



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.

November 4th, 2009

Front Door Greeters:
Nelson Allen & Dawne Anderson

Invocation:
Daryl Stech

Introductions:
Rod Mont

Rotary Minute:
Randall Taylor

50/50:
Dave Thompson

Sgt @ Arms:
Bruce Mede

No meeting November 11th!

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Robb Mowbray & Rod Mont

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Weekly Wake-up

Upcoming Programs

November 4th - Literacy Nanaimo - Rebecca Kirk
November 11th - No Meeting due to Remembrance Day
November 18th - Club Assembly

NOTICES & NEWS

Grey Cup Pool Tickets Deadline this Week!...

If you have Grey Cup Pool tickets, these must be returned to Rod Mont this week. The Western and Eastern Finals are rapidly approaching. Rod has asked everyone to bring in the ticket stubs and money for the regular Daybreak Rotary meeting this **Wednesday, November 4th**. If you will not be at the meeting, please arrange to have the ticket stubs and money dropped off at Rod's office no later than the end of this week.

Rod's preference is for all Rotarians to have sold the tickets that were given to them. If you cannot sell your ticket, however, it is important to return it this Wednesday so that another Rotarian can sell it.

Unless other arrangements have been made with Rod, any tickets you have taken will be considered sold to you after Wednesday.

It is important for our gaming records to have all stubs fully completed and returned to me.

Nanaimo Musicians Association fundraiser...

This is the event at which the bar will be tended by Daybreak Rotary. For those Rotarians who wish to buy tickets for this event (those who are working the bar get in free but we only need a few Rotarians to work the bar), in addition to the places set out on the poster, you can contact Rod for tickets.

NMA Society proudly presents a piece of Nanaimo's history
PYGMY BALLROOM
Big Band Swing Celebration 2009
Bowen Auditorium - Saturday November 21

Dress-up in the 30's & 40's and dance the night away...

NMA BIG BAND
(directed by Steve Jones)
VIU BIG BAND
PLUS SOME VERY SPECIAL SURPRISE GUESTS

Bowen Auditorium, 500 Cormox Rd. Nanaimo
Saturday November 21, 2009
Doors & refreshment bar open 7:00 p.m. Music & Dance 8:00 - 11:00 p.m.
\$25 ticket includes a nostalgic evening of music & dancing.

Limited tickets on sale at Fascinating Rhythm (51 Commercial St.)
Music Maxx (Nanaimo and Courtenay stores)
More Than Mojoes (101-4330 Dover Rd.)
Steve Jones @ VIU Music Dept 250-753-3245 loc 2183
Nanaimo Arts Council (North Town Mall, Rutherford Rd.)
or inquire by email at nnabigband@gmail.com or by phone 250-754-6922.

NMA Society is a registered non-profit society.
Net proceeds to benefit music scholarships and performing projects.

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Club Birthdays

November 12 Jo-Ann Harding
November 13 Jim McIvor

Club Anniversaries

No Anniversaries until December

*Meeting Notes - October 26th, 2009**submitted by Ron Blank*

Congratulations! Everyone arrived on time today. So, give yourselves a bonus! After a rousing O'Canada, President Dave managed to find one singer still 'in the mood.' Actually, it was not her turn for the invocation. Our President re-read his script and then asked Jeff to give the invocation. Karin finally got her turn to do the Introductions of Guests. Today's visitors were the two most recent Nanaimo Rotary Youth Exchange students Jackie Wunderlick and Hayley Hais and our current Visiting Students 'Melodie Lecocq' from Belgium and 'Tharit (Get) Katprapakorn' from Thailand. (The third student, 'Juraj (George) Stranonek from Slovakia, did not attend.)

Our first guest speaker was Hayley Hais, just back from her one-year exchange in Denmark. Hayley gave a Power Point presentation of her trip. Her first impressions were: wind generators were everywhere, their mountains are "sad" as they are essentially flat and their beautiful straw roofs last 50 years. She then hit Grandpa Bob with "Too bad he couldn't convince the City of Nanaimo to allow straw roofs!" Hayley noted Christmas Elfs (Nisse) are 'bad' and can play nasty tricks if the children forget get to put out their rice pudding dessert. She was amazed to see the Danish Flag everywhere, during all celebrations, and especially for birthdays. On her birthday, flags decorated the cake, walls, windows and outside the home. With the first winter snow, her host family made a snowman. It was small. When Hayley and the other Canadian students got together, they made a much larger snowman. Her host family said, "Oh, you Canadians are born to make snowmen!" Christmas trees were also small. Hayley didn't understand the dancing around the tree, with everyone then dancing together, into every room of the home. The bathroom was really tight! The one scary part of Christmas was decorating the tree with lit candles. Everyone seemed to do it, and luckily no fires.

