

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.

September 8th, 2010

Front Door Greeters:

Dave Perry & Terry Rogers

Invocation:

Lynda Kazanowski

Introductions:

Denise Davidson

Rotary Minute:

Brian Kirkhope

50/50:

Randall Taylor

Sgt @ Arms:

Donna Allen

September 15th, 2010

Front Door Greeters:

Karin Mattern & Robb Mowbray

Invocation:

Jim Jeffries

Introductions:

Bill Brendon

Rotary Minute:

Lynda Kazanowski

50/50:

Randall Taylor

Sgt @ Arms:

Bruce Mede

September 22nd, 2010

Front Door Greeters:

Kris Rongve & Darryl Shaw

Invocation:

Doug Lum

Introductions:

Barb Denike

Rotary Minute:

Daryl Knievel

50/50:

Wendi Ferrero

Sgt @ Arms:

Don Bonner

Weekly Wake-up

Upcoming Programs

September 8th - Habitat For Humanity - Teresa Pring

September 15th - Club Assembly

September 22nd - Classification Talk - Dave Thompson

NOTICES & NEWS

Meet our newest member...Tiffany Haarsma!



Rod Mont and President Patrick Maguire with Tiffany Haarsma, inducted as Rotary Daybreak member at last week's meeting. Welcome, Tiffany!

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 - September 1st submitted by Ron Blank, photos by Donna Allen

Amazing! September has crept up far too quickly. Nonetheless, Wednesday is the point of these notes, and therefore the beginning of another chance to do good things in Rotary. We started our week with President Patrick presiding, & Rod Mont's saxophone led our National Anthem. Francine Frisson's Invocation was filled with thanks, especially for 'whiteboards for white boards.'

Introductions were capably handled by Don Bonner, with Karin Mattern introducing Rotarian & Past President of Nanaimo Rotary Club Wayne Anderson, a General Contractor. Donna Allen introduced Rotarian Norm Watts, our Past District Governor, present District Trainer, member of Qualicum Sunrise and retired educator. Bob Wall introduced guest and daughter Jennifer Tonsi, with J & J Tonsi Construction. Ken Hammer introduced guest Carla Duarte, now with the Port Theatre, and she had previously accompanied VIU to Sunyani, Ghana. AND, for the last time, guest Tiffany Haarsma was introduced by Cindy Bartlett. Did anyone else notice Bruce Mede's Rotary shoes?

Denise Davidson finally re-surfaced with the mantle of power, as Sergeant-at-Arms! Oh! **The Power!** Meal progression was set. Why were "The BOYS" the last in line.

Val Lennox gave our Rotary Minute. Without a mic, "I'll just yell!" she said. Her minute was a tribute to the best thing in Rotary. Her first comments were that she had considered leaving Rotary last year. She had extra stressors on her time with work, income and with her father's health issues. She realized that many of our Club members also have time issues, yet we find time to give back. Val said the best part of Rotary is the people who choose to feel and act as Rotarians. (Thanks Val! Sharing is why we are Rotarians.)



Val Lennox provided this week's Rotary Minute...

Next, President Maquire gave the floor to Rod Mont to begin an Induction of our newest member into Rotary. New Member Sponsor Cindy Bartlett again introduced Tiffany, whom she met in the early 90's at "Living in Balance" seminars. Tiffany grew up in Victoria, has been married for 18 years with two children, Carmen in Grade 12 and Thomas in Grade 11. Cindy is a totally amazing lady, and classifies herself as the totally inappropriate "Garbage Lady!" Rod began the ceremony with acknowledging that the members of this Club have selected and elected Tiffany into Rotary. Rod recited the "Object of Rotary" (who can remember them?) and "The Four Way Test"

Of the things we think, say or do

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?

After the formalities, Rod presented Tiffany her Rotary Pin, information package and the invoice. Thereafter, we all rose and to welcome and shake her hand. As Pres. Patrick said, "She is the newest Rotarian in the world." Welcome Tiffany!

Donna Allen then introduced our Guest Speaker Norm Watts. Donna was President the year Norm was our District Governor, and they rode together on the Rotary Train to the International Conference in Los Angeles. Norm said he was born in Beaconsville, Montreal Island, Quebec, and was a Phys. Ed. Teacher. One of his idiosyncrasies was to clap his hands to gain and maintain attention in his classes. One day in the hallway, he overheard two students discussing their next class. "Hey, CLAP!" said one, "Are your CLAP! going to CLAP! Norm's class?" Things you do can easily return to haunt you.

