

Meeting Notes: 18 May 2011

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Our meeting really begins with half an hour of socializing. President Patrick Maguire started the formal part of our meeting, then we did an a Capella Anthem.

Guests this morning was Nanaimo Rotarian Bob Fenty, whose past and present classifications are Jeweller and Home Hardware'er. Exchange Student Kevin Haartman Cortez was successfully shoved from bed and also attended our meeting.

Nelson Allen stepped in to give an Invocation.

Kris Rongve stepped in with a Rotary Minute, via dashing digits on her crackberry, and presented some history of the first Sergeants-at-Arms at Rotary's Annual Convention. Beginning in 1910, yellow vests were used to identify them and were elected to maintain order at meeting and at the Convention. In 1921, the newly elected Sergeant-at-Arms for the next year was presented with a shillelagh (like a mace) As of 1922, Sergeants served as officers of the Convention, and are appointed by the RI President. This will be RI Sergeant-at-Arms John T. Caps 34th Convention.

Sergeant-at-Arms Donna said she really appreciated Kris's topic.



President Patrick noted Bruce Coleman's upcoming appreciation event on 12 th of June at the Coast Bastion hotel, 1230, \$30 includes gratuity, RSVP Gill Campbell of Nanaimo North. Brian Kirkhope spoke on Bruce's Rotary career: born is Saskatchewan in 1913, arriving in Nanaimo in 1952, and shortly thereafter, joining the Rotary Club of Nanaimo. Bruce's passion was organizing Rotary Clubs: Nanaimo North, Ladysmith, Campbell River, Parksville, Parksville Daybreak, Lantzville, and our own Nanaimo Daybreak. Bruce was even called upon by a District Governor to organize Tacoma North, becoming the second Rotary Club in that city.

Bruce is a Foundation Benefactor. Bruce & Doris are Major Donors to The Rotary Foundation. He has had perfect attendance for over 57 years. At the District Conference in Parksville also honoured Bruce's contribution to Rotary. An amazing Rotarian, indeed!

Neil Sorsdahl chatted up our Golf fore Nanaimo Youth on Friday 27th of May, and (my exhortation!) check out the website for info and sign-up. Chris Everett wants two more non-golfers to join him on his HACKERS team, though Neil will help and guide to ensure minimum embarrassment 'on the links." Chris suggested that non-golfers can benefit as it's a good way to meet new friends, "It certainly worked for Tiger Woods!"

Dave Perry announced their will no bus going to District Conference.

Pres. Pat. said we had 90 people attend our shredding, with much appreciation to our Rotary volunteers, and we netted about \$1200 for our Polio Plus commitment.

Denise Davidson noted the antics of Ninja Sher Holubowich, spread eagled, holding up our tent in cold morning wind.



Neil said our attendance last month was 79.3%, with 22 of us achieving 100%. Check with Neil to see your numbers. Meeting Make-ups: are considered as one per any meeting attended in the name of Rotary, be it Club or committee. The 'Hours Worked, spent on Rotary, is counted number of hours doing things Rotary, ie social, work parties, & scribbling notes. If you helped out at the Shredding, or Swing into Spring for four hours, that would count as one make-up, and three hours. The 'hours worked' numbers are 145,000 for the five local clubs, and over 19,000 for Daybreak.

Randall Taylor was away, but our President reminded everyone that annual membership fees are due BEFORE 30 June.

Bob Fenty explained the changing Group Study Exchange evolving to Vocational Exchange. This July, several local High School teachers will go to the Philippines and help them with computer instruction in the classroom as a legacy project, the five local Clubs have donated 5 computers and projectors to be left at the five schools visited. Philippine teachers will also come to VIU for computer training.

President-Elect Bill Brendon noted the 2011-12 Rotary Motto is "Hold the Vision." Denise Larson gave details on Bill's installation on 18th of June: Club rented field at Brannen Lake

Campsite, pot luck dinner with members bringing their favourite appies, or salad, or dessert. Club pays for burgers and dogs, thus free to members. Bruce Mede will cook. After dinner, the installation procedures. Those with campers, \$12.50 if you stay overnight. Chris sounded worried about the cost, as his theory is "you only get what you pay for." ????

Ev Mudryk is considering hosting 'Rotary on the Air' on CHLY Radio on 101.9 FM. This will serve as the voice and face of Rotary, and will also highlight other local charities. She needs a volunteer producer for the show: too help find and coordinate guests. Contact Ev.

Cindy & Pat Bartlett are organizing the midget girls baseball tournament on **23 July at Beban Park** and are looking for hands to help as the field crew. Contact Cindy.

Kevin Cortez wants to improve his food choices, and asks that he gets to eat dinner with each member of our Club. Be quick though, he leaves at the end of June.

Jeff Boegel invited everyone to the Mid Island Ability Society AGM on Wed 6 June, 6:00 PM at 3156 Barons Road.

Dawne Anderson also stepped in for 50/50, our pot is \$316. Poor Sanjivan Mahara will have to keep working.

Sergeant Donna really enjoyed fleecing the members, though not the one using her crackberry. Two late, one sarcasm, one with an app for walking, one saucy Tiger, and the talkative table. Denise D's niece is playing in the Provincial's for soccer and volleyball, Ev's son is great at doing housework, President Patrick will be suffering in the swelter of N'Awlins with 90' highs, and Don is now carbon neutral, having dropped six trees and burned them!.

And, to close this weeks notes: Two great things for our Nanaimo Community:

- Nanaimo Travellers Lodge Society has received fourth and final approval from the City of Nanaimo to rezone their properties on Northfield Road. Ron's on the Building Committee, and Bob Wall is their Builder. See what's coming:

<http://www.nanaimotravellerslodge.com/cms.asp?wpID=58>

- Nanaimo has been named as "Greatest street in Canada" contest winners! <http://www.cip-icu.ca/greatplaces/en/>

What an amazing place to live!

Next week, who will be in Patrick's place, and, will Rod lead us in song?

