

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 29th, 2010

Front Door Greeters:

Christine McAuley & Daryl Stech

Invocation:

Dave Perry

Introductions:

Wendi Ferrero

Rotary Minute:

Eileen Page

50/50:

Wendi Ferrero

Sgt @ Arms:

Daryl Stech

October 6th, 2010

Front Door Greeters:

Randall Taylor & Gayle Wilson

Invocation:

Donna Allen

Introductions:

Francine Frisson

Rotary Minute:

Dave Perry

50/50:

Darryl Shaw

Sgt @ Arms:

Neil Sorsdahl

October 13th, 2010

Front Door Greeters:

Nathan Thornton
& Tiffany Haarsma

Invocation:

Dawne Anderson

Introductions:

Lynda Kazanowski

Rotary Minute:

Terry Rogers

50/50:

Darryl Shaw

Sgt @ Arms:

Dave Thompson

Weekly Wake-up

Upcoming Programs

September 29th - Club Social

October 6th - Project Amigo - Ross White

October 13th - Nanaimo Youth Services Assn (NYSA) - meeting at NYSA downtown

NOTICES & NEWS

Last Saturday Workparty on Lambert Street...



Yes, the boy IS that tall!

Editor's Note:

My apologies to Terry Rogers for not giving him credit in last week's Wake-up for providing the Meeting Notes. Thanks, Terry. Great job...very concise! ;-)

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 22nd submitted by Ron Blank, photos by Donna Allen

Our meeting began at Daybreak, without sax. President Patrick started our morning, informed us that he would be leaving early, and that Neil Sorsdahl would be taking over later, and for the next two weeks, whilst he & Maura would be in the holy land of Guinness.

Doug Lum's invocation came next, suitably invoking Rotary deeds, and closed with an exhortation for his beloved Toronto Maple Leafs.

Barb Denike coordinated introductions. Ron Blank took pleasure in introducing Jennifer Tonsi, a partner in J&J Construction.



Neil takes the reins for the day...

Sergeant-at-Arms Don Bonner deflated this writer, by stating "It was an empowering job" being the Sergeant. (Previous Notes suggested that only women had trouble with power, but it seems that crow has become my newest menu item!) Mumbling was heard from previous Sgt's. Order was re-gained, and diners were assigned, with the "Boys" at the back of the line.



...Past Pres Dave gave us a Rotary minute on last year's Rotary International conference...

Neil took the helm. Past-President Dave Perry gave his Rotary Minute on the total immersion that he & Shirley had during the Rotary International Conference in Montreal. It was "quite and experience" with the depth and breadth of speakers and entertainment. Next year N'awlins!

Dave Thompson was man of the hour and gave his classification talk. Island born in Alberni, his family soon moved to North Vancouver. Dave began school in Forest Park Elementary in Nanaimo, and went through Woodlands and some of NDSS. From 14 years of age, he spent five years commercial fishing. Yes, you figured correctly, he did not graduate. Interestingly, he has been the Master of Ceremonies at every one of his High School Grad Reunions.

His father finally got him into working at the family Ken Thompson's Men's Wear, on Commercial Street. That lasted until the early 80's when many businesses went broke, including fishing.

He met Cheryl at a Hallowe'en Dance at the College, knew instantly she was the one, and they married soon thereafter. (He even told his mother that he was going to marry her that night.) They have a son Adam, aged 26, and daughter Fraser 23, who married this summer. Grandchildren? None yet.



...Dave Thompson: Classification Talk: the sequel...

