



Club Duties

February 7

Front Door Greeters:

Donna Allen & Dave Perry

Invocation:

Denise Davidson

Introductions:

Jim McIvor

Rotary Minute:

Karin Mattern

Sergeant @ Arms:

Don Bonner

50/50:

Val Lennox

February 14

Front Door Greeters:

Nelson Allen & Darryl Shaw

Invocation:

Ken Hammer

Introductions:

Lee Mason

Rotary Minute:

Bob Wall

Sergeant @ Arms:

Jo-Ann Harding

50/50:

Christine McAuley

February 21

Front Door Greeters:

Ron Blank & Moira Steele

Invocation:

Alastair Hunter

Introductions:

Karin Mattern

Rotary Minute:

Donna Allen

Sergeant @ Arms:

Bruce Mede

50/50:

Christine McAuley

Weekly Wake-up

Upcoming Programs

February 7: George Hanson who was our scheduled speaker got called unexpectedly to another meeting but would be happy to rebook.

February 14: Rotary DVD.

February 21: Heather Owen, CVI Crisis Society speaking on Leadership BC Nanaimo program.

February 28: Club Assembly

Proposed New Member

Jerry Luskey Classification: Advertising

Sponsored by: Ken Hammer

The above individual has been proposed for membership. If any member objects to her admittance into the club, please advise the Board in writing within 7 days of this notice.

FEBRUARY 15, 2007 OUR FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER

This issue spotlighted the Educational Programs of the Rotary Foundation with the major emphasis on Ambassadorial Scholars, Rotary World Peace Fellows and the Peace Studies Program. To view the whole newsletter, please click this link:

[OUR FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER](#) And then click on the flashing February 1 icon.

Club Birthdays

Feb 8 — Kevin McNeill
Feb 25 — Neil Sorsdahl
Feb 26 — Don Bonner

Club Anniversaries

None in February

Foundation Thoughts - Joan Firkins, District Foundation Chair

1) a reminder that the District has established the Al Brooks 100% Sustaining member Club award effective this year - that means every member of your club will have contributed a minimum of \$100US to the Annual Programs Fund - have a look at your club results to date and start working on the goal of becoming a Charter club of the Al Brooks 100% Sustaining Member Award!

2) Is your club looking for an international project? Don't know where to start? No leads? Be sure to visit the website www.matchinggrants.org - half the work is already done for you and there is a lengthy list of projects which require funding in many different parts of the world. Spend some time visiting this website as it is a terrific resource for clubs to utilize.

January 31, 2007 Meeting Notes: Submitted by Rod Mont

Wayne Anderson, Nanaimo Rotary: Rotary theatre fellowship night, March 1st, 8 pm, Bailey Studio. Jo-Ann Harding presented a Thespian Award to Rod Mont for his part in the musical production "Urinetown".

Dave Perry advised of the *Singing Valentines* fund-raiser for the Nanaimo Tidesmen. For \$40, you can have a barbershop quartet sing to your sweetheart. Fred Smith, now with Qualicum Rotary, advised their club's 5th Annual Wine Festival: March 3rd: tickets are \$25 each. Neil Sorsdahl announced the Golf Committee organizational meeting at Neil's on February 5th. The golf tournament will be held on May 4th.

Tony Menguel advised of the Bar Par committee meeting immediately following the meeting. Ron Blank is looking for a 6' x 6' piece of artificial turf for Bar Par. Chris Everett announced the grand opening for the *Pennies from Heaven* project: 3 pm on February 10th at the Roost.

Our guest speaker, Michael Munro, School District 68 Superintendent, provided some interesting information about our SD: 20% of the students are at an "academic risk" and 26% of the families in SD68 have less than \$30,000 in annual income. He discussed anticipated decline in numbers and the school closure concerns and also efforts to secure funding for the projects at Woodlands and Dover Bay, both of which are currently at over-capacity. Numbers of students entering the system each year in kindergarten is lower than the number of graduates from grade 12. This means that the enrollment numbers are expected to decline and this puts pressure on the School Board to close schools that have empty classrooms. There are currently the equivalent of 90 empty classrooms in the district. Mike also discussed an accountability contract which SD68 calls its "District Performance Plan". Key goals for the district include literacy (reading & writing), numeracy, social responsibility and closing the gap for aboriginal students. SD68 also has a greater diversity of students than it has had in the past with programs such as assisting Brannen Lake inmates with getting grade 12, the Career Technical Centre, the Learn@home program and Outreach.

Upcoming Events

Feb 10 — *Pennies from Heaven* project: 3 pm at the Roost
 Feb 14 — Singing Valentines, Nanaimo Tidesmen. Contact Dave Perry
 Feb 17 — RYLA Interviews
 Feb 17 — RCMP Appreciation Night, Beban Park
 March — Bar Par (Date TBA)
 March — Membership night (Date TBA)

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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