

### 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.

#### December 1st, 2010

**Front Door Greeters:**

Barb Denike & Wendi Ferrero

**Invocation:**

Francine Frisson

**Introductions:**

Jim McIvor

**Rotary Minute:**

Eileen Tatton

**50/50:**

Randall Taylor

**Sgt @ Arms:**

Dave Thompson

#### December 8th, 2010

**Front Door Greeters:**

Tiffany Haarsma & Ken Hammer

**Invocation:**

Tiffany Haarsma

**Introductions:**

Karin Mattern

**Rotary Minute:**

Dave Thompson

**50/50:**

Randall Taylor

**Sgt @ Arms:**

Denise Davidson

#### December 15th, 2010

**Front Door Greeters:**

Lynda Kazanowski  
& Brian Kirkhope

**Invocation:**

Ken Hammer

**Introductions:**

Bruce Mede

**Rotary Minute:**

Randall Taylor

**50/50:**

Wendi Ferrero

**Sgt @ Arms:**

Bruce Mede

## Weekly Wake-up

### Upcoming Programs

December 1st - World Community Service - Nelson Allen

December 8th - Christmas Auction

December 15th - Club Assembly

## NOTICES & NEWS

### *Digger Dave (Papa) for the 2nd time...*

On the morning of Wednesday, November 23 at 09:30 Chelsea, my daughter, delivered a healthy baby girl.. A new sister to Keeva and daughter to Alex. Both mom and baby are just fine. Her name is Caelyn Magaly Mercy McDonald and weighing in at 7 lbs 4oz. Shirley and I are beside ourselves with joy.

Ye Ha!

Dave Perry

### *Belize City Shows Rotary Pride!...*

Darryl Shaw found this site (see photo to right) in the middle of a round-about in Belize City during his recent trip to the Carribean. Now they *really* take the Four-Way Test seriously down there!...



### *Book Club Meeting Dec. 7th...*

We've set the date for our book club discussion of "The Blue Sweater" for Tuesday, December 7th from 5:00-7:00 at Ken's place (6256 Ferley Place). We hope that folks can come from work and then be home fairly early. Bring an appy and something to drink.

**Please send content and photos for the Weekly Wake-up to [robbmowbray@telus.net](mailto:robbmowbray@telus.net)**

### Club Birthdays

No Birthdays this week.

### Club Anniversaries

No Anniversaries this week.

*Meeting Notes - November 24th submitted by Ron Blank, photos by Donna Allen*

Great Wednesday morning to you!!

President Patrick Maguire started our morning with us singing A Capella again! ('Twas a fine sound, indeed!) Rod Mont showed up in time for Wendi Ferrero's Invocation.

Guests: Bruce Mede introduced Chris Reich, whose son won our Arts Scholarship; Doug Lum intro'd our Rebound Youth Exchange (YE) students Hannah Swabey, Bobbi-Anne Piercy and Deborah Adam. I had the pleasure of introducing 'soon to be Rotarian' Anna Owens.

Daryl Stech looked around the room, looking for pearly white smiles. The Sergeant-at-Arms then chose the brightest first, and they proceeded to our morning repast, and so on.....

After breakfast, Daryl also proved that he read some of the Wake-up. He came prepared for his Rotary Minute and he talked about PAIN. That is Pakistan, Afghanistan, India and Nigeria, the last remaining endemic areas for polio. Rotary International, (RI) and it's partners, realize that if they cannot eradicate polio quickly, it will cost more than \$10 BILLION, over the next 20 years, just to maintain the current levels of the disease. RI recognizes that the current methodology is not working fast enough, and will be using stronger vaccines, more education, and increased nutrition to help wipe out wild polio virus. President Patrick also noted that a case had recently occurred in the Congo. (News reported deaths of over 100 males, over the age of 15, in Congo-Brazzaville on 10 November) Daryl noted the PAIN acronym is now PANIC.