During his early career, he taught in Nova Scotia and Newfoundland. He admired the people, and

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

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Neil Sorsdahl
- Club Secretary:**
Eileen Tatton
- Club Treasurer:**
Cindy Bartlett
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Bill Brendon

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Denise Larson

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Robb Mowbray

- Assistant Governor Area 2B:**
Brenda Grice
- District Governor 2010-11:**
Robert Martin
- RI President 2010-11:**
Ray Klingensmith

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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 Neil Sorsdahl at [goldendivot@shaw.ca](mailto:goldendivot@shaw.ca)

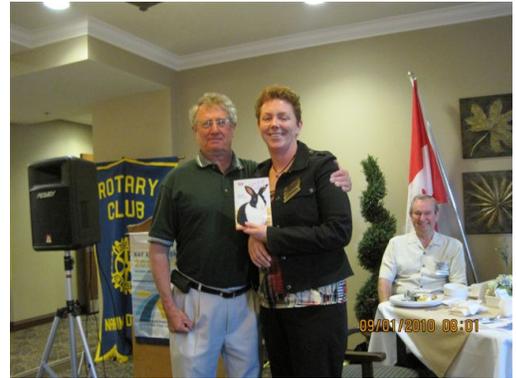
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especially the culture of the Newfoundlander. (Proper Ting Norm! I have the same admiration, and filled my desires by marrying a gal from Lark Harbour.) Life in Newfoundland, and particularly the small outports can be different. Norm spoke on several aspects of Newfie culture, then recited this Love Poem:

SUSIE TOBIN FELL IN LOVE, SHE PLANNED TO MARRY JOE!
SHE WAS SO 'APPY 'BOUT IT ALL, SHE TOLD HER PAPPY SO.
PAPPY TOLD HER, "SUSIE, MAID, YOU'LL HAVE TO FIND ANODDER.
I'D JUST AS SOON YOUR MA DON'T KNOW, BUT JOE IS YOUR 'ALF BRUDDER."
SO SUSIE PUT ASIDE HER JOE , AND PLANNED TO MARRY WILL,
BUT AFTER TELLING PAPPY THIS, HE SAID, "DERE'S TROUBLE STILL.
YOU CAN'T MARRY WILL, MY DEAR, AND PLEASE DON'T TELL YOUR MUDDER,
BUT WILL AND JOE, AND SEVERAL MO' I KNOWS IS YOUR 'ALF BRUDDER. "
BUT MUDDER KNEW AND SAID, "MY CHILE,
JUST DO WHAT MAKES YOU 'APPY.
MARRY WILL OR MARRY JOE, YOU HAIN'T NO KIN TO PAPPY. "
('ows dat fur takin notes, Norm?)



...Kris Rongve presents a book in honour of guest speaker, Norm Watts, former District Governor...

Norm then segued into his topic on "Disaster Aid Canada." (DAC) Early this year, The Board of 'Shelterbox Canada' advised 'Shelterbox UK' that it would stop purchasing Shelterboxes from them. Norm said that he had accepted a position as Director of that Board. DAC has selected a North American supplier to build "Family Survival Packs"

Norm then gave some history of his association with Shelterbox. Before he became DG, he met with all incoming Rotary Presidents at President Elect Training Seminars (PETS) and suggested that one of our goals for the year would be to purchase 100 Shelterboxes. They readily agreed to this 2007-2008 District Goal. Norm felt that Rotarians questioned our inability to adequately respond to world disasters. With this concept of a box having tent and supplies, we could.



...the contents of the Disaster Aid "Family Survival Pack"...

Norm said, though, that those involved with disaster relief thought the Shelterboxes were an overpriced approach to disaster relief (originally \$1200 US, & nearly \$1,400 Cdn) "Although," thought Norm, "It was the one approach which seemed to make sense – a complete kit to bring shelter and essentials for people to get back on their feet." Alan Lomax, a Ladysmith Rotarian, started the Shelterbox program in our District in 2004 and deserves the credit for its launching. (see his response http://disasteraid.ca/index.php?p=2_2_Changes-to-Disaster-Aid)

In that 2007-08 Rotary Year District 5020 Rotarians purchased 162 boxes. That really ignited interest in other Canadian Districts to sponsor the Shelterbox program. The result: Canadian Rotary clubs purchased about 500 boxes in that year. The numbers have continued to climb, and interestingly, our District 5020 has always led all Canadian Districts..

And so began a very successful campaign for Rotary to finally help when disaster strikes. Although Shelterbox was not a Rotary project, per se, Rotarians could fund the boxes and Clubs could participate. A 'Shelterbox Canada' Board was created to manage the expanding program, and Don and Anne Ohlgren, who volunteered for first three years, are now paid to manage the programme.

The agreement with Shelterbox UK was this Canadian registered charity would solicit contributions, purchase Shelterboxes, and supervise their distribution, considering Canadian charitable laws. The program flourished with the energies of Anne and Don Ohlgren. The Haiti earthquake stimulated an 'over the top' response and Shelterbox Canada worked day and night to keep up with the demand.

