

Club Duties

October 1st, 2008

Front Door Greeters:

Sheila Forrest
& Christine Craigie

Invocation:

Nelson Allen

Introductions:

Jim McIvor

Rotary Minute:

Donna Allen

50/50:

Darryl Shaw

Sgt @ Arms:

Daryl Stech

October 8th, 2008

Front Door Greeters:

Jeff Boegel & Dawne Anderson

Invocation:

Dave Perry

Introductions:

Henri Van Amerongen

Rotary Minute:

Cathy Robson

50/50:

Jo-Ann Harding

Sgt @ Arms:

Bruce Mede

October 15th, 2008

Front Door Greeters:

Denise Davidson
& Cindy Bartlett

Invocation:

Debbie Shea

Introductions:

Nathan Thornton

Rotary Minute:

Eileen Tatton

50/50:

Wendi Ferrero

Sgt @ Arms:

Don Bonner

Weekly Wake-up

Upcoming Programs

October 1st - Lee Mason, "Business of their Own"

October 8th - TBA

October 15th - Club Assembly

October 22nd - Cathy Robson, Classification Talk

October 29th - Club Social

NOTICES & NEWS

District newsletter now online...

The latest newsletter has been uploaded at Rotary District 5020. Please go to http://www.rotary5020.org/newsletters/uploaded_files/20080924125148newsletter.pdf to download the newsletter file in PDF. Also you can view the archive of newsletters by going to <http://www.rotary5020.org/newsletter>.

Thanks to everyone who helped at the cruise ship kiosk...



Past President Donna Allen thanks all those who helped set up the kiosk and all those who helped welcome cruise ship guests at the kiosk this past month.

(Left) Donna Allen at the Rotary Daybreak kiosk in Pioneer Plaza, where club members welcomed cruise ship guests to Nanaimo...

Club Birthdays

Oct. 8 Cathy Robson
Oct. 17 Sheila Forrest
Oct. 31 Daryl Knievel

Club Anniversaries

Oct. 8 Daryl Stech
Oct. 9 Neil Sorsdahl
Oct. 10 Doug Lum
Oct. 11 Donna & Nelson Allen

Meeting Notes - September 24th

submitted by Val Lennox

Visiting Rotarians and Guests

Former Daybreak member Fred Smith of the Courtenay Rotary Club dropped in for a visit. Sunyani Rotary Club members George Lord and Opoku Antwi, visiting from Ghani as part of the VIU-regional district-Rotary development project, also attended the meeting. Guest was Kevin Goodwin.

Rotary Minute

Karin Mattern reported on the rewarding experience she had while volunteering at the cruise ship Rotary information and chocolate selling table. She met many Rotarians and felt a fellowship that transcended borders and enjoyed the opportunity to explain Rotary to a young woman who knew nothing about the organization.



Karin Mattern seemed to enjoy the meeting...

Happy Birthday to Christine McAuley on September 26.

Classification Talk – Henri Johannes Van Amerongen

Henri was born in Holland in March 1957 in a farming area formed by reclaiming land from the sea behind a dyke. His father worked for a farmer. The youngest of three children, he decided to become an electrician.



...Ken Hammer introduces our Guest Speaker, Henri Van Amerongen...

...Sorry, Henri. I didn't receive a photo of you...

His timing was auspicious since the first colour televisions were being introduced in Holland in 1973 and repair skills were in demand. He worked as an electrician for four years then switched to sales, a field he worked in for 24 hours.

He lost his job 10 times, due to factors beyond his control, including business bankruptcy, a fire, a government department being closed etc., leading him to joke "if you ever hire me, your business is going down."

He decided to become self-employed and sold furniture, artificial flowers, and built a seniors home. He hit a low point in 1995, when he suffered bankruptcy, a disastrous fire, and divorce within a few months. Then he met his current wife Debbie – and his life brightened.

Working with a lawyer, he was able to resolve all his debts. (In Holland, bankruptcy does not discharge debts.)

Debbie, who is a medical intuitive, was interested in spirituality and alternate therapies and introduced Henri to the field. They both attended a school for reincarnation therapy and Henri discovered a new calling: helping people with personal growth and development through counselling and past-life regression.

For several years he studied and then created his own therapeutic approach, which he called the Dare to be You Academy. By then, the couple had decided to come to North America, since Debbie's father lived in Las Vegas. They discovered Debbie was actually born in Canada, so she was able to easily move to Canada.

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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- District Governor 2008-09:**
Brian Beagle
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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).

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*Please send content and photos for the Weekly Wake-up to Robb Mowbray at [robb@theatrebc.org](mailto:robb@theatrebc.org).*

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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?



“For us it was very easy to come to Canada,” Henri said. They visited in 2002 and 2003 and toured through western Canada, eventually deciding they wanted to live on Vancouver Island. They decided they wanted a large house where they could operate both their practices: Henri as a counsellor and Debbie as a medical intuitive.

Believing in the law of attraction, they visualized their dream as precisely as they could. They returned to Holland, where Henri’s practice was flourishing. He started with 40 students; had 600 students three years later; and then expanded to 2000 students a year. He also developed a flourishing practice as an emigration coach, based on his own experience of coming to Canada, which was in high demand after terrorists struck in Holland in 2004.

In 2004 they bought a home in Nanaimo and a year later purchased a duplex. They’ve lived in Nanaimo for a year-and-a-half, building their consulting businesses, and also occasionally returning to Holland, where Henri’s workshops are very popular.

He notes that he and Debbie work effectively together to help their clients. “I work with the mind and she works with the body.” He believes Debbie is the only medical intuitive in Canada.



...President Elect Dave Perry took over running the meeting when President Ron had to leave early...



...Moir seems to take great pleasure in the duties of Sgt.-at-Arms...

His newest workshop, Dare to Claim Your Success, helps entrepreneurs precisely target their business ideas. Henri also keeps his electrician’s skills sharp, working as a handyman three days a week.

In addition to belonging to Rotary, he is also a community volunteer. At a recent workshop, he raised \$350 for the SPCA.

He has two children, a 29-year-old son and a 28-year-old daughter and is about to become a grandfather.



...wait until it’s my turn again... :-)

Chocolate Bastion Sales & Rotary Promotion

Donna Allen thanked those who helped with set-up, take-down and manning the chocolate sales table for the cruise ships on Sept. 21. She reminded club members that the club would be promoting Rotary and selling chocolate bastions again on Tuesday, September 30.

Child Development Centre fundraiser & fellowship opportunity

Ken Hammers is attempting to assemble a table of 10 Rotarians to attend the Child Development Centre’s Annual Opening Doors event on Friday, October 3. He noted there are 350 children on waiting lists for up to 22 months for some services. Tickets are \$75 per person for the event, which will include the auction of teddy bears made by celebrities.

Grey Cup Party

Fall is looming and so is Daybreak Rotary’s annual Grey Cup Party. Jim McIvor said party tickets and raffle pool tickets will be available shortly.



...Doug draws for the 50/50 pot!...

The party will be Sunday, November 23, from 3 – 7:30 p.m. in the Lantzville Hall – the same location as in previous years.

There will be an organizing kick-off lunch at Earls on October 16. He is looking for volunteers to help with the event.

He suggested money raised by the event could go to an organization which helps lower-income students participate in school sports.



...Darryl takes great joy in showing us that Doug did NOT win!...and doesn’t Kris look happy...

50 – 50

The pot had reached \$2,920 and there were six tickets left.