



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.

September 2nd, 2009

Front Door Greeters:

Lynda Kazanowski
& Ken Hammer

Invocation:

Nicole Gosselin

Introductions:

Nathan Thornton

Rotary Minute:

Cindy Bartlett

50/50:

Dave Thompson

Sgt @ Arms:

Kris Rongve

September 9th, 2009

Front Door Greeters:

Kris Rongve & Jim Jeffries

Invocation:

Francine Frisson

Introductions:

Eileen Tatton

Rotary Minute:

Christine McAuley

50/50:

Dave Thompson

Sgt @ Arms:

Daryl Stech

September 16th, 2009

Front Door Greeters:

Randal Taylor & Karin Mattern

Invocation:

Denise Davidson

Introductions:

Daryl Stech

Rotary Minute:

Jim McIvor

50/50:

Darryl Shaw

Sgt @ Arms:

Don Bonner

Weekly Wake-up

Upcoming Programs

September 2nd - Olympic Goals - Andrea Dziejwor

September 9th - Port of Nanaimo - Bob Bennie

September 16th - Club Assembly

NOTICES & NEWS

Thanks to Rotary Daybreak!

Thank you for your recent gift to ShelterBox Canada. Your support is deeply appreciated.

We are happy to tell you that your donation helped to fund part of box 1291 which has been deployed to the Philippines to shelter victims of Typhoon Morakot.

Thanks to your generosity, we will meet our mission to provide hope, comfort and dignity to victims of disaster.

Thank you again for your support of ShelterBox Canada.

Warmest regards,

Anne Ohlgren

Director of Administration



Sorry this week's issue is late,
but I have been busy
on vacation...



Club Birthdays

September 1 - Ken Hammer

September 2 - Francine Frisson

September 4 - Cindy Bartlett

Club Anniversaries

September 1 - Cindy Bartlett

September 6 - Bob Wall

Meeting Notes - August 26th, 2009

submitted by Ron Blank

Rod started our meeting with the playing of the Star Spangled Banner, and O' Canada. Rod Mont chaired our meeting, in the presence of Bill, and in the absence of our President Dave, (Ask Bill about that one)

Jeff Boegel's wrote & presented our invocation, based on 'The Four Way Test.'

May our Creator help us to remember as we walk along life's pathway that whatever we might say, let it be only the Truth

Whatever steps we take in life, let them build good will and better friendships.

Whatever goals we strive to accomplish, let them be beneficial to all concerned.

We ask you to help us never lose sight of our many blessings, including this food from which we take sustenance today.

We later discovered it to be a perfect segue to our topic of District Governor Alex's presentation.

Our Rotary Minute by Christine Craigie followed on the theme of humour in our daily lives, which included: Middle age is when the broadness of mind, and narrowness of the waist exchange places and Blessed are they who laugh at themselves as they shall never cease to be amused. Last weeks Birthday and Anniversary celebrators are still away, but we managed to sing a hearty song for Ken Hammer, celebrating his birthday on the first of September, and on that same date, Cindy & Pat Bartlett have another anniversary.

Jeff wanted us to acknowledge the a birthday of sorts: this Friday's Open House for the opening of the co-located offices of United Way, Pacific Care and the Mid-Island Ability Society.

Blessed by the visit of our Assistant Governor Brenda Grice (in two consecutive weeks,) she then took the podium and formally introduced our District Governor Alex Alexander and his wife Marnie. Alex served as a medical corpsman in the Navy, later became a funeral director and Deputy Coroner for Placer County, California. Later, Alex joined the California Highway Patrol as traffic officer, then a motor officer



Christine Craigie provided the Rotary Minute...



...our guest speaker Alex Alexander, District Governor...

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- Bulletin Editor:**
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- Foundation Chair:**
Dawne Anderson
- Assistant Governor Area 2B**
Brenda Grice
- District Governor 2009-10:**
Alex Alexander
- RI President 2009-10:**
John Kenny

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*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 Jeff Boegel [dorack@shaw.ca](mailto:dorack@shaw.ca)

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

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**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?

*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.



and retired as Sergeant after a serious car accident. Early in Alex's Police career he met his wife, Marnie, who was working as a pharmacy technician at a nearby hospital. They married in 1967. Alex went back to college and earned his BA & Masters in Public Administration. Alex & Marnie later relocated to Castle Rock WA. Alex joined Rotary Club of Longview, Washington in 1985. Over the next 24 years, he has held most positions in his Club and District. Alex proposed Marnie for membership in 2002. They are multiple Paul Harris Fellows, Bequest Society Members and Benefactors.

District Governor Alex's opened his talk with a humorous story from his Highway Patrol days on a motorcycle. (Too bad our President Dave wasn't here to reminisce on biking and embalming!) He then asked whether we had any dentist's as a member? Surprisingly, there are only two on Vancouver Island. Several ideas were put forward by our members, which created several chuckles. Alex's first task was to present a special pin to our Bruce Mede, recognizing him for always encouraging our members in having fun.



*...Donna thanks DG Alex with a book donation in his name...*

He then talked about the Polio endemic countries, Pakistan, Afghanistan, India & Nigeria, which spells a surprising acronym: PAIN. Suppressing polio has proven and will continue to be a PAIN in these countries. National Immunization Days cover 170 million people. Uttar Pradesh State in India has 500,000 births per month. Each child, under five, must receive at least two doses of the oral polio vaccine. A daunting task indeed.

Governor Alexander talked about how Rotary International President John Kenny advised on promoting our Rotary Activities, and how he was impressed by the support of our Vancouver Island print, radio and television media. This year, it is hoped that District 5020 can increase our capacity to do service by increasing our giving to more than \$1 Million (US) Consider Rotarians worldwide: only 26% contribute to Foundation, while 76% of our District members contribute. Something to be proud about! RI President's John's goal is to increase our worldwide membership, optimize the RI Leadership talent, and for our Clubs to have more members at the end of the year, and to retain more than 80 % of last years members. Remember, "The Future of Rotary is in your Hands." Alex spoke of the lack of truthfulness in all sectors of our society: how cheating in schools is acceptable, how truth is a limited

commodity in sports, public institutions and private corporations. Let we Rotarians set the example. The Four Way Test should be used and promoted whenever possible. Upcoming in Rotary, the 2010 Conference in Montreal will highlight 100 years of Rotary becoming an international organization. (Sgt at Arms, will there be fines to those who don't know the first Club outside USA?)

Marnie Alexander then spoke on the RCMP Bear that she won at the District Governors Conference. She noted Alex's goal of donating 150 Shelter Boxes from our District. Marnie then related a story of a young girl and her dream to play ball with the other kids in the playground. Her mother asked the two Moses Lake WA. Clubs whether Rotary could help? Help they did, and she developed a "Universally Accessible Playground." (UAP) Can we add to an existing playground? Small steps, small pieces will add immeasurably to the opportunities for everyone to gain access. Everyone going to the park will benefit.

Governor Alex closed with some of Michael Josephson's quote of "What will matter:

- Is not what you learned, but what you taught,
  - Is not your competence, but your character,
  - Is not your memories, but the memories that live in those who loved you,
- Chose to live a life that matters, and have fun while doing it.



*...Donna poses with Alex and Marnie Alexander.*

Our 50/50 draw chance was sorta by Ron Blank, as visiting Brenda was using his money, and sadly, the fund lived to accumulate for another Day. Forever winning Nelson chose some beer, Eileen picked up some non-alcoholic champanade, Neil snagged some pop, and Eileen will likely take up golf with her Daybreak logo golf balls. Bruce and Catherine will be away cruising for the next week. Toast to Rotary!