As the value of the Cdn \$ rose against the US \$ and the UK £, the Canadian Shelterbox group came under some understandable pressure from donors. Negotiating with UK, the cost was lowered from \$1200 US to \$1000 Cdn per box. Communications between Shelterbox CA and Shelterbox UK began to deteriorate. We looked for ways to maintain an operation. Consider, every Canadian registered charity must operate 'independent' of an external agent supplying materials and service overseas. 'Independent' operation became an issue, and could have had our charitable status rescinded. Thus, the establishment of Disaster Aid Canada.

Norm said "The real unfortunate part of all of this is that the underlying reason for the existence of a shelter box is to help people, and to be there when folks really need help. "

He was very disappointed to hear of this split, and the need to form a different enterprise. He did his homework, spoke with everyone involved, and agreed to work with DAC. Norm said, "Both enterprises can co-exist. There are many options to making contributions in order to help people wherever they live. I think DAC deserves a very serious look by Rotarians."

Shelterbox has served a lot of people in disaster situations. The record shows Norm has been one of its greatest supporters. Norm

wouldn't denounce the good things accomplished by Shelterbox. He told us what DAC has to offer. A Family Survival Pack, or box, can be purchased for \$750 Cdn.

- The tent conforms to United Nations standards, and can be joined together to make a school, or First Aid Complex or ?
- DAC Cda has sourced a water filtration system able to produce up to 10,000 litres/day of safe water (see http://disasteraid.ca/index.php?p=2_8_Water-Purification-System)
- The box has been modified with handle & wheels for easy pulling, and includes quality cooking utensils, tools, mosquito netting, H2O purification tablets, blankets, etc. For full contents see http://disasteraid.ca/index.php?p=2_5_Family-Survival-Pack

Norm added that years back, a programme started with a relief box containing essentials called a 'Life Box,' 'Shelterbox' added a tent and improved the essentials. DAC has come up with a "Family Survival Pack", to continually improve the supplies for people when disaster strikes.

Norm closed his presentation with "Perhaps all of this is part of an evolution of changes 'which will be beneficial to all concerned.'"

Answering Jeff Boegel's question, DAC has sent 300 kits to Pakistan, and has 2,000 more paid for, and soon to go. Yes, you will get a Canadian Tax receipt for your donation. (Editors note, Norm has said that further discussions with Shelterbox UK has resolved many outstanding issues and both organizations can successfully co-exist.)

Kris Rongve, (who has really been doing her homework on book selections lately) presented Norm with a book from the Rabbit Race series, titled "Who will take care of this bunny?"

President Patrick said that he has shared several emails with Shelterbox UK and this coming week, wants the members to discuss and give guidance and direction to our Board.

By way of insight, Norm said that when he visited Shelterbox UK, he discovered the Brits were paying £500, which was \$750 Cdn, yet we were paying \$1,200 US at the time.

Eileen Tatton is finally here, and Patrick pinned her with her Secretary's pin.

Bill Brendon gave us sad news, Shirley Perry's mother passed away last week. Our hearts and wishes go out to both Dave & Shirley in this trying time.

Ken Hammer got older today, and Francine will soon put in another notch, so we sang the 1890's song of Mildred J. and Patty S. Hill: 'HBTY' Bob Wall and Patricia Wall add one more year to their blissful relationship this week.

Val was back on deck with the money song: 50/50 will share \$2266 with you. Don Bonner announced that would yield one DAC Family Survival Pack and a PHF. Visiting Wayne, unlucky for him, lucky for us, drew the five of hearts. Doug Lum was lusting after and won the golf prize, Denise Larson took home the other.

Sgt Denise D stood. All assembled trembled! Bruce, with the new shoes, paid for being chatty. Wendi paid. Howcum the "Boys" paid? They had glared at the Sgt. Our newest member paid, for her killer handshake. Brian Kirkhope's mother passed away. Wendi asked if it was a sad or happy dollar? FINE! Bob paid for happy, noting that whenever a perspective employee has 'NF on their resume', their chances are way more likely for them to be hired as they have proven to be great employees. Neil Sorsdahl or Sorsdal, donated a "Free Blackjack Table" for our upcoming poker event.

Now, in closing, and this is the truth, I can't fathom what I wrote in my notes. Don, otr whatever is your name, said, ? what did you mean about "Did start ... were last ... You start, therefore you gotta push him? or or?"

Anyway, serving in Rotary includes service to our District. Thus, President Patrick asked for this to be included: From our District Governor Bob Martin: "Presidents & Secretaries, It is once again time to seek qualified members of your Clubs for the top leadership position in the District. Please give this serious attention and actively seek and encourage your members who you feel fit the qualifications to allow their names to be placed in the nomination. We have a great District because we have great leaders willing to serve at every level. Please help us identify our next District Governor."



...Eileen Tatton finally gets her Executive pin from President Patrick...

Have a great week!

