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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.

January 20th, 2009

Front Door Greeters:

Jim McIvor & Neil Sorsdahl

Invocation:

Ron Blank

Introductions:

Christine McAuley

Rotary Minute:

Daryl Knievel

50/50:

Dave Thompson

Sgt @ Arms: Daryl Stech

January 27th, 2009

Front Door Greeters:

Robb Mowbray & Val Lennox

Invocation:

Cindy Bartlett

Introductions:

Denise Larson

Rotary Minute:

Terry Rogers

50/50:

Randall Taylor

Sqt @ Arms:

Don Bonner

February 3rd, 2009

Front Door Greeters:

Ron Blank & Jim Jeffries

Invocation:

Nelson Allen

Introductions:

Bob Wall

Rotary Minute:

Dave Thompson

50/50:

Randall Taylor

Sgt @ Arms:

Bruce Mede

Weekly Wake-up

upcoming Programs

January 20th - Club Assembly

January 27th - Bankruptcies - Terry Rogers

February 3rd - Literacy Nanaimo - Rebecca Kirk

NOTICES & NEWS

Haiti Needs Our Help! ...

The Rotary Foundation has established the <u>Haiti Earthquake</u> <u>Relief Fund</u> for Rotarians who want to donate toward recovery efforts following the powerful earthquake that rocked Haiti on January 12th.



A ShelterBox response team of two U.S. Rotarians and one from the United Kingdom has already mobilized and delivered 1,700 containers of supplies to the affected areas. Another 1,600 will

be dispatched from the U.K. to Port-au-Prince. Also, more than 100 Aquaboxes are being delivered to Haiti to provide safe water.



Next year's Rotary International theme announced...

After taking the stage to the tune of "California, Here I Come," RI President-elect Ray Klinginsmith announced the 2010-11 RI theme, *Building Communities -- Bridging Continents*, during the opening plenary session of the 2010 International Assembly.

"I love it," says Governor-elect Robert Martin, of District 5020 (British Columbia, Canada; Washington, USA). "I'm going to be promoting Rotary pride in our district next year, and Building Communities -- Bridging Continents is something we can all be proud of."



Club Birthdays January 23rd - Daryl Stech Club Anniversaries

No Anniversaries this week.

Meeting Notes—January 13th

submitted by Ron Blank

Great start to another Rotary Week. After President Dave rang the bell, and Rod gave us the cue and key to sing our Anthem. Dave then asked Robb Mowbray to take over the proceedings. "I HAVE THE POWER!!" said Robb and he proceeded to assign the tables. When the dust cleared, our Illustrious President then re-arranged the proceedings and asked Kris to do the honours of our Sergeant-at-Arms.

Introductions of Guests: Randall Taylor introduced his lovely wife, and Rotarian Andrea Rosato-Taylor and Jim Jeffries introduced his guest and lovely wife Toni Jeffries.

The next action by Sgt Kris was questionable, at best. Our Sgt then stated that she was "sucking up" to all of the other Sergeants for her past, present and future actions. Your scribe then went from being second to the buffet table; to second last. Not a bad thing, considering my recent weight gain, but clearly her actions wrinkled the "Four Way Test."

Francine Frisson's Rotary Minute revealed that she had been keeping a secret for the past two years. She considered leaving Rotary. Her topic showed a discerning insight into how we all are affected by being Rotarians. She said: "I do not have enough time, and must decide what to do with it." Her analysis of being a Rotarian showed time also affects everyone else. Others have the same "time" limitations. Friendships in Rotary are important and being purely selfish, she gets a lot out of it. She discovered our "Four Way Test" applied to her everyday work and to her life. Hence, her decision, to stay in Rotary. (Lucky for us!)



Francine provides the Rotary Minute...

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...Randall's classification talk...

Randall Taylor gave an interesting presentation on someone he knows very well: his classification talk. His first classification talk was given fourteen years ago, as new Rotarian. Randall said he was the product of an English Father and Irish Mother who were homesteaders in Saskatchewan. His birth date was the subject of many grandfatherly bets on whether he would be born on Christmas or New Year's Day. Ever the contrarian, Randall was born on the 28th.

Everyone plays music in his family, including himself. He went from the 'Bar Band' scene, to working in a music store. Married, and three children later, the store was still fun, but wouldn't pay

the bills. Employment with Panasonic & Technic, doing audio-visual set-ups across the Prairies in the 70's and 80's paid the bills. Then with co-op advertising managers, he was then hired into the newspaper industry with the Regina Leader Post. Christmas of 1980 brought another epiphany. Randall was visiting Sis & her bush pilot husband in La Ronge SK. While there, they flew mail northward to Pine House. They landed on a snow covered lake to bring mail to this Hudson's Bay Company Post. He was captivated! By September he was licensed pilot. Later, while in South SK, he volunteered as a jump pilot for a sky-diving club. Their aircraft was stripped down: door-less, no seats, minimum fuel to decrease the weight, and get the maximum the number of jumpers aboard. Load the aircraft, barely make it aloft, climb to 5,000 feet, and each six hundred pound jumper leapt from the wing strut. The tension of flying in a straight line, by cranking the ailerons and tiller, and flying like a crab. Jumpers get on the struts under the wing, then they all jump! Whoosh, light as a kite, and up she goes. Yes, the aircraft glided well, but it was still exhilarating, landing on a prairie field when your engine had run out of fuel.

