



Club Duties

March 14

Front Door Greeters:
Caran Carr & Nathan Thornton

Invocation:
Daryl Kneival

Introductions:
Rod Mont

Rotary Minute:
Bill Brendon

Sergeant @ Arms:
Don Bonner

50/50:
Neil Sorsdahl

March 21

Front Door Greeters:
Denise Davidson & Ron Blank

Invocation:
Denise Larson

Introductions:
Jamie Odgers

Rotary Minute:
To be Determined

Sergeant @ Arms:
Jo-Ann Harding

50/50:
Neil Sorsdahl

March 28

Front Door Greeters:
Ken Hammer & Bob Wall

Invocation:
Doug Lum

Introductions:
Lee Odgers

Rotary Minute:
Caran Carr

Sergeant @ Arms:
Bruce Mede

50/50:
Neil Sorsdahl

Weekly Wake-up

Upcoming Programs

March 7: Maureen Fritz-Roberts Chair, District 5020 will speak on Membership

March 14: Tony White, Nanaimo Additions Foundation

March 28: Club Assembly



Tales from the Penny Jar

Part 3— "Charlie, Paul and the Pig"

Besides telling and sharing stories, we have seen many of our friends come and go. Once they are gone, it is rare for someone to come back. I sat in the store cash register for a few weeks until a muscular man, who had bought an energy drink, needed change. Paul, the nickel, and I were given as change. Paul had come from many places, just like me, and he was good company. He said he had been to many different places, including a gutter where someone had dropped him, and a pig. Yes, I said a pig, but this is no porker you would find on your plate or on a farm. He said, that once, the child named Charlie to whom he belonged, had been furious at his lack of money. Charlie threw the shiny pink, curly-tailed piggy bank onto the floor. The pig smashed into a million bazillion pieces and Paul went flying. He made a crash landing, and rolled to safety under a dusty dresser, where he met little ole Dust-Bunny Jr. For five years, he just lay there talking to his fluffy friend. Paul was finally rediscovered when Charlie and his family packed up to move. By then, the boy was a teen and did not realize how much 5 cents was worth. He tossed the nickel aside and went on moving things. Paul was found by the next owner of the house, who used him to pay for groceries. It was then that he ended up in the cash register where I met him.....

Stay tuned for next week's instalment.

If you or a friend have a story from the penny jar (only 250 words) email or send it to ceverett@telus.net with the word "penny" I the subject line . Remember to bring your own pennies for the penny jar.

Club Birthdays

March 20— Dave Perry
March 25— Dave Hoy
March 29— Chris Everett
March 31— Ron Blank

Club Anniversaries

Mar 25— Ron Medd
Mar 29—Chris Everett

*March 7 Meeting Notes**Submitted by Rod Mont*

Ron Blank, for his Rotary Minute, advised us of some of the hands-on work he has been doing for the club "behind the scenes": the building of book boxes for Literacy Nanaimo and building putting greens with obstacles for Bar Par. Donna Allen sent around a sign-up sheet for next year's committees and reminded us to submit an activity plan sheet to the executive regarding potential new projects BEFORE committing the club to new projects. Neil Sorsdahl received general support from the club to have Nanaimo Youth Services Association as the primary charity recipient for the Golf Tournament.

Rod Mont announced that Andrea Smith, whose CD "Sweet Embrace" we helped raise money to produce last year at Summer Song, has been nominated for five 2007 Island Music Awards including female songwriter for the year, female vocalist for the year and artist for the year.

President Kris announced that on Saturday, March 24th, the Vancouver Island Symphony will be roasting Ross Fraser. If interested in further details regarding this event, contact Kris. Holly Bright invited us to attend the Wee Tipple Party, a fund-raiser for the Crimson Coast Dance Society which will be held on March 9th. The Crimson Coast Dance Society is also hosting Creation / Fusion Laboratories. Nicole Gosselin passed around a sign-up sheet for volunteers to take a half hour shift for Don Bonner's 50th birthday party: our club will receive the profits from the bar and use the alcohol that was left over from the RCMP Appreciation Night. Moira Steele and Christine McAulay are starting to look into planning a horse-riding / spa weekend some time in October which will cost around \$500 per person, is open to women and men, and will take a total of four days including travel time.

Our guest speaker was Maureen Fritz-Roberts, the District Membership Chair. She challenged us to consider how Daybreak Rotary is generally viewed by the City of Nanaimo. Her message about membership was broken into three sections: find them, bring them in, and keep them. Regarding finding new members, Maureen asked us to determine if our club's rules set up any recruiting roadblocks. There are very few limitations regarding inviting members from RI and it is her experience that the limitations that Rotarians set on bringing new members into Rotary are limitations at the club level. Maureen asked us "Who do you want?" and "Where to look?". She stressed that it is important to look for young members and that potential areas to look for new members include friends, former Rotary contacts and parents of outbound students. She also encouraged us to create awareness of Rotary by advertising and public relations. Regarding bringing people into Rotary, Maureen differentiated between one on one contact and group efforts and encouraged us to look at the club within a club model. She suggested that before people join Rotary, they should be advised of the financial costs of belonging to Rotary as well as the expectations as to time commitment. Other suggestions in this area included developing a club handbook, ensuring that new members would be a "good fit" rather than just a heart-beat, inducting new members promptly, and getting new members involved quickly into the club's activities. Regarding keeping members, Maureen advised that lots of Rotarians leave Rotary within three years of joining and listed the following top five reasons that people leave: weak leadership, a better offer, weak programs, economic issues, and weak projects. Maureen encouraged us to educate members about Rotary and to give Rotarians choices but expect participation.

Upcoming Events

March 24—Roast of Ross Fraser: Coast Bastion Inn.

March 31 — Bar Par

March — Membership night (Date TBA)

June 1st to 3rd—District Conference

Rotary Club Meetings

Monday – Parksville, Bayside Inn, Noon

Tuesday – Nanaimo North, Frith-Radcliffe Auditorium, Kiwanis Village, 6:15 p.m.

Wednesday – Nanaimo Oceanside, ABC Restaurant on Mary Ellen Drive, 4 p.m.

Thursday – Lantzville – ABC Restaurant on Mary Ellen Drive, 7 a.m.

Friday – Nanaimo – Howard Johnson, 12:15 p.m.

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