



Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

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.

August 10th, 2011

Front Door Greeters:

Nelson Allen & Cindy Bartlett

Invocation:

Denise Davidson

Introductions:

Jim McIvor

Rotary Minute:

Kris Rongve

50/50:

Randall Taylor

Sgt @ Arms:

Kris Rongve

August 17th, 2011

Front Door Greeters:

Ron Blank & Jeff Boegel

Invocation:

Wendi Ferrero

Introductions:

Patrick Maguire

Rotary Minute:

Daryl Shaw

50/50:

Randall Taylor

Sgt @ Arms:

Neil Sorsdahl

August 24th, 2011

Front Door Greeters:

Don Bonner & Christine Craigie

Invocation:

Francine Frisson

Introductions:

San Mahara

Rotary Minute:

Neil Sorsdahl

50/50:

Wendi Ferrero

Sgt @ Arms:

Dave Thompson

Weekly Wake-up

Upcoming Programs

August 10th - Jeff Boegel

August 17th - Club Assembly

August 24th - TBA

NOTICES & NEWS

Friendly Reminder—Pub Night this Thursday!!!...

August 11- Fellowship pub night is at the Old City Station - upper balcony
150 Skinner Street Anytime After 5pm.

Kevin Got a Haircut!!!...

Our boy in Colombia made the big adjustment to his home climate...he had the locks shorn...

:-)



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 newsletters now online...

<http://docs.rotary5020.org/newsletter1/2011-12/>

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

Club Birthdays

August 15 Denise Larson

Club Anniversaries

August 15 Dave & Cheryl Thompson

August 15 Daryl Knievel & Amanda Polling

August 15 Don & Beverley Bonner

Meeting Notes - August 3rd

notes by Ron Blank, photos Don Bonner

President Bill Brendon is starting to look comfortable with the mantle. Ever present Rod Mont tooted our way into our meeting. Christine Craigie's Invocation started a chuckle with "rub-a-dub" but she quickly moved into a delightful poem that brightened our appreciation of Rotary, and of Christine.

Don Bonner did double duty as Sergeant-at-Arms and photog. Amazingly, the 'big back table' managed to lead the entourage to breakfast, thanks to Jeff Boegel's help with regalia set-up. (The boys were surprised by the volume and variety of choices, as well as the freshness.) Thankie, Don!

Sher Holubowich announced next month's Pub Social will be at Old City Station Pub. Details & directions on our website events calendar.

Brian Kirkhope fleshed in more details of this Saturday's Swim Meet Meal, with over 195 guests committed to buy. Set-up at 12 Noon in NDSS Cafeteria. BBQ loaned from Branch #10 Royal Canadian Legion, with thanks.

Rod & Heather have committed to hosting Rotary Exchange Student Lucas, from France, arriving on August 21st. If anyone has plans, please include Lucas, as school starts in September, and he needs entertainment. Don's "blackberry picking" idea was panned as child labour. Hopefully we can better that one.

Terry Roger's Rotary Minute revealed his love of numbers. The Rotary International (RI) Site gave details. There are 1.5 million registered charities in USA. They are ranked by their expense ratios/distribution of funds, and RI ranks in the highest group as A+, versus the lowest a C. RI has great transparency in showing it's income and expenses. We don't pay our Executive President, Vice, President-Elect but do pay for their expenses, all available on the website. Yet, RI, employs 759 staff., between it Headquarters in Chicago and International offices.

Ken Hammer needed no introduction as our speaker. Ken began by describing how Rotary Clubs of Nanaimo/Lantzville, Mid Island World Community Service Group, and VIU/CIDA projects in Ghana has become an amazing part of his life over the past five years.

The Ghanaian team that came to Canada five years ago were particularly impressed with the fellowship of Rotary when they attended a Fireside Chat at Nicole's. (Gosselin, now deceased) That encouraged them to return and (with Ken's help) start up their own Rotary Club.

Each trip to Ghana, begins with landing in their capital Accra. Our major support is in the city of Sunyani <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sunyani> and the trip can take anywhere from 5-10 hours by road, or only one hour by air.

