

Club Duties

March 18th, 2009

Front Door Greeters:
Cindy Bartlett & Nicole Gosselin

Invocation:
Darryl Shaw

Introductions:
Bill Brendon

Rotary Minute:
Bruce Mede

50/50:
Jo-Ann Harding

Sgt @ Arms:
Neil Sorsdahl

March 25th, 2008

Front Door Greeters:
Daryl Knievel
& Christine McAuley

Invocation:
Eileen Tatton

Introductions:
Caran Carr

Rotary Minute:
Patrick Maguire

50/50:
Jo-Ann Harding

Sgt @ Arms:
Kris Rongve

April 1st, 2009

Front Door Greeters:
Cathy Robson & Bruce Mede

Invocation:
Dave Thompson

Introductions:
Nelson Allen

Rotary Minute:
Cindy Bartlett

50/50:
Dave Thompson

Sgt @ Arms:
Daryl Stech

Weekly Wake-up

Upcoming Programs

March 18th - Lee Mason - A Business of Their Own (vocational service project)

March 25th - Club Assembly

April 1st - TBA

NOTICES & NEWS

Upcoming District Conference

For info on the upcoming District 5020 Conference taking place April 24-26 in Bremerton, Washington, go to page 4.



International Exchange Students Fernanda Reyes and Maija Tupeinen

Club Birthdays

March 20	Dave Perry
March 24	Henri Van Amerongen
March 29	Chris Everett
March 31	Ron Blank

Club Anniversaries

March 25	Ron Medd
March 29	Chris Everett

Meeting Notes - March 11th

submitted by Val Lennox



Jeff Bogel gives his Rotary Minute...

Jeff Bogel's Rotary Minute reminded Rotarians of their shared goodwill, which is expressed by giving locally and worldwide.

Guest speakers at the meeting echoed this theme, with presentations by two international exchange students and one by a Nanaimo student who attended the recent Rotary Youth Leadership Assembly in Tacoma.

Both exchange students were hampered by a lack of technology to present their images – they will return later for those presentations – but still presented entertaining summaries of their lives and exchange experiences.

Maija Tupeinen, 17, is from Finland, a country of 3.5 million people. She said her country is known for its Nokia cell phones and as the home of Santa Claus. Finland has many lakes, covering 10 per cent of the country's land mass.

Maija lives on one of three linked islands with her father, in the town of Vaajakoski, which is also home to the Oy Panda Ab licorice company. She has three sisters, one 13, one 16 and one 17. Her two younger sisters live with their mother on one of the nearby islands and the oldest sister lives downtown in Vaajakoski, where she is studying to be a chef.

Her father helps build firetrucks – coincidentally, his company is building the newest firetruck for Nanaimo. Her mother is the head of youth workers for a local parish.

In Finland, students start school at 7, attending elementary school for grades 1 to 6. They then attend junior high for grades 7 to 9. Upon completing junior high they can choose to go to secondary school or to college. Maija choose college and is now studying practical nursing. She said students who wish to attend university can go from secondary high school or from college.

She enjoys playing full-contact football and has been in scouting for 10 years. She also enjoys many outdoor activities, including boating in the summer on one of Finlands many lakes. Compared to much of Europe, Finland offers a great deal of undeveloped wilderness, so many people enjoy nature and outdoor activities.

In Canada, Maija has been attending Woodlands School. She enjoyed her first Canadian Xmas, although the traditions are different than in Finland. She has visited Los Angeles, Seattle, Comox and Mount Washington, which she said offers downhill skiing on much higher slopes than in Finland.



Bruce hitting up the crowd for fines and happy dollars

Fernanda Reyes, 17, is from Mexico. Her town, located in the Gulf of Mexico, is very hot with summer temperatures as high as 50 degrees. In winter, average temperature is 16 degrees. She finds Nanaimo much colder. The food is similar, she said, except in Mexico more spices and salsa are used.

Her community is larger than Nanaimo. Many residents regularly drive to the U.S. for work, so gasoline consumption is high. In her family, her mother operates a restaurant. Her father passed away a

Rotary Contacts

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- Club Secretary:**
Nicole Gosselin
- Club Treasurer:**
Nathan Thornton
- Club President Elect:**
Dave Perry
- Bulletin Editor:**
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- Foundation Chair:**
Don Bonner
- Assistant Governor Area 2B**
Brian Kirkhope
- District Governor 2008-09:**
Brian Beagle
- RI President 2008-09:**
Dong Kurn Lee

Bingo Volunteers

- Apr. 13 Don Bonner
& Robb Mowbray
- May 11 Volunteers still
needed!

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?

Rotary Club Meetings

- Monday – Parksville, Bayside Inn, Noon
- Tuesday – Nanaimo North, Frith-Radcliffe Auditorium, Kiwanis Village, 6:15 p.m.
- Wednesday – Nanaimo Oceanside, 3rd Street Fieldhouse, 5 p.m.
- Thursday – Lantzville – ABC Restaurant on Mary Ellen Drive, 7 a.m.
- Friday – Nanaimo – Coast Bastion Inn, 12:15 p.m.



Meeting Notes cont'd...

year ago. She is the youngest of four children. Her brother is studying music near Mexico City and she also has two older sisters.

In Canada, she has been attending Dover School. Prior to coming to Canada, she spoke no English. She said she has enjoyed the experience and thinks the area is very pretty.

The third speaker was Tennille Child, who spoke about her experience at RYLA. She said there was a diverse group of participants, including young people from Canada, the U.S., Croatia and Belgium. Inspirational speakers and activities encouraged trust, acceptance of diversity, and the importance of believing in dreams.

Messages she took away from RYLA were:

- Small things can make a difference, including smiling at someone or giving a compliment, provided they are done sincerely;
- Everyone is equally great and needs to be told that, yet many people are overlooked; and
- Happiness and Enthusiasm are infectious.

Tanille is already active on student's council and in promoting environmental awareness. She now plans a project to encourage enthusiasm and participation, by posting inspirational quotes randomly at school. "I want to include people. If you make them happy, they will do it for someone else."

Starting small can lead to larger changes, she said. "I want to see change, even if it is gradual. I believe I can do it, even if it is something small."

Some Photos from Swing Into Spring





**Rotary International
District 5020**



***"Celebrate Our Dreams"
2009 Rotary
District 5020 Conference***

- When:** April 24, 25, 26
- Where:** Kitsap Conference Center
Bremerton, Washington
- Cost:** No charge (except for food package, register early for best price)
- Registration:** www.rotary5020.org

Program Highlights

Friday – Home Hospitality. Opening Ceremony meet RI President's Representative Byung-Rak Tak, and hear Canadian Polio Survivor Joan Toone speak on Polio, party with fellow Rotarians at the After-Hours Reception hosted by Area 6A clubs in the Kitsap Credit Union Board Room

Saturday – Celebrate International Service Day by participating in a hands-on community service project. Keynote speaker James Bodenner, Vice Chair of the Water and Sanitation Rotarian Action Group plus Group Study Exchange Teams Presentations, Plenary Sessions, free tour of the Turner Joy and the Governors Banquet with RI President's Representative Byung-Rak Tak . Cruise on the tall mast ship Odyssey. Party with Area 6B clubs in the Kitsap Credit Union Board Room

Sunday – Plenary Sessions, Inbound Ambassadorial Scholar, Outbound Peace Scholar, Memorial Service, and take a four-hour cruise on the tall mast ship Odyssey