

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.

June 2nd, 2010

Front Door Greeters:

Dawne Anderson & Don Bonner

Invocation:

Bob Wall

Introductions:

Kris Rongve

Rotary Minute:

Denise Larson

50/50:

Darryl Shaw

Sgt @ Arms

Dave Thompson

June 9th, 2010

Front Door Greeters:

Wendi Ferrero & Bruce Mede

Invocation:

Dave Thompson

Introductions:

Randall Taylor

Rotary Minute:

Karin Mattern

50/50:

Darryl Shaw

Sgt @ Arms:

Neil Sorsdahl

June 16th 2010

Front Door Greeters:

Donna Allen & Val Lennox

Invocation:

Eileen Tatton

Introductions:

Eileen Page

Rotary Minute:

Bill Brendon

50/50:

Randall Taylor

Sgt @ Arms:

Daryl Stech

Weekly Wake-up

Upcoming Programs

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

June 9th - BC Cancer Agency - Laura Walsh

June 16th - Club Assembly

NOTICES & NEWS

President Dave's Term Drawing to a Close ...

With Installation coming up in less than two weeks, our current President's year at the helm is winding down. Thanks for a great year, Dave!
(photo submitted by Christine Craigie)

Photo of Dave and Karin at the bowling fellowship event. Heaven knows what he is reaching for...



Installation Tickets Available...

Get your Installation tickets at this week's meeting. Time is running out and we need numbers for catering.

Rotary Conferences This Month..

And a reminder that the Rotary District 5020 Conference is coming up June 4-6 in Longview, Washington. AND the Rotary International Conference is coming up June 20-23rd in Montreal.

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

Club Birthdays

June 2 Bob Wall
June 3 Jim Jeffries

Club Anniversaries

June 7 Terry Rogers

Meeting Notes - May 26th submitted by *Ron Blank***Weekly Makeup: 26 May 2010** submitted by Ron Blank

We've just finished our Victoria Day celebrations, and our American cousins will soon celebrate their Memorial Day. The dulcet tones from Rod Mont's saxophone opened our meeting. This Wednesday Meeting was extra special as we shared company with our newly arrived Group Study Exchange Team from Norway: Team Leader Rotarian Finn Gomnaes, members Anette Bastnes, Guro Johnsen, Katharina Ritzel, and Eline Rastad. Rotarian Guests: Past District Governor Ross White and his wife Pam; Rotarian Bob Fenty, retired jeweler from the Downtown Club, our GSE Coordinator; Rotarian Diane Turner, retired Mortuary Manager, from Lantzville; and Rotarian Susan Gerrand, realtor, from Nanaimo. Other guests: Helene Frisson, aka Mom, introduced by Rotarian and daughter Francine Frisson; Neil Sorsdahl intro'd Gail Wilson, with Nanaimo Youth Services Board. Nelson Allen then stood and introduced our peripatetic Chris Everett. Welcome to you all!

Bruce Mede then took over Sergeant at Arms duties, and with his new shoes, managed to shuffle the order for eating, enough to create mass confusion.

After breakfast, we sang Happy Birthday to the always young, Donna Allen, and extended anniversary wishes to Dawne & Brian Anderson.

Bob Fenty then took the floor to wax poetically about the stamina of this GSE Team, arriving in Nanaimo after 30 hours of travel, who were then trekked over to Vancouver to see the sights during our holiday weekend. One team member finally showed her tiredness: when standing in a BC Ferries food line-up, leaned against a corner, and fell asleep. (We all knew those line-up were slow!) Interesting translation note: Team Leader 'Finn' means 'to find.' Apparently, Finn suited his name as he was frequently lost in Vancouver.

Our first guest speaker, Finn Gomnaes, wanted to thank the host families for accommodating the team members. He then described himself as a Rotarian since 1982. His wife is a nurse. They have two children and four grandchildren and live near Oslo. With his Master's Degree in Marketing Management, Finn is CEO of the 'Team Training Norway' consultancy firm. His leisure activities include boating, skiing and exotic travel.

