



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 19th, 2010

Front Door Greeters:

Lynda Kazanowski
& Jim McIvor

Invocation:

Ricki Bartlett

Introductions:

Robb Mowbray

Rotary Minute:

Rod Mont

50/50:

Dave Thompson

Sgt @ Arms:

Don Bonner

May 26th 2010

Front Door Greeters:

Brian Kirkhope & Patrick Maguire

Invocation:

Denise Larsen

Introductions:

Doug Lum

Rotary Minute:

Ron Blank

50/50:

Dave Thompson

Sgt @ Arms:

Bruce Mede

June 2nd, 2010

Front Door Greeters:

TBA

Invocation:

TBA

Introductions:

TBA

Rotary Minute:

TBA

50/50:

TBA

Sgt @ Arms

TBA

Weekly Wake-up

Upcoming Programs

May 19th - Club Assembly

May 26th - GSE Team

June 2nd - Our Ghana Visit - Donna & Nelson Allen

NOTICES & NEWS

Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?...



Christine & Brad McAuley and Wendi & Dave Ferrero enjoy their Swing Into Spring Silent Auction dinner at Moira & Patrick Maguire's home, which Wendi raved about at last week's meeting. Apparently, Wendi says we are not allowed to outbid her on any future Maguire-sponsored dinners...good luck with that, Wendi... :-)

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

Club Birthdays

May 23 Nelson Allen

Club Anniversaries

May 19 Nathan Thornton
May 21 Randall Taylor
May 22 Brian Kirkhope

*Meeting Notes - May 12th**verbiage by Ron Blank, photos by Donna Allen*

This week began with our Rod Mont playing the Belgian instrument invented by Adolphe Sax. Thereafter, Eileen Tatton asked for the introduction of guests. Past Assistant Governor Brian Kirkhope introduced our 5020 District Governor Alex Alexander and his wife Marnie. Our Youth Exchange Coordinator Doug Lum introduced our Visiting Rotary Exchange Students and went the easy way by using first names only: Melody, from Belgium, George, Republic of Slovakia, and Get, from Thailand. (Doug apparently speaks only English or ?) Randall Taylor introduced his lovely wife Andrea Rosatto-Taylor.

After breakfast, DG Alex chatted about highlights of his year as District Governor. They have been particularly impressed by the energy and vitality of the 7 AM Breakfast Clubs. We now have 88 Clubs in our District, with the newest being chartered in Yelm, Washington (WSW of Olympia) Our total district membership is down slightly, but all Club Presidents reached their 2009-2010 goals. One really fun event they attended was the Polio fundraiser "Surrender of the Booty Bash," where everyone dressed as pirates. Marnie thought they would be the only ones in costume, but they were pleasantly surprised by the outfits. That event raised \$6,000. Alex would like to see more Club to Club events across the Border. Why not a fishing event in the Columbia and Campbell River areas? How about cross border boating events? They wished you all could have shared their trips over this past year. Alex also commented: "One day, I would like to push a button and everything Rotary has ever done would disappear for one day. The world would quickly realize what we have done. Thereafter, potential members would be knocking at our doors. Remember, "Get publicity!" and you will get Rotarians.

As Eileen was handing out paper to everyone, she explained that every Tuesday, she meets with a Prayer Group. Last evening, she realized she must resolve the computer glitch, and print our Annual Dues Invoices. So, she stayed home and worked. One of the Prayer Group members called and asked why Eileen was absent. She then was told the Group would pray for her success. It was not to be that night! But this morning, she 'told' the computer to print the "2011" invoices, and shazam! Eileen reminded us that payment on, or before July 1st. Rotary International fees are \$39 on 1 July, and a further \$25 bi-annually. Hence the need for early payment. (Why not add an extra \$125 for a Foundation donation. You will achieve your Paul Harris Fellow within 8 years.)

Melody was then introduced by Doug, who introduced herself as Melody Lecocq. Melody returns to Belgium in early June, after spending the school year at Dover Bay HS. She explained that Belgium was divided into two basic parts, with 10 provinces. Languages are primarily Dutch, French, then German. Belgium is famous for it's BEER, Chocolates, Truffles, Pralines, Waffles, (STOP, STOP! Too much drooling by all assembled.) Melody wanted to thank all Nanaimo Rotarians for their hospitality. Her trips included: California in November, with visits to Disneyland, Universal Studios, Knotts Berry Farm, Hollywood and *Santa Monica Beach*. Wonderful! Locally, Ukie, Quali, Trees, etc. One host family also allowed a side trip to Kelowna to visit with the student who had been hosted by her family in Belgium. Her Nanaimo host families were Rotarian Kathy & Allan Smith, Rotarian Raymond & Linda Debeeld and Rotarian Kathy Powers. On her return to Belgium, Melody would like to travel more, stay in Germany for a year, then University for French Literature and Languages. Who knows thereafter?