Dave & Cheryl bought their first house when just 19. Then, he had to look for work. First came a job as janitor at Harbour Park Mall. Through a friend, he also got a job doing construction and demolition. He juggled the jobs, and work construction during the day, and janitor at night. A curling buddy led to work as a truck driver with Paradise Island Foods. Starting as a Class III driver, graduating to bigger trucks with Class I ticket. This was a cab over tractor, trailer and pup with

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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:**
Patrick Maguire
- Past President:**
Dave Perry
- Vice President:**
Neil Sorsdahl
- Club Secretary:**
Eileen Tatton
- Club Treasurer:**
Cindy Bartlett
- Club President Elect:**
Bill Brendon

- International Service Director:**
Rod Mont
- Community Service Director:**
Christine Craigie
- Vocational Service Director:**
Dave Thompson
- Club Service Director:**
Denise Larson

- Bulletin Editor:**
Robb Mowbray

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

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

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?



armstrong steering. (not power steering) One morning, the boss asked Dave to find a replacement driver. (Oh oh! There goes my job.) No, he was going into distribution and sales. After 15 years, he had risen within the company, but the owner wouldn't let him buy into the company.



...Kris presents a book on Dave's behalf...

By 1995, he bought into Terry's Save-Rite (grocery/gas) and ran the store at Uplands & Dover. He later bought out Terry Akerman's share. Within a short time, Terry realized the business either had to sell, or expand to counter the competition. Thus, the three stores were sold to the Seven-Eleven chain. Unfortunately, it worked best for Terry & Brian Godfrey, but not for Dave.

Just before their annual trip to Palm Springs, he was asked by Tom Harris if he had heard of Kia? Dave said "furniture?" He wanted Dave to build a new car dealership for Kia. "I've never built one before." said Dave. "Neither have I," said Tom. So, Dave built the car dealership for Tom. Within a year, he also realized that car sales was not for him.

Thinking about it, Dave & Cheryl had built and renovated eight houses, and were passionate about it. So, he decided to do Real Estate. Meanwhile, Brian didn't want a management position with Quality Foods, and was getting weird shifts. With their different

strengths, they decided on a partnership.

Remember him not graduating? Now it came out to haunt. After writing the R.E. Exam, they wouldn't release the results, until he showed his H.S. graduation. He took the challenge exam at VIU, but needed to learn how to write, as he had always printed. Learn to write, he did. When waiting for the VIU results, they went on strike. Finally, got his pass results in English, and then discovered he had passed the R.E. exam with flying colours. Thompson Godfrey Group got going in 2004. He has learned to get his hours and time under control, with the help of Ken Hammer, and allows more people to take over aspects of the work.

Pleasure wise, he had his first boat a six years of age. With younger kids, they camped. He is happiest on the water, and they now own a larger boat. They both snow ski, and Cheryl has taken up golf, which will likely lead to him golfing more. Both of their kids own real estate, and Dave is not yet 50. Questions revealed his outfit at that fateful dance was half man, half woman, including half shaven face. Cheryl was baseball player.

Val Lennox sought contributions to top up the monies to purchase two Disaster Aid Family Survival Packs.

Bill Brendon illuminated the details on our upcoming Daybreak Rotary Speakeasy:

After the one week notice of Motion in the Wake-up, The motion to "Add in Article 12, Finance, a new Section 6 to read:

Signing Authority – All cheques, contracts and agreements on the part of the Club shall require the signatures of two different officers, one of whom must be the President or the Treasurer. The second signature may be that of the President, Treasurer, Secretary, Past President, Vice President or President-Elect." Carried.

Wendi Ferrero noted we will receive our full Gaming Funding for 2010-11 and that she wanted a volunteer for Sunday Oct 31 from 11-1PM. Brian Kirkhope and Tiffany Haarsma volunteered. Next commitments are

- Tuesday December 7, 2010 11am – 1 pm
- Thursday January 13, 2011 11am – 1 pm
- Saturday February 19, 2011 11am – 1 pm
- Monday March 28, 2011 11am – 1 pm

Nelson Allen announced the Swing into Spring date as the 26th of March.

Wendi announced the 50/50 had reached the sum of \$2656. Dave Thompson's wine trip still needs to be paid, as he drew the 3 of Spades. Daryl Shaw and Denise Larson (again) took supplementaries.

The Sergeant was merciless. (meaning I got fined) and naturally Donna Allen paid for her outburst. Nathan T had trouble reading, and paid. Poor Francine paid.

That, being the end of another beginning, lets start anew! YIR!



...and Don collects the loot...did he fine everyone?

