

Daybreak Rotary
Weekly Wakeup – July 9, 2014

Editor's Note:

Sorry to all. I am away in Kamloops at Mainstage (we had a great show on Saturday night and have given ourselves a good shot at Best Production) and do not have my computer. SO you get a simplified version of the Wakeup this week... Robb

July 9 **Patty Harvie, Tillicum Safe House Coordinator**

July 16 **Business Meeting**

July 9, 2014

Front Door Greeters:

Eileen Tatton & Dave Thompson

Invocation :

Doug Lum

Introductions:

Terry Rogers

Rotary Minute

Bill Brendon

50/50:

Patrick Maguire

Sgt At Arms:

Denise Davidson

July 16, 2014

Front Door Greeters:

Nathan Thornton & Bob Wall

Invocation :

Patrick Maguire

Introductions:

Kris Rongve

Rotary Minute

Graham Calder

50/50:

Bill Brendon

Sgt At Arms:

Daryl Knieval

July 23, 2014

Front Door Greeters:

Donna Allen & Dawn Anderson

Invocation :

San Mahara

Introductions:

Darryl Shaw

Rotary Minute

Christine Craigie

50/50:

Bill Brendon

Sgt At Arms:

Don Bonner

Birthdays

No Birthdays this week.

Anniversaries

July 11 - Wendi & Dave Ferrero; July 11 – Ron & Linda Blank

Meeting Notes 2 July 2014

Notes by Ron Blank, Photo by Ron Blank

Miss a meeting and miss what's happening. Don Bonner was at the podium and has assumed the role as President of Rotary Daybreak. (YEAH DON!!)

Our 2014-15 incoming Executive are

Kris Rongve did her homework and shared a delightful Invocation.

Guest this morning was Barbara French with the Harbour City Theatre Society.

Sergeant at Arms Daryl Kneivel managed to get us all to breakfast.

Don gave our Rotary Moment and whilst updating our Rotary District 5020 website he discovered why our Rotary year is from 1 July. Drum Roll!!! The first Rotary Conference ended on 30 June 1910 and was attended by 10 men and 9 women. (likely wives as women were not allowed to become Rotarians until 1987) As the new President of Rotary was elected at that conference, it was also decided 1 July would begin each Rotary year.

More fun this morning. We got to hear the name of our 2014 -15 Rotarian of the Year. Based on involvement with Soap for Hope, P.A.R.T.Y Programme, Community Shred and Guatemala projects, the obvious Padraig Maguire was the winner. Patrick thanked those who also participated in his projects who "worked like Rotarians" to get the tasks done. BRAVO PATRICK!!

Barbara was intro'd by Rod Mont: With formal studies in Theatre and Theatre Directors Masters Degree from U of Alberta she became artistic director of our Harbour City Theatre Society.

Barbara noted like most theatre people her husband noted the "power of an audience to get her up before nine AM." Barbara is the Executive Director of the Harbour City Theatre Alliance which has recently taken over the Nanaimo Centre Stage. (that our Robb used to manage.)

Historically, in 1996 Rutherford Playhouse closed. The 1998 built Port Theatre was too costly for most theatre groups to rent. VIU theatres were tricky to rent and difficult to get community response to the venue. Finally in 2008, the Nanaimo Centre Stage was purchased by the city and leased to the various theatre groups. This facility served the needs of 30 artistic groups

and about 7,000 annual patrons.

We've all read the recent news. The sponsoring organization needed more money to operate. The City balked, the organization walked.

Nearby residents realized the benefits of a vibrant theatre. With the many visitors the area was cleaner and safer. Keeping the Arts alive in our community creates a vibrancy that encourages others to enjoy and be involved.

"We picked up the keys Monday." to the Nanaimo Centre Stage. The newly formed Harbour City Theatre Alliance now has a volunteer board (Chaired by our Rod) and promises to do co-productions with successful groups. Remember Dean Chadwick and Schmooze Productions and their successful musicals like "Sweeny Todd." Their gate funds allowed them to continue funding their costumes and stage productions. They will now share their excess funds with other groups. Hub City Cinema Society, Improv Sessions and the Jazz Festival will all work with less successful groups to expand and improve the arts in Nanaimo. "We all want you to have the human experience of creating magic!"

The Nanaimo Centre Stage will be rebranded as Harbour City Theatre Society. With lot's of work to do, their first show will be the mostly sold out show with 'T.J.Dawe.' on 19 July. (Details at <http://fringetastic.com/>)

Barbara spoke on the intense changes and upgrades to come. Will Rod give us an update on some "hands on help" for the group?

50/50 with Patrick. Pres Don had the ticket and the 5 of spades was the card. NOT to be this week.

Sergeant Daryl allowed Don to engage us in the engaging concept of knowledge in chickenology. Last weekend, the rooster crowed at 430 AM from the front of their home.?? "Unusual he said." In Pj's, out to the Lantzville Road, he discovered two cats chasing his prized cock. Finally, finding a darkened shaded area, (he said that,) he managed to corral the bird and bring him back to the roost.

On another note. Daryl Kneivel shared that he got his club on the ball and managed to injure the poor white thing by having it hurled 271 yards down the middle of the fairway at Dawne Anderson's Sally Ann Tournament! YAH BABY!! Routine!! (Four Waying: Second time he actually had a decent tee shot!!) Below see ecstatic Daryl with his left handed putter win for the Men's Longest Drive contest at the Salvation Army Golf Tourney. (Daryl is right handed!)

This being near the end, we thanked Barbara for sharing details of our vibrant community, were pleased that Daryl finally hit a ball, saddened by Ron's poor contributions to the team and Neil's team won the Rotary's best team in the Sally Ann Golf Tourney. Which means the loosing team of Blank and Lum need to cough up \$40 for Paul Harris contributions.

Four Waying out, on to you week in Rotary.....

