

Rotary Club of Nanaimo **DAYBREAK**

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Club Duties

If you are unable to fulfill your duty,
PLEASE FIND A REPLACEMENT,
then let the meeting chair know.

April 16th, 2014

Front Door Greeters:

Nelson Allen & Ron Blank

Invocation:

Don Bonner

Introductions:

Chris Everett

Rotary Minute:

Darryl Shaw

50/50:

Wendi Ferrero

Sgt @ Arms:

Denise Davidson

April 23rd, 2014

Front Door Greeters:

Jeff Boegel & Don Bonner

Invocation:

Bill Brendon

Introductions:

Ken Hammer

Rotary Minute:

Neil Sorsdahl

50/50:

Wendi Ferrero

Sgt @ Arms:

Daryl Knievel

April 30th, 2014

Front Door Greeters:

Bill Brendon & Graham Calder

Invocation:

Christine Craigie

Introductions:

Wendi Ferrero

Rotary Minute:

Eileen Tatton

50/50:

Patrick Maguire

Sgt @ Arms:

Don Bonner

Weekly Wake-up

Upcoming Programs

- Apr 16 Club Assembly - Business Meeting
- Apr 23 Sandra Taylor / Tara Bishop - Autism Nanaimo
- Apr 30 Nelson Allen – International Services Committee

NOTICES & NEWS

Best Wishes for a Speedy Recovery to Chris Everett...

Our most sincere best wishes to our comrade, Chris Everett, who is currently recovering from an aneurism early last week. At last report, he was progressing very well and keeping a very positive outlook.

4th Annual Daybreak NHL Playoff Pool Draft this week!...

The 4th Annual Daybreak NHL Playoff Pool Draft is scheduled for Tuesday April 15th @ 7:30pm. It will be held at the Blackbear Pub in the upper section to the right as you come in the front door. Buy-in will be \$25 per team. Even you don't wish to draft a team please come and join the fun.



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

Club Birthdays

April 15 Leanna Plug

Club Anniversaries

No Anniversary this week.

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Meeting Notes - April 9/14

notes by San Mahara photos by Donna Allen

Karen Mattern was busy handling the attendance sheet, while Dawne Anderson, Donna Allen and Don Bonner were extending their welcoming hugs and hands.

President Randall Taylor is back from his sojourn in Arizona and seemed all energized to steer up the meeting.



Lee came back to visit us!...

We sang O' Canada in monotone and still sounded good.

Guests were: Two esteemed members from North Nanaimo Rotary club, Gill Campbell and Lee Mason. They were in a mission to sell 50/50 as a part of their fundraising efforts. Speaker for the day was Alexandra Dawley, who was a "Global grant scholar for 2013-14" for Rotary district 5020.

Before we did an invocation, Randall made a change in the proceedings by letting Ken Hammer make an announcement. He mentioned that Chris Everett had suffered a stroke and is recuperating in hospital.

Jeff Boegel recited an invocation. He mentioned that Poker tickets are ready to be sold. He needs more volunteers for the event (the sign-up sheet was going around), which will happen on April 26th at Nanoose library hall.

Sergeant Daryl Knievel allocated the tables for the breakfast.

Graham Calder reiterated that next Wednesday evening Chemainus Rotary club is making a presentation regarding Guatemala Project. He shared his recent experience by saying that he was a lumber purchaser on his last trip. He was responsible for making bed and chicken coop. Once he had to work in a black mould infested tight space where he had to wear mask.

Kris Rongve, posing in her new glasses, took an opportunity to applaud Ken, Graham, and Ron Blank for their relentless work in her Rotary minute. She requested all the members to show more compassion towards our members you- know-who are allergic to eggs by not mixing up the serving spoon while taking your share of breakfast. She pointed out that some allergic reactions could be very serious and fatal.

Don Bonner got a huge thank-you note from Ken for his great work on the technology from which our club surely get benefits.

