



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.

February 10th, 2009

Front Door Greeters:

Christine McAuley & Bruce Mede

Invocation:

Karin Mattern

Introductions:

Don Bonner

Rotary Minute:

Eileen Tatton

50/50:

Dave Thompson

Sgt @ Arms:

Kris Rongve

February 17th, 2009

Front Door Greeters:

Robb Mowbray
& Barbara Denike

Invocation:

Dawne Anderson

Introductions:

Bill Brendon

Rotary Minute:

Neil Sorsdahl

50/50:

Dave Thompson

Sgt @ Arms:

Neil Sorsdahl

February 24th, 2009

Front Door Greeters:

Bob Wall & Darryl Shaw

Invocation:

Terry Rogers

Introductions:

Christine Craigie

Rotary Minute:

Lynda Kazanowski

50/50:

Wendy Ferrero

Sgt @ Arms:

Daryl Stech

Weekly Wake-up

Upcoming Programs

February 10th - Freecycle - Val Lennox

February 17th - Club Assembly

February 24th - Classification Talk - TBA

NOTICES & NEWS

District Leadership Training program coming up!...

Greetings, all!

Please consider this excellent training program opportunity for any Rotarian! Leave Nanaimo on Saturday morning February 20 and return on Sunday evening, February 21. Workshops to help any member be a better Rotarian! Fellowship opportunities! Check out the program and all of the information at this link:

<http://www.rotary5020.org/assembly/>

Thanks.

Patrick Maguire

Shelterboxes Help Haiti!...

Oh Canada and friends all over the world.

You have left us speechless!

1000 ShelterBoxes sponsored through ShelterBox Canada are on the way to help Haiti as you receive this newsletter. Never before have Rotarians, their friends, schools, churches, other organizations and a great deal of the general public stood up and helped out like this with ShelterBox aid for others. Even the inmates of Kingston's Joyceville Penitentiary raised \$3000.

While we have already sent these boxes to the Haiti relief effort, there is a demand for many, many, more. Tom Henderson our founder has indicated that the need is far greater than first thought and that ShelterBox will be shipping far in excess of 10,000 boxes as soon as the funding comes in. We could supply over 20,000 and still look for more.

There are 4100 boxes overall in Haiti as of today. That's 41,000 people in our Shelters. Another 5000 are being packed and shipped immediately.

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Please send content and photos for the Weekly Wake-up to robbmowbray@telus.net

Club Birthdays

No Birthdays this week.

Club Anniversaries

No Anniversaries this week.

*Meeting Notes—February 3rd**submitted by Karin Mattern*

Bob Wall did the introductions:

Barry Sparkes President Lantzville Club;
Terry Akerman;
Rebecca Kirk speaker from Literacy Nanaimo.

President Dave had laryngitis and the mike wasn't working, so Ron Blank took over the presidential podium duties.

Dave Thompson, in his Rotary minute, welcomed Terry Akerman as his mentor who brought him into Rotary. Terry was in the grocery business and explained that being in Rotary allows you to give back both in the community and around the world. Now Rotary has become much more to Dave. It's built trusting friendships and relationships both business and personal. He gave a long list of those he's formed bonds with over the years through Rotary.

Francine Frisson introduced Rebecca Kirk as our main speaker:

Rebecca thanked Terry Akerman for all the work he does for Literacy Central Vancouver Island (formerly Literacy Nanaimo) for all these years. The books arrive in amazing numbers, about 40,000 per year. She wasn't there to tell us about the need for literacy promotion; we're the experts in that. She's an organizational expert, so she decided to walk us through the organization:

The building is about to be restored to its original style, which is art deco and will fit in with the renovations throughout the downtown core. The Top level is administration and adult tutoring. There are 2 coordinators, who are employees of VIU, who manage 95 adult volunteer tutors. There are three rooms and an evolving computer basic literacy course. For cost recovery, the computer tutor is doing some private lessons and workshops to upgrade basic computer skills.

Also upstairs are several outreach programs.

As an example of the impact on people's lives, she read a letter from the Nanaimo Correctional Centre: A 29 year old with a 4 year old daughter, arrested for stealing cars to buy drugs. She had been on drugs since she was 12 years old, never had a job, and jail was the only time she had her own bed. She applied for a literacy tutor. She had finished grade 8 but was told she was a "seat warmer". She completed the Challenger 4 course through Literacy and applied to continue after she gets out. She writes that it is now easier to talk, has increased self-esteem; that she thought she couldn't do it. Now she hopes to become a mechanic.