Hayley then described an embarrassing mishap with the language. She had gone with her host mom to the grocery store, but they had forgotten their list. Hayley talked on the phone to her host sister, and relayed the items to her host mom. Her voice attracted five listeners. The last item on the list had five customers looking aghast. She relayed what she thought was 'Chicken,' but in fact she said 'Bitch.' Her host mom took several minutes explaining to the listeners that Hayley was an exchange student and just learning Danish. Like most teenagers, Hayley had difficulty with the diet. "Ugh! Dark ugly paste on dark heavy bread?" What a difference a year makes. She has now added liverwurst and headcheese as a regular part of her diet!

Our next presenter was Youth Exchange Student Jackie Wunderlick, who lived in Songkhla, southern Thailand. She said Thailand has 76 provinces, and she got to visit 30. Her host city, Songkhla, is six degrees above the equator, and was very hot and muggy. Jackie wore sunscreen every day. After several months, she thought, "Let's try it without?" Jackie learned a valuable lesson. Thai sun burns Canadian skin! During her year, she stayed in two host families. Her second family didn't work out, but, with our Rotary system, she was returned to her first family. The public school she attended had 3,600 students, and was very regimented. Their uniform was a blue skirt, below the knees, and a white blouse. School started with 7:00 AM Assembly and ended at 4:00 PM. As 95% of the local population were Buddhist, Assembly included Buddhist prayers. Regular classes also included religious teachings. One of Jackie's studies included sewing, all done by hand, and she often did peer tutoring in English. Students were required to wear short hair. If student's hair were too long, the teacher would actually take out their scissors and cut it in the classroom. It was obvious which students received the teacher's bad haircut. (What do you think Donna & Nelson? Are you any good with scissors?) Luckily for Jackie, they accepted her hair length.

Southern Thailand seldom sees less than one percent of the country's tourists. Jackie explained, "Of the four Exchange students, two had darker skin, and two were white. We stood out!" Thai people are very inquisitive, asked lots of questions of the foreigners, and they often received weird looks. Rotarians were very good to her. She went on bus trips to the Northeast and South of Thailand. She discovered her area was relatively poor, and the Northern areas are wealthy. On most of her bus trips, she was the only foreign tourist. Her highlight of the entire trip was the visit to Phanom Rung Temple, Esan Province. It had amazing carvings and spectacular views of the surrounding countryside.

Her Thai language skills went from nothing to semi-fluent. Her writing

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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:**

Dave Perry

Club Secretary:

Eileen Tatton

Club Treasurer:

Cindy Bartlett

Club President Elect:

Nicole Gosselin

Bulletin Editor:

Robb Mowbray

Foundation Chair:

Dawne Anderson

Assistant Governor Area 2B

Brenda Grice

District Governor 2009-10:

Alex Alexander

RI President 2009-10:

John Kenny

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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 Jeff Boegel

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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?



abilities are still not that good, but she says their lettering is beautiful. After questions, Ken presented a book to both Jackie and Hayley, titled "World," which will be donated to a local library in their name.

Wendi gave an update on Nicole. She was to be moved to Palliative Care on Monday. Eileen said she was there and helped. Tuesday, Denise L went to visit, waited 45 minutes, and no Nicole. The staff thought she had gone down the hall. No one was surprised to hear that Nicole had sprung from the joint, to do some shopping. She was apparently back in hospital, later that day.

Rod Mont will assume that all Grey Cup 50/50 tickets that are not returned by Wednesday 4 November are sold. Bring your money. Jim McIvor now has 175 Grey Cup Event Tickets. For \$25, you get to watch the game on a big screen TV on Costin Hall, Lantzville, and it buys you all the munchies you can eat, plus a steak dinner from the hands of Bruce and Val. Christine Craigie will accept silent auction items and door prizes. Jim volunteered Nelson & Donna to visit the other clubs. Denise Davidson will do interviews for 'her' bar staff, (Who should be interviewing who?)

Nelson thanked everyone for the donations to keep him in the Kidney Foundation Jail. He reached his \$800 goal to get out of gaol. Nelson proposed that we develop a thermometer to show all of the financial donations that Rotarians actually donate within our community. Great idea Nelson! (How big are you going to build it, and where should it be displayed?)

50/50: Neil Sorsdahl cut a jack. Boo Hoo! Jeff Boegel took home a bottle of wine to his perspective bride Cathy. Ken Hammer decided he would re-gift the cookbook, and Dawne Anderson will now be able to prepare more special meals for Brian. BTW: Dawne is looking for a new wardrobe, as some 25 pounds has departed.

The Sergeant received monies from Karin for her rendition of "deer in the headlights" (shoulda been Dave) and Bob payed for his lack of persuasion skills with the City of Nanaimo. Brian whined about? Others were happy. And a good morning was had by all.



Some photos of our Guest Speakers, Jackie Wunderlick (pink shirt) and Hayley Hais.