

**Newsletter Date:** 

November 30th, 2011

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# Weekly Wake-up

### upcoming Programs

**Front Door Greeters:** 

November 30th, 2011

Randall Taylor & Dave Thompson

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.

Invocation: Karin Mattern Introductions: Eileen Tatton

**Rotary Minute:** Don Bonner

Darryl Shaw Sgt @ Arms:

Bruce Mede

50/50:

December 7th, 2011

**Front Door Greeters:** 

Nathan Thornton & Jennifer Tonsi

Invocation: Bruce Mede Introductions:

Dave Thompson **Rotary Minute:** Christine Craigie

50/50: Darryl Shaw

Sgt @ Arms: Don Bonner

December 14th, 2011

**Front Door Greeters:** Bob Wall & Donna Allen

Invocation:

Michael Melenchuk

Introductions: Nathan Thornton

**Rotary Minute:** Don Bonner

50/50:

Dawne Anderson

Sgt @ Arms: Kris Rongve

November 30th - Daybreak Christmas Auction

December 7th - Grey Cup recap, presentation from Nanaimo & District School Foundation

December 14th - Nanaimo Air Cadets - Lieutenant Colonel Richard Mudryk

# <u>NOTICES & NEWS</u>



Sorry for another late Bulletin

...the next issue will follow tomorrow...



Club Correspondence...

Check out the link below for the latest in correspondence to the Club from various sources: http://www.daybreakrotary.ca/index.php?p=2 8

District 5020 newsletter now online...

Go to http://docs.rotary5020.org/newsletter1/2011-12/2011-11.pdf

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

Club Birthdays

Club Anniversaries

Ev Mudryk November 29

No Anniversaries this week.

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### Meeting Notes - November 23rd

notes by Terry Rogers , photos by Donna Allen

#### Introductions

Denise Davison introduced our guest speaker Peter Dimitroff and belatedly Bob Fenty was introduced by Christine Craigie.



Jeff provides the Rotary Four-Minute...

#### Rotary Minute

Jeff Boegel, although initially doing his impersonation of a deer in the headlights, did a masterful four minute Rotary Minute. He talked about the Kids on the Block project and that he is in the process of putting together an action plan. The project will involve the Interact Club and will raise funds for the Mid-Island Abilities Society who has just recently merged with the Nanaimo Seniors Visiting Society.

#### Grey Cup

Jim McIvor provided an update on our upcoming Grey Cup fundraiser this Sunday. Jim advised that thanks to Rod we have sold out the pool. In the Conference Finals, Denise Davidson's and Karin's Mattern's secretaries both won \$300. Jim advised, with the Grey Cup being played locally, many football fans are actually going to the game in Vancouver, making ticket sales for our event tougher. But Jim indicated that we have sold enough tickets to cover the costs and with silent auction proceeds, liquor sales and

gaming during the event, it should return a profit to the club. Jeff Boegel will be supervising the poker tables on Sunday.

Kris Rongve advised that there are more Guatemalan scarves for sale @ \$20 each. Kris was also looking for a show of interest for a Rotary Spa weekend that she is planning.

Patrick Maguire is looking for volunteers for the PARTY program held at the Nanaimo Regional Hospital every Wednesday. In addition, Patrick advised that our club is staffing the Salvation Army kettle at Home Depot, so we will be under cover. The Interact Club wish to participate with our club in staffing the kettle. A signup sheet was being sent around.



...Jim updates us on the Grey Cup Party...

Donna Allen and Francine Frisson addressed the club about our Christmas Auction scheduled for Wednesday November 30. Four families have been identified and we have a buying list for three so far. Francine is presently getting a list for the fourth family and a list of items for each family member will be e-mailed out to the club this week. These items can be brought in up to December 10. In addition, for next Wednesday we need auction items bought in by club members. As well, we need baked goods, jams and other foodstuff for baskets being put together by Donna, Francine and Christine.

