

Rotary Club of Nanaimo **DAYBREAK**

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Newsletter Date:

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Club Duties

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

April 4

Front Door Greeters:

Alastair Hunter & Donna Allen

Invocation:

Dave Perry

Introductions:

Jim McIvor

Rotary Minute:

Denise Davidson

Sergeant @ Arms:

Daryl Stech

50/50:

Neil Sorsdahl

Weekly Wake-up

Upcoming Programs

March 21 is New Member Day. Please remember to bring a prospective member this morning.

March 28: Club Assembly



Tales from the Penny Jar

Part 4— "A Narrow Escape"

We sat in the person's pocket for a long time. The next day we were almost put into the washing machine, but thank goodness the man's wife found us first. She put us in her pocket. Later that day, as she was putting more change in her pocket, Paul the nickel fell out. I sometimes wonder what happened to him, but I have met so many pennies and nickels and dimes, I do not worry for too long. That evening the man's wife put me on her kitchen counter.

A few weeks after the wife had put me on the counter, a young girl picked me up and put me in her extremely pink purse. It was soft and warm. I fell asleep in the warmth of her wallet. When I woke up, I believed I was in her school cafeteria. She was in a long line with a group of other people. As we got near the front of the line, the girl started to fumble around in her purse. She was trying to find as much money as she could. I edged my way away, so that I could stay in the warmth as long as possible, but she still found me.

I was put into yet another cash register. This time I constantly smelled human food and the cash register drawer open much more frequently. I came to realize that at certain times of the day, people bought food. The nights were long and cold in the cash register. But, after a few weeks, I was brought out, and along with my fellow coins, counted and put into a bag. We clashed and clinked and tumbled around. A few days later, we were taken to what I now know is a bank.....

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" in the subject line . Remember to bring your own pennies for the penny jar.

Club Birthdays

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

Club Anniversaries

Mar 25— Ron Medd
Mar 29—Chris Everett

*March 14 Meeting Notes**Submitted by Rod Mont*

Don Bonner discussed our club's involvement in Naivasha, Kenya for his Rotary Minute: in conjunction with several other Rotary clubs, over \$30,000 has been raised for such things as rainwater collection storage tanks, text books, electrical supply to a clinic and carpentry tools.

Darryl Shaw reminded everyone that next week is our membership drive day. Bring a guest to the meeting and complete the form he handed out: "My most memorable moment in Rotary". Nicole Gosselin advised that there is still alcohol left from our fund-raising events... she will be selling bottles from the trunk of her car following the meeting. Christine McAuley announced that on March 24th, the Vancouver Island Symphony will be presenting Face the Music with Ross Fraser being roasted this year.

President Kris passed around an international toast that our club received from the Rotary Club of Bathurst Daybreak, New South Wales, Australia along with an invitation from that club to visit them if any of our Rotarians are in that area. President Kris also reminded everyone that the District Conference will be held on June 1 - 3. Everyone was encouraged to attend the District Conference and learn lots about Rotary. Ron Medd introduced Erin Galavan, a grade 11 student from NDSS, who was chosen to go to RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) on behalf of our club. Erin thanked us for sponsoring her and told us that she met lots of interesting students at RYLA and heard amazing speakers.

Our guest speakers were Merv Unger and Tony White from the Nanaimo Addiction Foundation. Tony described how addiction has exploded in North America and that it has been estimated that \$45 billion is lost each year in enforcement and productivity loss. Tony stated that there are thousands of people in our community impacted by addiction issues. The biggest program in our area is the Vancouver Island Health Authority. VIHA doesn't work well in this area, according to Tony, because it is a huge bureaucracy and because funding issues make long term planning difficult. The idea of the Nanaimo Addiction Foundation is that, as a registered charity, people, groups or businesses can donate funds for use in our community and the programs set up by the Foundation will not need to rely on government funding. The Foundation's goal is to raise \$100,000 this year.

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District Governor 2006-07:

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RI President 2006-07:

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Proposed New Member

Patrick Maquire

Classification: Educational Consulting

Patrick is transferring from the Cochrane Alberta Rotary Club where he was an active member.

The above individual has been proposed for membership. If any member objects to her admittance into the club, please advise the Board in writing within 7 days of this notice.

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.