Ken noted "these slides are on our website." http://www.daybreakrotary.ca/index.php?p=3_29 This last trip included six Rotarians and two others, including their daughter Alexis. Hopefully, next year, Ken will take their son.

This trip was interesting as this is the first time the Canadian High Commissioner was "available" and welcomed them on their arrival in Accra. In Sunyani, we have been supporting Sunyani Municipal Primary School: painting, roofing, whiteboards, a security fence and gatehouse, and the last project, a Rotary Global Grant, providing toilet facilities and potable water. Female students now have a greater security of self, and more readily attend school. Also, this public school is becoming overcrowded as parents now want their children to go there.

Our involvement has provided 350 mosquito nets, given directly to mothers and children. The Interact Club has built a well that has made a tremendous difference in their lives. We have funded mi-

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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:

Gayle Wilson

Club President Elect:

Denise Larson

International Service Director:

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?



cro-credit for 120 women in Nanaketwa, and constructed a well at Korkors Charity Medical Centre (Actually an orphanage, but name changed because of stigma attached.)

Three of the most actively involved Sunyani Rotarians have received, with much appreciation, Paul Harris Fellows: Kofi from Daybreak, Samuel from Downtown and Senyo from Parksville Rotary.

Other donators include: Randall Taylor's mother with funds for Dictionaries, Donna & Nelson paying for one student's university, Hélène Frisson donated money for whiteboards. Some contributions catch us unawares. Recently, Ken saw a youngster's t-shirt with "Kick Polio out of Ghana!"

VIU student Amanda Moore accompanied Ken on one of his first trips and she elected to stay. Her projects include a jewelry manufacture "Freedom Stones" whose funds help keep kids out of slavery. Ken started supporting a school, in a small way, by purchasing a brick making machine. It has morphed into "Ken Hammer School" as the naming adds prestige. (and likely the ability to squeeze more money out of Ken.)

What next? Plans are being developed from what the locals want and it appears the next project will be public toilets in the market. VIU is putting in another CIDA proposal.

Over this time, Ken has also made many lifelong friends, especially, Samuel & Christy Obour, Arthur Swatson. Other friends include KAS, Senyo, Kwadzo. Ken closed with "Together, we can make good things happen!"

Questions: Income of Sunyanians: \$400/mth for professors, Guards \$1.50/day, Bread, which most otherwise make, costs \$1.00.

The micro-credit loans are for a women's co-op, with 8 groups of 15, learning basic language and business concepts, supporting each other's efforts, and paying on CD monthly for sickness insurance of the team members.

Chris Everett presented the book, suitably titled "Half Magic."

Val Lennox coordinated the 50/50 and funds are now \$1404. Ev Mudryk failed the cut. Up again, Ev won against the President. Jeff captured a golf prize, as well as Gayle, (oops, did I make a mistake?) and the Cottonwood Juniors got to share the golf balls.

Our Sergeant Don was charitable as ever, and solicited happy bucks. Our toast to Rotary included this years motto "Reach Within to Embrace Humanity."

Lastly, for those who missed it, we fed nearly 200 people from the Regional Swim Meet on Saturday, at Nanaimo Aquatic Centre. Thanks to Brian Kirkhope for getting us this chance to cater this event, and his continued participation. Special thanks to Chef Bruce Mede & Catherine, for pre-cooking the main meal in their home 'til one AM Saturday morning and then organizing us all on Saturday. And thanks to all those who participated in making this a successful fundraiser for Rotary Daybreak's projects. Brian said "There were lots of positive comments from the swimmers and their families and there is definitely interest in having a Provincials Dinner next year if we are interested in running one." How much \$ did we raise? We should know by Wednesday!



**ROTARY DAYBREAK
UPCOMING BINGO COMMITMENTS 2010/2011**

Sun., Sept. 25, 2011	11 am – 1pm	Kris Rongve & Sher Holubowich
Tues., Nov. 1, 2011	11am – 1 pm	Daryl Knieval & Doug Lum
Thurs., Dec. 8, 2011	11am – 1pm	Dave Thompson & ?

Have a Good Week!

