

Newsletter Date: March 30, 2016



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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 6th, 2016

Front Door Greeters:

Dave Thompson

& Nathan Thornton

Front-of-House:

Karin Mattern

Invocation:

Mark Winkelmans

Introductions:

Bill Brendon

Rotary Minute:

Donna Allen

50/50:

Bill Brendon

Sgt At Arms:

Kris Rongve

April 13th, 2016

Front Door Greeters:

Bob Wall & Mark Winkelmans

Front-of-House:

Karin Mattern

Invocation:

Dawne Anderson

Introductions:

Graham Calder

Rotary Minute:

Nelson Allen

50/50:

BillBrendon

Sgt @ Arms: Dave Thompson

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Weekly Wake-up

upcoming Programs

April 6th - Mark Winkelmans, Classification Talk

April 13th- Darlene Crane - Brechin School Bulldogs

April 20th - Club Assembly, Business Meeting

Looking back through Weekly Wakeups past...

At the March 21, 2007 meeting...

NEWS FLASH: Don Bonner won the 50/50. Approximately \$2800.00. He appeared speech-

less!!! ...

At the April 11, 2008 meeting...

Returning Rotary Exchange Student, Kevin Dobson told us about his year in Taiwan. Kevin ended his presentation with a performance of rap music in Chinese...

In early April 2009, Pat Bartlett won first prize in our Poker Tournament. Now he is a member...

More fun facts from the past to be posted in the future... ...when I don't have anything else to publish in this spot...





Please send content and photos for the Weekly

Club Birthdays

No Birthdays this week.

Club Anniversaries

No Anniversaries this week.

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Meeting Notes - Mar. 30/16 submitted by Janet Gilmour, photos by Patrick Magnire

Thank you to Scott for the introductions of our quests: Umesh Lal, our presenter of the morning; Suzie Depledge, Nanaimo north member; Sam Mir, our outbound exchange student who will be leaving for Spain in August; Dave Perry, past member, who will soon be returning to us from Duncan; Sacco, who is an international student staying with Ken, we hope to see her lots at Rotary during her

stay; Lorie Heshka, Lantzville member; and Lila Tanner, President of the

downtown club.

Presentation: Umesh Lal, Fire Prevention Officer with the Fire Loss and Prevention division of Nanaimo Fires Rescue offered us great information to keep ourselves and families safe.

The NFD has come a long ways from its first department at the corner of Wharf and Front Street. The first fire engine was purchased for \$700 along with 500 ft. of hose for \$250. This station was manned by 30 volunteers who lived in the area of the station.



Dave Perry is back to stay!!! ...

In 1913 Shakey, who is currently housed in the museum at Station #1, was purchased. More than 470 career fire fighters have worked in Nanaimo, at present there are 58 career firefighters and 86 volunteer firefighters.

In 1986, Nanaimo was the first city in BC to open a Fire Training Center, which still provides training to Nanaimo's and many other Vancouver Island career and volunteer firefighters.

The 6 division of the NFD are:

Operations- respond to 7500 calls annually of which 70% are medical

Fire & Loss Prevention – Umesh is part of a 4 person team kept busy conducting 3.000 fire safety inspections annually, investigating fires and educating the public and grade 8 students about fire safety. The team educates 3,500 people annually of fire prevention.

Education & Training- provides 15,000 hours of training to the 180 career and on-call staff Informatics & Communications – answer the 911 calls for Nanaimo and 26 other fire departments on the Island.

Emergency Management and Administration departments make up the remaining departments.

Our Rotarians were quick to come up with the top 5 causes of house fires: 5. Woodstove, 4. Dryer, 3. Electrical (small appliances and DO NOT BUY ELECTRICAL ITEMS FROM THE DOLLAR STORES) 2. Smoking and the number 1 cause of house fires is Cooking. To help save us from these fires it is good practice to have an escape plan and discuss this plan with our families, even those who just come to visit, test our smoke alarms monthly, change the batteries twice a year, have an ABC fire extinguisher and have it checked annually. Umesh reminded us to teach our children and grandchildren fire safety; do they know our address or a landmark; sleep with doors closed, if a fire happens stay in the room and near the window.

Thank you Umesh.

Announcements: Lila- Rotary Book Sale at Nanaimo North Town Center April 8 – 17th. This sale has raised \$20,000 for Literacy Nanaimo.

Lori- Lantzville Rotary golf tournament June 3rd.

Neil – A motion was put forward to provide funds through our gaming account to Eden Gardens, \$2,500 this year and \$2,500 next year. This motion was carried.

Sgt At Arms, Don collected fines and many Happy Dollars



...Guest speaker, Umesh Lal of the NFD

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:

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Don Bonner

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Evelyn Boegh

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Nelson Allen

Community Service Director:

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Club Service Director:

Don Bonner

Bulletin Editor:

Robb Mowbray

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District Governor 2015-2016:

Rose Bowman. Chehalis RI President 2015-2016:

K.R. "Ravi" Ravindran

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 Denise Davidson.

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?

