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Club Duties

September 3rd, 2008

Front Door Greeters: Donna Allen & Jo-Ann Harding

Invocation: Daryl Knievel

Introductions: Christine Craigie

Rotary Minute:

Jim McIvor 50/50:

Moira Steele

Sqt @ Arms: Don Bonner

Weekly Wake-up

upcoming Programs

September 3rd - Tabitha Mede, Summer Temporary Exchange Program in Bavaria

September 10th - Brenda Hammer, Nursing in Kandahar

September 17th - Ron Blank, Club Assembly

(focus on youth programs as it is New Generations Month)

September 24th - Henri Van Amerongen, Classification talk

September 10th, 2008

Front Door Greeters:

Lynda Kazanowski & Daryl Stech

Invocation: Denise Larson

Introductions:

Peter Koch

Rotary Minute:

Marijka Van Rooyen

50/50:

Sheila Forrest

Sqt @ Arms: Bruce Mede

September 17th, 2008

Front Door Greeters:

Nicole Gosselin & Eileen Tatton

Invocation:

Lee Mason

Introductions:

Dave Perry

Rotary Minute:

Henri Van Amerongen

50/50:

Sheila Forrest

Sgt @ Arms:

Neil Sorsdahl

NOTICES & NEWS

See Rotary International President in Victoria...

Tickets are still available for the Upcoming luncheon meeting on Friday September 12th at the Ocean Pointe Hotel with International Rotary President D.K. Lee and ShelterBox founder Tom Henderson. This is a one time only chance to get two top notch speakers on the same billing. If you ever wanted to showcase Rotary to a friend or acquaintance, this is the time. What a chance to show our International part of Rotary to the world.

At mall displays, special events and country fairs, whenever the ShelterBox tent is put up and showcased to the general public. new Rotarians are recruited when they see the amazing ShelterBox project and how it helps to provide Shelter, Hope and Dignity to victims of disaster. When they realize that this project is part of Rotary, they are usually very interested and want to be part of it.

Another speaker added is Dave Hallett, a ShelterBox Response Team member and Rotarian from Kingston Ontario who recently returned from China where he assisted in the deployment of 4500 ShelterBox kits to the victims of the disaster there. He will give spectacular insights into the Chinese relief efforts on behalf of Rotarians and ShelterBox.

Bring your friends and acquaintances to this event. If you have someone that you have been trying to recruit as a Rotarian, this is the perfect venue to introduce them to Rotary. Call Don Ohlgren at 250 595 5974 for tickets or see your club president. Tickets for the event are \$75.00 and provide a \$40.00 Cdn. tax receipt for your support of the ShelterBox Program.

Club Birthdays

Club Anniversaries

Sept. 4	Cindy Bartlett	Sept. 11	Tony Mengual
Sept. 15	Christine Craigie	October 8	Daryl Stech
Sept. 19	Val Lennox	October 9	Neil Sorsdahl
Sept. 22	Wendi Ferrero	October 10	Doug Lum
Sept. 26	Christine McAuley	October 11	Donna & Nelson Allen

Meeting Notes - August 27th

submitted by Val Lennox

Guests were: Brian Hay, Erin Van Steen and Debbie Truman.

Visiting Rotarians were: Diane Turner (Lanzville); Bruce Coleman (Nanaimo North) and Dave Hammond (Nanaimo Downtown).

Ken Hammer's Rotary Minute was an interesting update on his time in Ghana, including a banner exchange with the newly formed Sunyani Club. The Sunyani Club banner was roughly half-the-size of most banners and featured an African hut surmounted by the Rotary emblem. The \$500 given by Rotary Daybreak to the new club will be put towards mosquito nets to help prevent malaria. Other projects supported by the \$5,000 taken to the community include wells, clothing and rice for an orphanage, and education on HIV/AIDs. In addition, the money paid school fees, provided rice, books, and sports equipment for schools, purchased a corn grinder, repaired a drum, provided bench and roofing and a forum for the water project team, supplied boots, video production and CDs for the bush fire team, and supported a plastic waste management team project. Three Rotarians from Sunyani will be among 7 visitors from Ghana coming to Nanaimo from Sept. 12 to October 8. Home Stay hosts are needed for the group.

Guest speakers were Dave Hammond, President of the Nanaimo Schools Financial Awards Society, and Erin van Steen, who administers the society's programs. Ron Medd introduced the speakers by noting that Daybreak Rotary had contributed more than \$20,000 to youth scholarships over the past 12 years.