It was the turn for our guest speaker ,Alexandra Dawley, to showcase her talent and experience. She graduated from VIU in 2013 with a Degree in Global Studies and Sociology. She is a recipient of District 5020 Rotary Global Grant Scholarship for 2013/14. She was inspired by a Rotarian to apply for the grant while working at a coffee shop.

Currently, she is studying in England and will return to Jordan to carry on with her research placement. She mentioned that Rotary scholarship is the world's largest privately funded international scholarship program. Since 1947, nearly 38,000 students from about 100 nations have received Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarships to fund their post graduate/ vocational training. The grant allows students to pursue his/ her studies in one of the 6 Rotary areas of focus.

Recently, she was in Jordan working in a refugee camp for Iraqis and Jordanians. Her work was "basic life skill development through the arts for refugee youth in Jordan". She admits that she has now more appreciation and satisfaction for being a Canadian after gaining a life



...Pres Randall with our guest speaker, Alexandria Dawley...

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Rotary Contacts

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Make-ups

To ensure that your make-up info is properly recorded, send any info on extra meetings attended, extra committee work, service projects, online work, etc. to Membership Chair, Denise Davidson at ddavidson@islandadjusters.com

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?

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.



changing experience in refugee camp Jordan.

Jordan has the highest ratio of refugee to indigenous person in the world. Alexandria painted a grim picture of the status of refugees in Jordan. She showed data that there are approximately 577,790 recognised Syrian refugees in Jordan; 1 in 11 people in Jordan is a Syrian refugee. There are around 200,000 recognised Iraqi refugees and around 1.9 million UN recognised Palestinian refugees in Jordan. Her experience with the refugee children was such that she feels they are just a blank sheet without any emotions.

For three years, they have not been able to put a roof over their head and food on the plate. Families have been separated. She showed a heart touching video of a kid who has been robbed of her childhood and rights to lead a happy life.



She mentioned a project called "Collateral Repair Project (CPR)". It was founded in 2006 to assist Iraqi refugees fleeing the violent aftermath of the Iraq war. Now it supports Syrian, Iraqi and Palestinian Urban refugees. It is located in a densely populated and very volatile area. "CPR" offers an emergency assistance programme where it supports individuals and families who have fled in haste and land in Jordan with inadequate clothing, supplies and or finances. The programme provides the most destitute of these families with food vouchers, as well as other basic needs for day to day life.

The project contains a "community and family resource center", which is a safe haven where refugees can begin to rebuild their communities they have lost in fleeing their home countries. They utilize a variety of educational and community building activities including kids self defense classes and teen public speaking workshops.

Alexandra is responsible for administering life skills training for youth through an intentional art programme. There will be 1 class for 3 groups which runs weekly for 8 weeks. The ages range from 5 to teens. The basic concept of the project is to encourage them to make self portraits in which they try to project how they would like to envision themselves in 10 years. Kids can use digital cameras and a variety of tools to create the art and craft. She would like to have a public display of these arts in future.

She reiterated that she is on a mission to raise funds for the "CPR art programme". She intends to raise \$1,000 by the end of this month. The fund will help to procure art supplies and support the refugee kids.

Randall thanked and praised her for being a Rotary poster child for today.

Donna Allen mentioned that April is "Daffodil for Cancer" month and encouraged all to wear one. Denise Larson reminded that the Daffodils we had planted earlier have bloomed and you can appreciate the member's hard work in Northfield garden with its beautiful colors.

Neil Sorsdahl was happy to announce that our annual golf tourney is on its way, happening on May 16th. Patrick Maguire said that our annual shredding event is approaching in near future, as well.

Dawne Anderson made an announcement that VI Riders are doing beer and burger at Pipers Pub and, if you are interested, please contact her.

The 50/50 pot was \$209 rich today, but nobody could get the right cut. Daryl collected happy bucks, but did not impose fines on many people. Today's happy bucks were dedicated to Alexandra's art project for refugee camp in Jordan. The total came to \$116.83 and she was very grateful!

Don was pleased to share his experience with the applicants for the Rotary scholarship while he was on the committee...He said all the applicants are great people with great talents.



At the end, we recited the four way test and parted for the day.

Have a Great Week!