Dawne Anderson advised that there are items such as pocket calendars and mints to be given away to kettle donors. She also advised that should club members wish there is additional volunteer times that need filling for the kettles.

Denise Davidson introduced our guest speaker Peter Dimitroff. Peter is a governance and political development consultant based in B.C. Over the last twenty years, the proud native of Nanaimo has worked throughout the Middle East and South Asia, with long term postings in such troubled areas such as Afghanistan, Pakistan, Yemen, the Arabian Gulf and Iraq. Most recently Peter has had an eighteen month assignment in southern Afghanistan and a four month assignment in Baghdad on

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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:** 

Bill Brendon

Past President:

Patrick Maguire

Vice President:

Randall Taylor

Club Secretary:

Neil Sorsdahl

Club Treasurer:

Anna Owens
Club President Elect:

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Francine Frisson

**Community Service Director:** 

Christine Craigie

**Vocational Service Director:** 

Dave Thompson

**Club Service Director:** 

Donna Allen

**Bulletin Editor:** 

Robb Mowbray

**Assistant Governor Area 2B:** 

Brenda Grice

District Governor 2011-12:

David Stocks

RI President 2011-12:

Kalyan Banerjee

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?





...Pres Bill & Kris with Peter Dimitroff...

contract with the EU and US governments.

Peter talked of the "Arab Spring" which started in December 2010 when a fruit vendor in Tunisia set himself on fire in protest of the illegal police seizure of his stand. This triggered violent civil protests in Tunisia that swept through Egypt, Bahrain, Syria, Yemen and Libya, resulting in the fall of many longstanding dictatorships in the Middle East. Peter confirmed his opinion that the "Arab Spring" is proof that the Arab world wants to govern themselves just like the rest of the world. The risk that the people of these countries took is further evidence that the dictators in power were not operating for the benefit of the population.

Peter suggested that the political shift in the Middle East will have a significant influence on the relationship with the West, as there is currently a strong anti-west sentiment throughout the entire Middle East. Western corporations will have to review their governance and ensure ethical processes in the region. In

addition, the influence of western nations will be lessened in the future and dealings with the various Middle East nations will be more complex moving forward. Peter indicated that it is easier to deal with a dictator rather than a democracy.

Peter also speculated that the current global economic malaise will lessen the ability of the western nations to participate in the Middle East militarily in the future. He suggested that Asia will be the focus moving forward both economically and militarily.

The Canadian military involvement in Afghanistan is quickly coming to a close and the result has not been good. Afghanistan's infrastructure remains in shambles, the Taliban still control many regions of the country and the violence continues. Peter suggests that Canada should evaluate the country's involvement and assess the success/failure of the campaign.

Kris Rongve thanked Peter for enlightening our club about the current state of the Middle East and advised that, as is the custom of our club, we will be donating a children's book in his name to a local library.

A rousing rendition of Happy Birthday was sung to San and then he proceeded to not draw the Queen of Hearts in the 50/50. The Prez then beat Dave Perry in the draw for the bottle of wine. Yeah Bill.



...Denise & Robb model their new Guatamalan scarves...

#### Sergeant @ Arms

Denise Davidson, wielding her discretion with unabashed exuberance, fined the scribe and David Thompson for cell phone use.

Abuse of power I say. Then poor Doug Lum, still giddy from the Leafs win last night, was fined for no name tag. Denise then continued her tirade against Jeff Boegel for turning a Rotary minute into four and then towards Jim McIvor for getting his Denise's mixed up. (I wonder how he is with his Daryl's or Kris's?) Is there no justice??

Rod Mont announced that the lon's are coming Nanaimo in December 8/11 at Port Theatre.

Toast to Rotary.



...a photo opp for Kris and Randall the week before...



...the new member luncheon on November 17th.

## ROTARY DAYBREAK UPCOMING BINGO COMMITMENTS 2010/2011