*Daryl Stech provides us with a Rotary Minute on polio...*



Our Youth Exchange Chair Doug Lum then introduced Bobbi-Anne Piercy who spent nearly a year in Thailand. Bobbi-Anne explained that she was in Thailand from August until the end of June 2010. She left Canada the day before, and arrived in Thailand on her birthday. The malls were crammed with people and she was overwhelmed by the number of people, and the reason was, whew, also the queen's birthday was being celebrated and it was a National Holiday. Interestingly, her first meal in Thailand with her host family was at an expensive Japanese Restaurant.

Bobbi-Anne showed slides of her many adventures and got to see many different temples. She explained that Chinese and Thai Buddhism is different and they don't formally pray everyday. Their main emphasis is on self liberation. She also showed a sarong and stressed that covering the body's skin was important in the temples.

*...YE guest Bobbi-Anne Piercy tells her story of*

Bobbi-Anne said "Rotary Clubs are man based" and women are not members. Although she had graduated from School in Nanaimo, she attended a high school in Thailand. She went to school at 7 AM and had to wear "this ridiculously long skirt" as part of her school uniform. School ended at four, and students often went to evening classes until nine.

She often felt like "a super star coming out of a magazine" as students often came up and wanted their picture taken with her. She was after all, tall, blonde and a very visible minority.

Community buses were essentially small pick-ups, with seats for 15 and crammed with many more people.

Bobbi-Anne became quite friendly with the Brazilian Exchange students. She also learned how relationships can change, and first impressions are not always the best.

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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*

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Bill Brendon
  
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Christine Craigie
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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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*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?



She learned some acupuncture and how there are four energy lines through the body. She was also taught Thai facial massage, but thinks it's too rough!

Thai language has no verb tenses, often sounds like you are speaking backwards and had five basic tones. She said (sounded like) "My my my my." with slightly different tones, and translated "wet wood doesn't burn."

She saw poverty to a much greater level than previously experienced in Canada.



Bobbi-Anne was overwhelmed by the treatment she received. Showing her scrapbook, she commented how students go full out on any school project, "Way more than I've ever done!" Schools seemed more self based, and considerably noisier than Canada. Many laughed at her name asking whether it was a boy's. She said many of their names are milk, water and juice.

She managed to get two bus trips to the North, where it was more forested, and had a very different dialect, the middle, where she lived was more touristy, and the south of Thailand was beautiful with its beaches, warm water and "James Bond" islands.

After her Year, she is attending VIU and upgrading her Math and History 12, and will pursue a 3 year Bachelor's Degree in New Zealand.

Doug then introduced Deborah Adam, who spent 10 months in Argentina in the northern province of Tucuman. On the southern Tropic of Capricorn, it is hot! Her air-conditioner in her bedroom "saved her life!" Her language skills were limited to non-existent on arrival, and she thought she was being asked to attend a high-school grad. She was loaned a gown and, on arrival, discovered that she was in a beauty pageant! (No, she didn't win)

*...Deborah Adam told us about her time in Argentina...*

She managed a month long bus trip to the south of Argentina, and got to see whales, penguins, "uglier than in pictures" and got to walk with spike boots on Perito Merino Glacier, the only one in the

world not actually receding.

She showed a slide taken at the 49th parallel, where the climate and forest were similar to ours.

Deborah showed a slide of their bus, on the 40 hour return trip from the south, stuck in the highway mud. She then painted a picture, where the night before all 56 students had eaten at the same restaurant, and all had contracted food poisoning.....

The north of Argentina was very different, with dry mountains and hills, showing many colours and striations, apparently laden with minerals. She showed a picture of The Mountain of Seven Colours.

Her visit to Iguazu Falls, (a World Heritage Site) reminded her of the movie Avatar. She spoke of the amazing eco-system of plants and animals below the falls, with butterflies landing on her arms, a coati stealing a student's camera, and a toucan in the trees above. Deborah said she could not approach the falls from the forest as the river was exceptionally high, but she plans on returning. She also got to visit the ruins of St Ignacio was particularly poignant, as she is now studying it in her South American history.

With Argentina winning an early round in the World Cup of Soccer, Deborah said, everyone went insane with emotion, running with flags and blowing horns.

