



Club Duties

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

February 28

Front Door Greeters:
Bill Brendon & Eileen Tatton

Invocation:
Lynda Kazanowski

Introductions:
Ron Medd

Rotary Minute:
Nelson Allen

Sergeant @ Arms:
Daryl Stech

50/50:
Christine McAuley

March 7

Front Door Greeters:
Jim McIvor Dave Thompson

Invocation:
Brian Kirkhope

Introductions:
Tony Mengual

Rotary Minute:
Ron Blank

Sergeant @ Arms:
Kevin McNeill

50/50:
Christine McAuley

Weekly Wake-up

Upcoming Programs

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

February 28: Club Assembly

March 7: Maureen Fritz-Roberts Chair, District 5020 will speak on Membership

March 14: Tony White, Nanaimo Additions Foundation

February 14, 2007 Meeting Notes: Submitted by Rod Mont

A quick organizational meeting for the Summer Song Committee after the regular meeting was announced by Rod Mont. Ken Hammer introduced us to our club's Polio Plus fund-raising project: for \$5, we can buy a square on a 50/50 chart and the winner will win \$500. Tony Menguel and the Bar Par Committee are looking for volunteers and participants for the Bar Par which will be held on March 31st. Each participant is encouraged to collect \$500 in pledges. Bar Par is a fun event where participants are driven to various pubs in Nanaimo and after a shooter at each pub, must try to shoot one or two holes of mini putts.

Our guest speaker was George Hanson of the Downtown Nanaimo Partnership and he provided us with many statistics of how the downtown area is being revitalized. George was quick to acknowledge that the strong economy has greatly assisted the downtown area and that DNP was not taking credit for all of these improvements. There have been a net increase of 95 new businesses since 2001 and in 2006, there were 5000 people working in the downtown area. The contribution of the total City commercial tax base has declined from 20% in 1999 to 16% in 2006 due to the increased value of areas outside the downtown area. Commercial vacancies have declined from 160 in 2001 to 80 in 2006 and the percentage of commercial vacancy space has declined from 15% to 5% over the same period. Attendance at the Port Theatre has dramatically increased and the number of special events held downtown has increased from 160 to 250. Attendance at these special events has increased from 80,000 to 160,000. George advised us that it is common for urban professional planners to look at a 25 year horizon when changing an area and the downtown area has an excellent start within this 25 year window. Future re-development sites include the assembly wharf, Port Place, Nicol Street, Terminal Avenue and the Mill Stone River.

Club Birthdays

Feb 25— Neil Sorsdahl
Feb 26— Don Bonner

Club Anniversaries

None in February

Foundation Thoughts:

Preliminary figures for the January 31st Monthly Contribution Report indicate we are now at 60% (\$386,935) of our goal for the Annual Programs Fund - not a huge increase from December 31st. If your club or clubs is one of the 11 clubs that are showing as not having sent any contributions to the Annual Fund please get on this right away - whether you are the Foundation Representative, the Foundation Chair, the Club President, the AG or the President elect! We have 5 months to go to meet Governor's Erik's goal of \$650,000 so we can't take our focus off of that goal.

The 11 clubs showing are: Bremerton; Brentwood; East Grays Harbor; Fife Milton; Nanaimo Daybreak; Nanaimo Oceanside; Olympia Capital; Port Angeles; Saltspring; South Kitsap and Silverdale Sunrise. If you discover there is an error in the reporting— i.e. funds in fact have been sent it— please let me know. If funds have been sent in and you believe they should have been reported on the January 31st report, please email the Contact Center at contact.center@rotary.org and start the investigative process.

As at January 31st we have 17 new Benefactors in the District - this is a very low figure and should be higher. Please give special attention to this area over the coming months - leaving a minimum of \$1000 to Rotary once you are gone is a slam dunk - as you have heard me say many times, you don't have to write a cheque for it plus it means you are continuing to support Rotary once you have met your untimely demise! Let's get lots of Benefactor cards out on the tables at your weekly meeting! And.....if you haven't become a Benefactor yet you have an opportunity to lead the way!

d) Heads up to the 12 clubs in our District that meet on Fridays - this Friday is the 102nd Anniversary of Rotary so be sure to celebrate! And for the 74 clubs that meet on the other days of the week - be sure and celebrate as well!

Have a great week everyone and I look forward to seeing many of you at the DLTA next weekend. Please be sure to come by the Foundation Drop-In Session from 3-5 pm on Saturday afternoon!

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RI President 2006-07:

William B. Boyd

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Everyone has a song to sing!

Upcoming Events

March — Bar Par (Date TBA)

March — Membership night (Date TBA)

June 1st to 3rd—District Conference

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.