Doug then intro'd our next student: Get, who introduced himself as Tharit, nickname Get, Ketaprapakorn. Get is from the Land of Smiles, Thailand. Get returns home on July 1st. He described Thailand as a Monarchy, religion mostly Buddhism, with 513,000 sq. km. of land, which he says is approximately 16 times larger than Van-

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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.

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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

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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:*

Rotary District 5020 Conference, Longview, Washington, June 4-6

Rotary International Convention Montreal, Canada; June 20-23



couver Island, with 75 provinces and 66 million people. (versus BC with 945,000 Sq. Km with 4.4 million people. Whooh! Thailand has 25 times greater population density) Get said that he has two brothers, lives in Bangkok and attends the nearby 125 year old Roman Catholic Assumption College. He participates in school soccer and "flash card" competitions. He then showed slides of their flash card competitions. Basically, each student is seated in a stadium, with different coloured cards. On cue, and with music, 1,500 students "flash" their different cards, creating different themes and displays, going from their school logo, to pictures, to the the Royal Crest. He showed his pride, as they had won the National Competition, and his College was ranked as the best in Thailand in 2009. In Nanaimo, Get stayed with Rotarian Paul & Cathy Geneau and went to Dover Bay HS. and traveled throughout V.I. He also experienced his first photo with Santa, and it took him three hours to build his first snowman!

Doug then intro'd George Strannek (He got one!) George is from the Slovak Republic, with a population of 5.5 million on 50,000 sq. km, which recently accepted use of the Euro. He lives in Zilina, in Northern Slovakia, and it's most recent claim to fame is the new Kia engine manufacturing plant that will bring over 3,000 jobs. When applying for the Exchange, his first choice was Canada. But Vancouver Island? He thought "Small and camping!" His trips included a hunting trip to the Chilcotin area and he bagged three grouse. He describes this area as the best backyard in the world! Trips to the Olympics were fantastic, especially the feeling of wearing his country's flag on his backpack! Slovakia did well in hockey! Some great goaltenders from Slovakia! After returning to Slovakia, he will complete High School, then consider guiding European tourists in the Rockies. George readily admitted to being narcissistic. His family: mother is Head of Cardiology, and stepdad is in Economics. He will pursue a degree in Economics as his stepdad makes more money than his mother. When asked about his good command of English, he said his mother encouraged him to learn English from 6 years of age, and he also speaks French. Brian Kirkhope asked about using credit cards, as during his last trip, you could only use one at Batta Shoe Stores. George explained they were much more civilized now, and you can even buy hot dogs and McDonalds hamburgers with credit cards.

Neil Sorsdal spoke on our Golf Fore Nanaimo Youths on 28th of May at Cottonwood Golf Course with 1:30 Shotgun Start. Great fun, prizes and food. Patrick asked again for items for the silent auction. And, not wanting to relinquish the stage, Patrick mentioned the Shredding Polio Plus Fundraiser to be held from 10-2 pm on Saturday in Northtown Centre.

Randall then left the side of his lovely wife, to attend to his Rotary Duties. 50/50 totaling \$450, and Daryl Knievel ticket was drawn. Said D: "Humph, only second time in 11 years!" Knice Kind Knievel will let someone else win. Dawne Anderson let someone else share her extra prize, Dave Thompson ably handled the next.

Being Tip Day, the Sergeant-at-Arms, the other Daryl, Stech, gently solicited funds from Ron & Kris Rongve, for no apparent reason. Ron complimented Exchange Students on their enthusiasm. Don Bonner paid to suggest that Ron should do a home study programme in the USA! Cindy paid a sneaky fine for Ricki: one for her birthday today, and two; she has been accepted into VIU Master's Program. (we should sing this coming Wednesday) Wendi waxed poetic about the wonderful meal they bid on, won and enjoyed at Patrick & Maura's. Next year, that dinner for four belongs to Wendi! Robb Mowbray was pleased to announce his first swim in the ocean last week! (Yes, Nanaimo's ocean, and no, not with a wet or dry suit! Hah! The brashness of youth!) Val is seeking labour to move some furniture, and she will donate to to Daybreak. Any takers? My trailer, and two labourers? Brian Kirkhope and Terry Rogers will be missing our meetings. Next seven weeks: daughters swimming from 5:45 til 7:00 AM. This being the end, "Toast to your Rotary deeds!"

(Scribblers note: The Shredding Event was successful, with gross receipts over \$2,100, and potential for us keeping over \$1K. Thanks to Wendi, Denise L, youngest Daryl, Dawne, Karin, Ron, Brian, Nelson, Randall, Dave & Shirley P, & who did I miss? Thanks also to Kris, Cindy and "Hurry Up! I'm working and gotta do a drop-off in Duncan" for leaving their droppings. Youngest Daryl said, "I don't think I ever seen Ron's car without the trailer attached. I've heard "a certain New Canadian ESL person" tried to mug a walking shopper, carrying a plastic bag full of ?.. Thought "Canadian ESL" "I see paper" and hollered for the lad to "come this way!" Lad thought otherwise and scooted quickly away. Thanks to the organizers, great signage, and often overheard, "Are you going to do this next year?" Seems like a no brainer.)