The Calgary Herald was rich, and brought Randall into the big city. Working for a large corporate organization did not make his life happy. They divorced. Randall escaped to a smaller local newspaper organization in Langley, Burnaby & Richmond. First crack at being a publisher, and he took the Chilliwack paper from TV Times to respected profitable newspaper.

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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:

Dave Perry

Club Secretary:

Eileen Tatton

Club Treasurer:

Cindy Bartlett

Club President Elect:

Patrick Maguire

Bulletin Editor:

Robb Mowbray

Foundation Chair:

Dawne Anderson
Assistant Governor Area 2B

Brenda Grice

District Governor 2009-10:

Alex Alexander

RI President 2009-10:

John Kenny

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 Rod Mont at mont@islandlaw.ca

Please send content and photos for the Weekly Wake-up to Robb Mowbray at robb@theatrebc.org.

FOUR WAY TEST

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- 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?



Holiday time, had him flying his aircraft La Ronge. With small aircraft, he said, they always flew by road maps. In the Prairies, eastwest flying was either near the TCH, or Highway Two. His engine started to sound wonky. Could it be carburetor. Too late to figure it out. He managed to find Hwy 2 and land. Lots of emollients, and the locals got his plane trucked to La Ronge.

Back in Chilliwack, running a profitable paper, he joined Rotary in 1995. That profitability induced Hollinger to buy them out. Randall's job became protecting staff from the large corporation. His job also became sourcing land. Hollinger then sold to Global. Publishing became head office controlled. He transferred to Rotary in Richmond. The big corporation sent all over North America. Luckily, meeting through business, he met Andrea Rosato, working for the San Francisco Chronicle.

Nine years ago, tired of big corporations, they decided to pick a place where they wanted to live. Andrea transferred from the Vancouver Sun to the Nanaimo Daily News. Randall took the jump to commercial Real Estate with now DTZed Barnicke. They own land in Yellow Point. Randall's oldest son Chad is a musician in Vancouver, middle son Christopher, & with wife, is completing a Doctorate at Carnegie Mellon U. in Pittsburgh and his youngest son Nigel is in the Boston School of Music. Randall's association with Bob Wall led him into our Daybreak Club. Randall's passions in life are Real Estate, Rotary and family.

Denise Larson asked why Nanaimo: "Costco." said Andrea. Randall said: "Top of the list: paved runway, as Andrea's family is in Montana, San Francisco and Mexico, with his being in Saskatchewan. Music, culture, arts, theatre, fully functioning city, employment & education completed the picture." His plane was sold to make the move to Nanaimo, and something is afoot. Ex-airborne Jeff would still like that opportunity to jump out of serviceable aircraft, but Randall said his nerves won't take it anymore.

President Dave noted the Lantzville Golf Tourney on Seventh of May will not conflict with our Spring Golf Classic on the 27th. Neil would like more volunteers.

Pres. Dave stated that our website has long needed work. Jeff of NISA has proposed an easy and inexpensive fix. With \$200 set-up fees, & \$150 annual maintenance, any member with the username & password can update the site. Motion by Brian, 2nd by Ron B, Carried. (WHOOPEE, we're into the 90's)

Pres. Dave reminded that our storage box will be cleaned out, so remove what you want.

Kris Rongve discussed the Installation. Whether to be inside-outside, change of menu, for 65-70 people, with 12 free guests (Pres' & A Gov, with spouses), tent and utensil rentals, totaling \$2,000, financial cost to club \$1,000. Making it self sustaining might require venue & menu change. Don Bonner's good ideas ensured he ioined the committee.

Jeff Boegel resigned as Membership Chair, and Rod will fill-in until replacement found.

Our club will hold a Beer & whatever after work social at Longwood Brew pub on a soon to be named date.

Brian K, for Patrick, reminded of the District Leadership Training Academy, for incoming Executive and Youth Exchange, to be held Port Angeles on 21-22 Feb, with pick-up of we Canadians at the ferry terminal.

Unfortunately, Sarah Staniforth withdrew her membership application.

Nelson volunteered Donna for sky-diving lessons, but she shouted "NO!" I heard she is "just plane scared." Christine said that flying in small aircraft turned herself and Jerry into confirmed drinkers.

Saving the best for the last: let's all welcome our newest member: Barbara Denike.



... Nelson offers a Happy Buck or two...



...Don seems to be enjoying the meeting...



...Kris collects fines and happy bucks.