Guro Johnsen lives in Oslo, has a Master of Science in Chemical Engineering, specializing in placental biology and fetal nutrition. She is working towards her PhD. Part of her education was in Oxford, hence her ability in English. Her partner Chris is an Economist. Guro's activities include skiing, hiking and choir. One recent achievement was singing Christmas Carols to the German Chancellor Angela Merkel.

Anette Bastnes works three hours East from Oslo and has a Master's Degree in Political Science. She works as a Municipal Planner. Her recent work towards her PhD was studying the democratization of Serbia. She is an only child, but visits with lots of her cousins. She is used to taking holidays with her parents. Now that they are divorced, she gets twice as many holidays! (Looking at the sunny side!) Naturally, coming from Telemark County, her favourite hobbies are skiing, skiing and skiing. She also enjoys getting out of the city and gardening at her country cottage.

Eline Rostad comes from 45 minutes south of Oslo, in the land of stinky pulp and paper companies. (Eline, we know that smell. (Nanaimo was the home of Harmac Pulp and Paper Company. We used to say, is that smell Harmac, or you Mac'?) She lives in Oslo and is the Department Head of Mammography in the University Hospital. Her hobbies include family & friends. She and her boyfriend, Audun, share a rustic cabin in the woods. He has not been able to achieve his goal of teaching her snowboarding.

Katharina Ritzel was born in Erfurt, Germany, and her boyfriend is Norwegian, hence the reason to move. Katharina has a degree in International Business and works with FINN.no, the leading online classified site. Her hobbies include running & skiing. She is currently a

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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



Rotaract Club President, and is the incoming District Governor for Norway.

Finn and the Team then took turns describing their country. Norway is located nine time zones east of British Columbia. Their climate in the south is mitigated by the Gulf Stream, which makes it quite livable. (Checked the numbers, Nanaimo probably averages 5 degrees warmer, summer/winter) With a land mass of 385,252 square Kilometres (approx 40% the size of BC) the country has a population of 4.8 million (versus our 4.4) The country is a Kingdom, but like Canada, is essentially a constitutional monarchy. Their capital is Oslo, with a population of 1.4 million (2/3 size of Vancouver)

They pointed out that Norwegians have always been travelers, as evidenced by Lief Eirikkson arriving, and living in L'anse aux Meadows, Newfoundland around 1000 A.D. Like many European countries, from 1825-1925, they provided over one million immigrants to North America. Now, many of these people are returning as visitors. Norway is the 10th largest Fish Producer in the world, producing 2.5 Kg fish/person/day. (But they don't eat that much said Guro.) Their shipping fleet is the 6th largest in the world, and they are the 5th largest exporter of oil & gas. They believe they have 40 years of oil reserves and 100 years of gas. The country is investing in future generations resulting in a very large investment in their stock market.

Their Royal Family, headed by King Harald V, is largely ceremonial, and is very involved with charity work. The 17th of May is their National Holiday, celebrating children and flags, not the military. The Oslo Opera is world renowned. The 2012 World Ski-jumping Championships will be held and the newly built ski-hill is very impressive.

They were very impressed by the hospitality of Vancouver and the people of British Columbia. Several Daybreak Rotarians commented on their command of English. We discovered that all team members had some of their education in English speaking countries. Dave Thompson noted that with four beautiful women in Vancouver, everybody would be friendly. Bob Wall paid for a 'sad' dollar, as he has only recently discovered that Santa didn't come from Norway, that Santa had been invented by Coca Cola. (Good news Bob! Your informant was incorrect. Check out Wikipedia.) Back to good news, Dawne Anderson said that her son's injury to his spleen was minimal, and he is itching to get back to football.

The polio plus draw board was full, and the lucky winner, AGAIN, was Darryl Shaw.

That being another invigorating start to our Rotary week, toast to your good deeds!

Addendum One: the Golf Fore Nanaimo Youth was held on Friday, the weather was relatively dry, the fellowship was great, the numbers apparently good, and compliments to Neil for organizing another great event.

Addendum Two: ShelterBox Canada has changed to Disaster Aid Canada. Effective immediately. The disaster kits will now be purchased from a North American supplier, meeting SPHERE and UN standards, and will cost 40% less, to the tune of \$750. The programme is also affiliated with USA and Australia. Check the website <http://www.disasteraid.ca/>