On the main floor are donated books, sorting rooms and categorized bins. Volunteers keep sections rotated and active.

On the lower lever is the childrens book store – Dog Tales. They partnered with Altrusa to gut and redo it. Accessibility is sometimes an issue. There are two big open "dog houses". Partnered with St John's Ambulance and dog handlers and learning assistance dogs are to be available very soon.

It is critical to help non-profits these days, Literacy Central Vancouver Island is 50 percent self sustaining. Their goal in 5 years is to be 80 percent. They also sell on internet through other sites.

Also downstairs is computer service and restoration by 2 volunteers. They provided almost 1000 computers to the community so far. They have an agreement with Microsoft, which donates \$50,000 worth of software and licensing per year. They are seeking more computer donations to sell at \$100 for cost recovery.

The website is being updated. Rotary is being featured this week in their newsletter. The name has been changed to Literacy Central Vancouver Island.

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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:

Patrick Maguire

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 Rod Mont at [mont@islandlaw.ca](mailto:mont@islandlaw.ca)

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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?

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*Upcoming 2010 Events:*

Daybreak Poker Night  
Nanaimo Centre Stage  
Sunday, March 14 at 2 pm.

Swing Into Spring  
Bowen Park Auditorium  
Saturday, March 27

Rotary International Convention  
Montreal, Canada; June 20-23.



*Meeting Notes continued...*

40 percent of the general population is literacy challenged. There is a long wait list for tutoring. The demographics: Largely adult males over 50, who are out of work. Of offenders in the correctional institute: 79 percent have no diploma; 82 percent have less than grade 10 and 65 percent less than grade 8.

To be a literacy tutor: 30 hours certification program through VIU. Tutoring must be for a minimum of 3 hours per week. Asking for a six month commitment but prefer 1 year.

Terry pointed out that according to the Best of Nanaimo, it's the second best place to buy books, after Chapters.

Francine thanked her and offered a book to be donated to a local library. Ron gave her a Friend of Rotary pin designed by Val.

Rod Mont came forward to welcome Terry Akerman as an honorary member. He spoke of how he also considers Terry a mentor. Denise Larson spoke of his truck with chili and dogs at events. Ron B said he was a source of his "Ornerary" member designation. Terry was presented with a plaque (which will have to be changed due to misspelling his name), a roster and a pin. Terry spoke and said he used to be an 89 percent attender, but now figures he puts in about 110 percent!

Ron announced that he, Eileen and Christine C. brought in \$329 from tending bar and \$19.75 in tips.

Neil reminded us of the Golf Tournament for the end of May. Meeting is coming up Thursday at 7 pm at his place.

Bill Brenden noted the poker tickets will be available next week for March 14 at 2 pm at the Nanaimo Centre Stage for a \$50 buy-in.

Rod Mont announce Swing into Spring will be March 27<sup>th</sup>. There will be 2 big bands and we don't have to pay for the entertainment. Tickets will be \$40 and proceeds will go to scholarships at VIU, Patrick will organize a silent auction.

March 3<sup>rd</sup> will be David Welsh – Marine Research with underwater sonar. This will be a Bring a Guest to Rotary Day.

*Shelterboxes Help Haiti!...continued...*

*photos from Shelterbox News, January 28th*

We have indicated to England that Canadians will be purchasing another 500 boxes sometime next week and will work to provide more.

There is a desperate need for shelter in Haiti and people will be succumbing to the elements, disease and lack of housing unless immediate aid is provided. We can provide them with shelter, comfort, survival and some dignity back into their lives. Hurricane season begins in April.

Both Anne and myself have never been prouder to be both Canadian and Rotarians when we see the level of support from all walks of life and all levels of organizations.

On behalf of the people in Haiti that you will never know and will never meet but whose lives you will undoubtedly change - THANK YOU - THANK YOU - THANK YOU

Public donations are vital to ShelterBox's continuing work around the world. To make a donation please call 1 800 677 0990 or go to [www.shelterbox.ca](http://www.shelterbox.ca) to donate on line and get the latest updates on our response to the Haiti earthquake.

**Our blog is being updated daily on the situation in Haiti.**

Go to [www.shelterboxcanada.blogspot.com](http://www.shelterboxcanada.blogspot.com), and sign on as a follower. Also check out the latest YouTube video of a camp set up in Henfrasa Stadium, Delmas, Port-au-Prince, Haiti: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qgQpMZUoirA>

Sincerely,  
Don Ohlgren  
Executive Director