Erin Van Steen reported on the recipients of the 2008 Daybreak Rotary scholarships:

- The Dennis Dusenbury Memorial Award went to Pavadip Hayer, an NDSS graduate who will be studying mechanics at Vancouver Island University. He had a GPA of 2.83 while also playing basketball and soccer and volunteering with the Nanaimo Summer Games and Nanaimo Senior Games.
- The Daybreak Scholarship went to George Anderson, a John Barsby Secondaray graduate who graduated with a 3.33 GPA and who plans to study medicine. He was on students council and youth parliament, involved in tour and jazz band, theatre productions, was a peer tutor, chair of the Project Green Team, and a football player. He organized the 30-hour famine in the school and worked on the Dare to be Aware anti-drug program and won the Sterling Silver Jr. Citizen of the Year award in 2007.
- The 2nd Daybreak scholarship went to Celia White, who graduated from Wellington Secondary with a 4.0 GPA and is working on a degree in Global Studies. She was involved in students council, grad & prom committees, in soccer & community rowing. Her community service includes Rotary Interact, Kids Help Phone Line, Salvation Army, Big Sisters, and Free the Children in Alianza, which supports students in Guatemala. She co-founded a Friends of Sierra Leone organization to help provide medical care & shelter in villages. She also won the Zonta Scholarship and was the first Nanaimo student to win the Zonta International Scholarship.

The Nanaimo Schools Financial Awards Society was established this year in order to bring more community involvement into the fundraising and granting of scholarships to students. The organization grew out of the school counseling offices, which have traditionally handled scholarship programs, and is unusual in expanding the scholarship program into the community. In addition to granting scholarships and bursaries, the society is seeking additional ways to help students. For example, the society sponsors a one-day Mini-Opportunities day, which is a sports day for the district's special needs students. The event is followed by a dinner and dance and is important for students who do not normally get a chance to participate in these functions. The Society also helps low-income students with the cost of participating in school sports or band programs; provides a breakfast program at John Barsby; a basic needs program to assist young mothers; a Fish Tech program to engage students in environmental issues; and a loan bank to help provide equipment for special needs children.

SERVICE & FUNDRAISING

Donna Allen presented a \$3,300 cheque to Debbie Truman, the general director of the Nanaimo Museum. The cheque is the first installment in a \$10,000 donation to the museum over three years. Four of the community's Rotary Club – Daybreak, Nanaimo North, Lantz-ville, and Downtown – each committed to a \$10,000 donation. Truman said the Daybreak club was the driving force behind the donation. Donna also reported on the planned chocolate Bastion sales during the upcoming visits by cruise ships. Volunteers will be needed on Sept. 21; Sept. 24; and Sept. 30. A table will have to be manned from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day. Donna asked Rotarians to volunteer for one-to-two hours shifts. The club will earn \$3 for each chocolate Bastion sold. Rod Mont said plans are underway for the Swing into Spring fundraiser – formerly SummerSong – with expanded cooperation from Vancouver Island University. Ron Blank reported on a successful service project August 23, when Daybreak Rotarians installed a wheelchair friendly walkway for the Nelson wing of Travellers Lodge.

FUN & FELLOWSHIP

Chris Everett urged members to buy tickets for the Sept. 13 dinner with ShelterBox Founder and CEO Tom Henderson, sponsored by the Ladysmith Rotary Club. The \$40 tickets include dinner, a Dixieland band, and a presentation by Henderson and by one of the Shelter Box team members. Rotarians with something to celebrate during the week were Cindy Stanley and Cindy Bartlett with wedding anniversaries and Ken Hammer, Francine, and Cindy Bartlett, who had birthdays.

JACKPOT ALERT!

The 50-50 pot has reached \$2,351.50 ... with 15 cards left. The winning card is the Queen of Hearts.

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, 5 p.m.

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

Friday - Nanaimo - Coast Bastion Inn, 12:15 p.m.

Rotary Contacts

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Bingo Volunteers

Oct. 10 Don Bonner

& Bev Wilson

Dec. 26 Val Lennox

& ???

Feb. 13 Dave Thompson

& Nathan Thornton

Feb. 20 Ken Hammer

& Denise Davidson

Make-ups

To ensure that your make-up information is properly recorded, send any info on extra meetings attended, extra committee work, service projects, online work, etc. to Rod Mont

(mont@islandlaw.ca).

Please send content and photos for the Weekly Wake-up to Robb Mowbray at robb@theatrebc.org.

FOUR WAY TEST

- 1. Is it the TRUTH?
- 2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
- 3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
- 4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

