these Rotarians:

D. Anderson, Benoit, Blanaru, Buchanan, Campbell, Cowling, Currie, Grice, Hais, Hammond, Heisterman, Hobbs, Holland, Hrabowych, King, Kolopenuk, Kuss, Malcolm, McIver, Ostling, Ramos, Rosato-Taylor, Ruttan, Ryan, Samson, Stetar, Tait

### Visiting Rotarians

Ron Mielke, Nanaimo North

### Make-ups

Currie, Victoria Harbourside  
Westfall, Grice – District Foundation Seminar  
Rotary committee work – Wilson, Willmon, Gardiner, Ramos, Campbell, Hais, Williams, A. Smith, D. Anderson, Gordon, W. Anderson, Y. Gosselin, Ostling, Rosato-Taylor, Ali, White, Borisenko

### Guests

Kurt Beens, guest of Yvan Gosselin  
Francine Gosselin, guest of the club  
Exchange Students;  
Melody Lecocq, Belgium  
Get (Tharit) Katprapakorn, Thailand  
George Stanonek, Slovakia

### Member Birthdays

Bruce Tait Sept 25  
Lionel Benoit Sept 26  
Bob Wilson Sept 27

### Wedding Anniversaries

Jane & John Currie 33yrs, Sept 25  
Joan & Doug McFadden 66yrs, Sept 25  
George & Andrea Hrabowych  
29yrs, Sept 27  
Bob & Margaret Gerrard 29yrs, Sept 27  
Pat & Dave Connolly 53yrs, Sept 29  
Guenter & Rita Raedler 43yrs, Oct 1

### Club Anniversaries

John Heisterman 14yrs, Sept 29  
Art Vanidour 42yrs, Sept 29

## WEEKLY CLUB PROGRAMS

### September 25th

**GREETERS** George Hrabowych  
Bob Buchanan, John Salem

**SGT AT ARMS** Yvan Gosselin

**INVOCATION** Keith McFarlane

**HEAD TABLE** President Ken, Al Smith, Bruce Tait, Lionel Benoit, Bob Wilson, Buchanan, Salem, Hrabowych

**INTRODUCE GUESTS** Bob McDougall

**INTRODUCE SPEAKER** President Ken

**PROGRAM** **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**  
*Community Service—Youth*

**THANK SPEAKERS** \_\_\_\_\_

### October 2nd

**GREETERS** Gill Campbell,  
Gord Hubley, Andrea Rosato-Taylor

**SGT AT ARMS** Wayne Anderson

**INVOCATION** Susan Gerrand

**HEAD TABLE** President Ken, Carey McIver, Roy Ostling, Lila Tanner, Gill Campbell, Gord Hubley, Andrea Rosato-Taylor

**INTRODUCE GUESTS** Bruce Gordon

**INTRODUCE SPEAKER** Roy Ostling

**PROGRAM** **GIANA PLANNING MISSION:**  
*Carey McIver*

**THANK SPEAKER** Frank Shoemaker

### October 9th

**GREETERS** Frank Shoemaker,  
Dale Huck, Dave Connolly

**SGT AT ARMS** Dave Hammond

**INVOCATION** Brent Stetar

**HEAD TABLE** President Ken, Mike Counseel, Barbara Blinston, Dave Connolly, Dale Huck, Frank Shoemaker

**INTRODUCE GUESTS** Bruce Samson

**INTRODUCE SPEAKERS** Barbara Blinston

**PROGRAM** **LOAVES & FISHES:**  
*Mike Counseel*

**THANK SPEAKER** Bob McDougall

## President Kenny's October Message

My fellow Rotarians:

There are many service organizations in the world today, but none so old or so successful as Rotary. There are many reasons for that, and Vocational Service is one of them. This year, I wish you to place a special emphasis on Vocational Service, which is sometimes the forgotten Avenue of Service in Rotary.

High ethical standards in business and personal life are still as important today as they were in 1905. Indeed, many of the problems our world is facing today have been caused by the failure to observe such standards in business affairs.

Vocational Service, in Rotary, means that we are committed to honest business and unassailable ethics, and that we are equally committed to using our vocational skills and advantages to help others. The idea is simple enough – but it is unique to Rotary.

Many service organizations are open to anyone who wishes to join. That has never been the case in Rotary. Rotarians only seek out as members those who are qualified – those who have the character, the ability, and the resolve to make a real contribution to their club.

I have long believed that the bedrock of Rotary is our commitment to ethical behavior. It has been putting what's right above what's convenient – and Service Above Self – that has made Rotary different from the rest. That is why we must always remember that whatever we do, we are each the public face of Rotary. We are each the standard-bearers of our organization. What one member does, for good or for ill, reflects on all of us.

So much of what we've achieved as an organization has come about because of the trust the world has in



Rotary and in Rotarians. That trust has been a major part of our success in polio eradication – the fact that we are known in every community, and known to be people of goodwill and good hearts.

If we wish to see our organization grow and prosper, we must keep Vocational Service front and center in our minds and actions. We must seek out skilled and determined men and women of character. We must do what is right, even when it is inconvenient. And we must always, always, put Service Above Self.

John Kenny  
President, Rotary International

## DATES TO REMEMBER

**Oct 16-18**—Rotary Book Sale, Northtown Centre. Volunteers and Books needed.

**Nov 29**—Family Christmas Breakfast, Beban Park clubhouse

**Dec 16**—Bayview School Christmas Lunch

**Dec 17**—Rotary Christmas Dinner at Nanaimo Golf Club



Winner of District 5020 Best Bulletin Awards

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