



Club Duties

April 11

Front Door Greeters:
Lynda Kazanowski & Nelson Allen

Invocation:
Darryl Shaw

Introductions:
Lee Mason

Rotary Minute:
Ken Hammer

Sergeant @ Arms:
Kevin McNeill

50/50:
Dave Hoy

April 18

Front Door Greeters:
Brian Kirkhope & Ron Blank

Invocation:
Maira Steele

Introductions:
Karin Mattern

Rotary Minute:
Alastair Hunter

Sergeant @ Arms:
Don Bonner

50/50:
Dave Hoy

April 25

Front Door Greeters:
Daryl Kneival & Bill Brendon

Invocation:
Eileen Tatton

Introductions:
Ron Medd

Rotary Minute:
Lynda Kazanowski

Sergeant @ Arms:
Jo-Ann Harding

50/50:
Dave Hoy

Weekly Wake-up

Upcoming Programs

April 18: Special Presentation—Ron Medd & Don Bonner, Rotary Video

April 25: Club Assembly



Tales from the Penny Jar

Part 6 — “To School Then Somewhere Else, Conclusion”

The next day, the box was taken on a long drive in a big brown truck. You will never guess where that truck took us! To an airport! A real airport with real airplanes!! At first I was so excited about going on a real airplane. Then I realized how unsafe the adventure was. Within ten minutes everyone in the box was suffering from motion sickness. Eventually the sixteen-hour flight landed. We were taken out by a gentleman named Frederick who sported a bright coloured vest. Frederick gave us to a kind looking African woman who spoke in a very strong accent.

The woman took the box to the orphanage. There she opened up the box, and we saw about ten kids staring at us. They each were allowed to pick put certain amounts and gleefully carried us to school. At the school, which in truth was no more than a shack, they each gave their teacher the money. My child wore the biggest smile known to man or penny as she handed me to her teacher, thus gaining the ability to go to school. I am happy that, for this important moment in my existence, I was used to change someone's life forever. Education is one of the most important experiences. I tell every other coin I meet how wonderful it is, and I hope my message speaks out.

This concludes the Tales from the Penny Jar Series. We hope you have enjoyed the little stories and will remember to bring in your pennies.

Club Birthdays

Club Anniversaries

None in April

None in April

*March 21 Meeting Notes**Submitted by Donna Allen*

Rotary Minute: Rod Mont stood in for Denise Davidson –thank-you Rod!! He spoke about membership facts. Did you know that:

Since our club was chartered we have had 136 members. We started with 44 members and we now have 43.

There are only 20% of our charter members still with us. 50% of our new members have been introduced to the club by 8 members. Brian Kirkhope has brought in 13 new members. In August, 2005 we had the highest membership at 53 members.

Jamie Odgers has given his letter of resignation. His wife Sandra has returned to work and Jamie must help get the children organized for school. We will certainly miss Jamie.

The Polio Plus Fundraiser is complete. Thank you Ken Hammer. We had the draw and 500 points goes to Bob Wall; the wine was won by Brian Kirkhope, and the “suspect” gift basket will or may be soon in Nelson Allen’s hands.

Ken Hammer will soon be traveling to Ghana for the project there. He will be away for 3 weeks. Make sure you have all your shots Ken!! Ken asks that we bring pencils, pens skipping ropes, frisbees, loonies and toonies for him to take with him. No bicycles please!!

Chip Ross from the Cumberland Centennial Club was our guest speaker today. His topic was “Helping Hands”. Helping people in Chennai, India who are differently abled. It was a very moving presentation, and certainly points out how fortunate we are to live in Canada with all its supports. Chip’s club and others raise money for prosthetics, educations, wheelchairs, braces, etc. to help disabled persons become functioning members of society. There is a Rotary club in Chennai that partners in this project and those members make sure the money gets to the people who most need it. **“Just because you are differently abled doesn’t mean you are lost”**.

NEWS FLASH:: Don Bonner won 50/50. Approximately \$2800.00. He appeared speechless!!! Wendi Ferrero reported on BarPar. Thanks to everyone who helped and participated. Final tally not yet in.

Rotary Contacts**Club President:**

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Club Secretary:

Nicole Gosselin

Club Treasurer:

Nathan Thornton

Bulletin Editor:

Lee Mason

Foundation Chair:

Don Bonner

Assistant Governor Area 2B

Brian Kirkhope

District Governor 2006-07:

Erik Frederickson

RI President 2006-07:

William B. Boyd

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Message from Maureen Fritz-Roberts, District 5020 Membership Chair

President-Elect Wilfrid Wilkinson is hitting the ground running when it comes to Rotary membership. To illustrate the importance of membership, he will hold seven Presidential Conferences on that topic throughout the country. The first will be this July 13 and 14 in Philadelphia. On August 10th and 11th he will be in Vancouver, B.C. President Wilkinson wants club membership committee members to attend as well as club presidents, club officers, district membership committees, District Governors, Assistant Governors and all Rotarians who are enthusiastic about strengthening Rotary. He really wants to hear from you there. He wants these conferences to focus on our need to change and on practical ways to increase our membership, retain our existing members and extend Rotary through the creation of new clubs. We'll explore new ideas, brainstorm solutions outside the box and rattle the walls with a new direction formed with Rotarians' creative and innovative minds. All of us in Zones 22 & 23 have to make a great showing for President Wilkinson, not only in filling great tour busses from all over the region and heading to Vancouver, but partying all the way and bringing with us ideas that will revolutionize membership and begin the rebuilding of Rotary. This is your chance to sound off. We want your ideas on how we can fill the halls of the Delta Hotel in Vancouver and your ideas on how we can make this experience a real worthwhile event filled with solutions. To sign up to attend go to www.rotaryevents.ca

Upcoming Events

June 1st to 3rd—District Conference

June 23—Daybreak Installation

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.

