

Club Duties

If you are unable to fulfill your duty, could you please find a replacement or let the President know you are unable to attend.

May 20th, 2009

Front Door Greeters:

Francine Frisson & Ron Medd

Invocation:

Wendi Ferrero

Introductions:

Kris Rongve

Rotary Minute:

Bob Wall

50/50:

Dave Thompson

Sgt @ Arms:

Bruce Mede

May 27th, 2009

Front Door Greeters:

Theo Postulo & Daryl Knievel

Invocation:

Nathan Thornton

Introductions:

Nicole Gosselin

Rotary Minute:

Christine Craigie

50/50:

Darryl Shaw

Sgt @ Arms:

Neil Sorsdahl

June 3rd, 2009

Front Door Greeters:

Robb Mowbray
& Christine McAuley

Invocation:

Bob Wall

Introductions:

Denise Davidson

Rotary Minute:

Jeff Boegel

50/50:

Darryl Shaw

Sgt @ Arms:

Kris Rongve

Weekly Wake-up

Upcoming Programs

May 20th - Club Assembly

May 27th - Classification Talk - TBA

June 3rd - TBA

NOTICES & NEWS

A View To a Kill...

Oceanside Rotary are presenting the 11th annual James Bond Charity gala this coming Saturday evening, May 23rd, at Beban Park Auditorium, starting at 6 pm. Cocktails • Dinner • Auction Floor Show • Live Band. Tickets are \$150 each or \$1200 for a table of eight. For tickets, contact Shelley Anderson, Tables Sales Co-coordinator at 250-268-2522 or 250-756-3915 option 4.

SAVE LOCAL TELEVISION RALLY

Saturday May 23rd, 2009 - 11am-1pm

'A' British Columbia In Nanaimo - 82 Commercial Street

Since our inception in 2001 we've made it our business to serve and promote our community, both through news and promotions for charities and events. It's our passion and our lifeblood and we've really enjoyed connecting and working with all of our partners, advertisers, community leaders, viewers, supporters. We want to continue serving you, but our ability to do so is being threatened and **we need your voice** to help us.

Cable and satellite companies have been allowed to broadcast our station and charge **you** for delivering it. We receive nothing in return from them and we believe this is wrong because while cable and satellite companies notice record profits, our station faces ever increasing financial pressure. So much so we are now at a crisis point and the very survival of local television is in doubt. We are now asking for your support. On Saturday, May 23rd, CTV and 'A' stations across the country are holding rallies and open houses. We'd like to invite you to join us at ours, to send a message to the CRTC and to Government that Vancouver Island loves local television. Come out and mingle with your favorite 'A' British Columbia personalities, learn more about fee-for-carriage, and show you care. If you'd like to take a few moments during the rally to share with us and the community your feelings and opinions on local television and its importance to you, we welcome your participation.

Visit www.savelocal.ctv.ca to learn more about our campaign.

Hope to see you there!

Club Birthdays

May 23 Nelson Allen

June 1 Donna Allen

June 2 Bob Wall

Club Anniversaries

May 19 Nathan Thornton

May 22 Brian Kirkhope

May 29 Dawne Anderson

Meeting Notes - May 13th, 2009 submitted by Val Lennox

Ricki Christiansen opened the meeting with a Rotary Minute that effectively linked the ideals of Rotary to the role of education.

Guest speaker Doug Backhouse, executive director of the Island Corridor Foundation, presented information on the foundation's bid to make better use of the island's rail line. As of 2006, island communities own the rail corridor. He feels optimizing use of the corridor is key to the future economic development of the island.

Although the railway was going bankrupt in 1998, the situation has changed and rail is now a more viable economic alternative. Factors arguing for successful rail operations on Vancouver Island include:

- Increase in the amount of industry which now – or will shortly – have neutral access to rail;
- Increased energy costs which makes gas-powered transportation more expensive. In terms of energy required, steel wheels on rail are 14 times more efficient than tires on pavement; and
- Carbon use will be taxed, further increasing vehicle operating costs.

He sees four uses for the rail corridor. The corridor could be used to move freight, for passenger travel on the island, for commuter travel, and for excursion travel. Two ongoing studies are looking at ways to use the rail corridor, one by B.C. transit into using rail as part of the commuter network in the Greater Victoria area and one by the Ministry of Transportation on freight. For commuters, it would cost approximately \$2 million to acquire a train for a rail link from the west shore area into Victoria. For freight, if the line was upgraded to modern standards, it could tie into the North American rail network.

Trains currently compensate for the areas of lower quality track by slowing down.

In Nanaimo, the historic train station is currently being restored after being damaged by fire. The exterior of the building will look the same but inside there will be three commercial spaces and upstairs offices. Cost of the restoration is \$2.5 million.

A Message From the Youth Services Officer...

Hello,

My name is Tasha, I am a Youth Services Officer with Service Canada. I am e-mailing you to let you know that the Nanaimo Service Canada Centre for Youth is open and running again.

Our drop-in office hours will be Mondays and Wednesdays 8:30am-4:00pm, and Fridays 8:30-12:30pm. During these hours we will be helping youth with their résumés, interview skills and job search strategies, providing information about health, safety and human rights in the workplace, promoting the CanLearn website and other Federal Government opportunities for youth including internships, employment, exchanges, and funding for post-secondary education. We will be posting jobs for employers for free on the student job bank at www.jobbank.gc.ca. Our traditional casual labour program will also operate as in the past; our YSOs will act as liaisons between employers and homeowners that would like to hire a worker on a temporary basis to complete short term jobs, and youth who would like to gain experience and work on a temporary basis throughout the summer.

We also offer workshops, so if you would like us to come in, or just touch base, don't hesitate.

Thank-you,

Tasha Brooks

Youth Services Officer

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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.

Rotary Contacts

Club President:

Ron Blank

Club Secretary:

Nicole Gosselin

Club Treasurer:

Nathan Thornton

Club President Elect:

Dave Perry

Bulletin Editor:

Robb Mowbray

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

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### 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](mailto:mont@islandlaw.ca)).

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

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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?

