

**Newsletter Date:** 

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#### **Club Duties**

# Wednesday Wake up

July 19th

Front Door Greeters: Nelson Allen & Darryl Shaw

### **Club Duties**

### August 9th

Front Door Greeters: Caran Carr & Dave Thompson

Invocation: Denise Davidson

Introductions: Karin Mattern

Rotary Minute: Nathan Thornton Sergeant @ Arms: Kevin McNeill

50/50:

Neil Sorsdahl

August 16th

Front Door Greeters: Denise Davidson & Nathan Thornton

Invocation: Ken Hammer Introductions:

Ron Medd Rotary Minute: Greg Utas

Sergeant @ Arms:

Don Bonner 50/50:

Neil Sorsdahl

August 23rd

Front Door Greeters: Ken Hammer & Greg Utas

Invocation:
Alastair Hunter
Introductions:
Tony Mengual
Rotary Minute:

Bob Wall

Sergeant @ Arms: Jo-Ann Harding

50/50

Neil Sorsdahl

Guest Speaker: August 9: Michael Geslbracht

Ecovillage, Shawnigan Lake

OUR Ecovillage is a model demonstration community for sustainable development and community activism. The Ecovillage design can be incorporated into communities to improve our quality of life as well as the sustainability of our city. As an acronym, O.U.R stand for One United Resource which is implies that we humans and the rest of nature all contribute to the world in some way or another.

Guest Speaker: August 16: Classification Talk: Denise Larson Here's your opportunity to get to know a little more about Denise's exciting life.

## Summer Songs

The final tally is in from the Summer Songs, Andrea Smith concert held on July 15: In total \$5,200 was raised. On Aug 2, we were pleased to present to Andrea with a cheque for \$2,600 to assist in the production of her CD. Andrea is now busy working on a second CD. Congratulations to Rod Mont/Jo-Ann Harding and the committee for all the work they put into this event. A job well done!

### Bingo

Lee Odgers advises that we have one more bingo commitment for this current schedule. Bingo night is on **Friday Aug. 25 at 9 pm.** <u>Karin Mattern</u> and <u>Christine McAuley</u> are scheduled as volunteers

The next General Meeting for our Bingo Association will be held on **Sunday, September 10**, **2006 at 10 am at 285 Prideaux St.** The new Bingo Schedule will be presented at this meeting.

We need a volunteer to attend this meeting.

### Club Birthdays Club Anniversaries

Aug 8Ron MeddAug 15Dave ThompsonAug 15Denise LarsenAug 15Daryl

Aug 19 Doug Lum Aug 18 Denise Larson

Aug 31 Denise Davidson

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#### CHARITY NAVIGATOR GIVES THE ROTARY FOUNDATION TOP RATING

Charity Navigator was founded in 2001 under the simple premise that people are amazingly generous and enjoy helping others but are not always sure how to go about it.

The founders of Charity Navigator knew that the United States needed charities, and they also knew that most of them were well intentioned and well managed. But even as insiders in the charitable world, they had a difficult time determining which charities were the most effective and which deserved support.

The charitable marketplace had simply become too large to navigate without some help. The Charity Navigator founders were concerned that people who were less knowledgeable about the charitable sector would simply not give to organizations out of fear that they could not be positive those organizations were trustworthy.

The founders of Charity Navigator believed that by offering unbiased, trusted, analytical information about charities, more people would support non-profits or feel better about making a gift to an organization.

Looking at the options available to givers, the founders of Charity Navigator were left with only one choice. They thought that America's generous citizens deserved a service that would deliver unbiased ratings of a huge number of charities, and do it for free. So they stepped up and created Charity Navigator, the online source which would provide unbiased, trusted and analytical information on charities.

They ultimately created an objective data-driven organization, with no biases, that rates more charities than any other evaluator, thus ensuring that givers from every state in the nation, with every type of charitable interest, could find a well-rated charity to support. Today, the number of charities they evaluate has grown to over five thousand and the service is free, not only for the charities involved, but for the user.

Charity Navigator has awarded The Rotary Foundation its top rating of four stars.

"Less than a quarter of the charities we evaluate have received our highest rating, indicating that The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International outperforms the majority of nonprofits in America with respect to fiscal responsibility," says Trent Stamp, executive director of Charity Navigator, in the letter announcing the four-star rating of Rotary International.

To read the complete article, please visit: http://www.rotaryeclubone.org/articles/charity\_navigator.htm

Shall we ever understand that the other fellow's necessities should have precedence over luxuries, our absurdities? If so, then we shall attain the estate of the brotherhood of man."

Paul P. Harris— The Rotarian—February 1917 on the occasion of Rotary's 12th Anniversary.

Everyone has a photographic memory. Some just don't have film.

### Rotary Club Meetings

Monday - Parksville, Bayside Inn, Noon

Tuesday – Nanaimo North, Frith-Radcliffe Auditorium, Kiwanis Village, 6:15 p.m.

Wednesday - Nanaimo Oceanside, ABC Restaurant on Mary Ellen Drive, 4 p.m.

Thursday - Lantzville - ABC Restaurant on Mary Ellen Drive, 7 a.m.

Friday - Nanaimo - Howard Johnson, 12:15 p.m.

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