With her increased language skills, she learned that the general population was ignorant of the surrounding world, and girls were 'materialized.'

Her host family was great, and they understood some of her pressures of YE, as their daughter went on one to Europe part way through her year. The family even took her to Brazil for a three week vacation.

Her last four hours in Argentina, was spent in Buenos Aires, so she did a mini-tour. When she got to see their famous 'El Obelisco,' she thought "Not!" and was much more impressed by 'Avenida 9 de Julio,' reputedly the widest street in the world, and her slide showed us a McDonalds Restaurant.

Last speaker this morning was Hannah Swabey. She was the only one who remembered her Rotary Jacket, with a gazillion pins, and each one with a story. Hannah said her time in Japan was the best year of her entire life. It's something every person should do, as it gives a really different light and improved perspective on our country.

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Her second host family was in a small town (about the size of Nanaimo) but crunched into the area of our downtown. It was located halfway between Tokyo and Yokohama, about 45 minutes by train, and was essentially a rural farming area. She had to commute between the rural area and the first host's town for high-school.

Her host Rotary Club became the Ebina Keyaki Club, as the first Club had only seven members, and no opportunity to find another host family. Interestingly, this second Rotary Club was also a male dominated club, (Didn't surprise any of us older people) yet, she said, three women members appeared to run everything. (Overheard a 'YES!' on that statement.)

The schools are very racially neutral, and she stood out, "being over five feet, over size 2," and, you get the picture. It also appeared to be a country wide policy that YE students only attended grade 10 classes, which made her stand out even more.

Trains in Japan are of two extremes. To get to school, she rode her bicycle for 15 minutes, she was literally shoved aboard a train by porters, to fill it with the most possible people, rode for the slowest train in Japan for 1 1/2 hours and, then, walked 15 minutes to school. Same coming back!



...Hannah and her coat of many pins...

Hannah showed the school uniform, and it was as ridiculously short, as Bobbi-Anne's was ridiculously long. She described the "cold" of traveling in the winter months, with that short a skirt and she wasn't allowed to wear stockings. Women are depicted quite differently in Japan. Her last Club also fund raised and bought her a very expensive kimono.



...President Patrick, YE Chair Doug with Deborah & Hannah

The other extreme was the Fast Train. It felt like taking off and landing in an airplane. It actually made her sick.

Her second host family also understood her difficulties, as their daughter had just returned from Tacoma the previous year.

She stayed with a third family, and they were very well off. Hannah explained that she felt, in Japan, Rotary was a status symbol, and all of life's accomplishments were about money.

She enjoyed the vibes of Tokyo and Yokohama. During her last week, she got to climb Mount Fuji with the other students. The climb usually takes two days. The normal trip would be to stop below the summit, staying overnight, acclimatizing, and then climbing up to watch the sunrise. Their hosts felt otherwise, so the students began climbing at the bottom at 4 a.m. Hannah considered it a spiritual experience. She described foods as cheap at the bottom, and cost mirrored the increasing altitudes. Toilets might cost \$1 at the bottom and \$10 at the top. As their return trip was the same day, some students actually ran down the mountain to save money. Their climb ended at 5 p.m. that night!

President Patrick proffered the pocket book "Don't Sweat the Small Stuff," which we donate to a school library. (was that Ornerary authoring onomatopoeia?)

Each of the above students was really appreciative of the opportunity given to them by Rotary, and it showed in their enthusiasm.

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**ROTARY DAYBREAK  
UPCOMING BINGO COMMITMENTS 2010/2011**

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| <b>Tues., Dec. 7, 2010</b> | <b>11am – 1 pm</b> | <b>Ron Blank &amp; Dave Thompson</b> |
| Thurs., Jan. 13, 2011      | 11am – 1 pm        | Don Bonner & Robb Mowbray            |
| Sat., Feb. 19, 2011        | 11am – 1 pm        | Kris Rongve & Christine McAuley      |
| Mon., Mar. 28, 2011        | 11am – 1 pm        | Eileen Tatton                        |

**Daryl does some electrical work at the Allen residence...**

