



THE HORIZON



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ROTARY CLUB OF PARKSVILLE DISTRICT 5020

Meets at the Quality Inn Oceanside Monday - 12 Noon. 240 dogwood Street, Parksville

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MEETING APRIL 2, 2007

O'Canada – Don Cameron
Grace – Fred Collins



Visiting Rotarians

Bashir – Rotary AM
Gordon Elliott – Rotary AM
Maureen Fitz-Roberts – Comox
Beth & Buck Grader – Massachusetts
Norm & Marion Watts – Qualicum
D. Wignall - Gimsby

Guests:

Julie – Exchange student from France
Doug Hill – New member

President Bob

Thanks to Bill M for getting a “Get Well Soon” card for Dave Cunningham, after everyone signs the card, it will be put in a frame and given to Dave by Stan.

Richard Brown

Reminded everyone those who volunteered to judge the speech contest, it start tomorrow, Tuesday, April 3. Barb, Julie and Terry will be judging for the first time.

Bashir

The Rotary District Conference 2008 is short 2 people to help with transportation committee, please let Bashir know if you are able to help. There is a meeting tomorrow night at 7PM.

Taste of Oceanside

May 26 at the Parksville Community Centre, tickets are \$10 and are available through Bashir, Gordon Elliott or Bill B.

Bill B

Would like to remind everyone that there is a Peace Park work party on Sunday April 15th, please bring your wheel barrels, shovels, rakes and gloves.

Joke of the Day Bill Mc... pretty funny!!

Bingo: Ron Taylor will attend

Birthdays

Pauline Gray – April 2, Happy Birthday Pauline

New Member:

Kim Burden is wishing to transfer into our club from the AM, would like to install Kim at our April 16th meeting. Doug Hill was installed today by Maureen Fitz-Roberts, welcome Doug!

Julie's Report

Julie reported that she has been sick so once again no school. She spent the weekend at Gary's house, they went sailing on Sunday. She is still sick, hope you get better soon Julie as your Mom & Dad are arriving soon. Bill M gave Julie a chocolate Easter Bunny to help her get better.

Guest Speaker

Maureen Fitz-Roberts

District Membership Chair

Maureen went to Ethiopia in October 2006, she went there to help immunize babies against polio. Today Maureen spoke about the women of Ethiopia. Ethiopia is a land locked country with a population of 82 million, which has grown from 42 million in 1982. Ethiopia is the size of Quebec, with 99.9% of the population being black. In the capitol city there are 5 million people. Maureen will be going back in October 2007 to help once again with immunizing the babies. She learned that the women of Ethiopia are happy women with there greatest asset being their ability to reproduce. The mortality rate in Canada is 4% of every 1000 babies born, in Ethiopia the mortality rate is 95 – 110 of every 1000 babies born, this is the highest in the world, there are no mid wives, they give birth in their homes with only family to help.

24% of the families have no iron in their diet. More women than men have AIDS. Girls are as young as 8 when their husbands are chosen for them, the then go and live with the husbands family where they work for the family. They start working at the age of 3, working in the fields or helping carry water. There is no time to play

Education: The Lighthouse School

This school takes 60 of the poorest kids in Ethiopia. Good Samaritan Training Centre. At this school they learn to cook, sew, embroider and hair-dress. There is room for 50 women each year. They also learn about AIDS, family planning and hygiene. Once they graduate the each receive \$100 to start their business.

Fistula Hospital

This hospital performs only 15,000 operations per year. The operations are for young girls who have had tried to give birth to babies who have been obstructed in the birth canal, after days of obstructed labour the pelvis cuts off the blood supply to delicate tissues causing the dead tissue to fall away leaving a gapping hole between her vagina and bladder. This hole results in permanent incontinence of urine and/or feces.

The Trample Rose

This home is a place for the girls to wait until they are able to have their operation. They are not able to be home as their husbands abandon them and are ostracized by their communities.

Barb D. thanked Maureen for speaking to the club, it was a very informative, touching talk.

50/50

\$64 total

Helen's ticket was drawn, she drew a white marble

Sergeant at Arms

- Our surprise sergeant this week was Judy Elliott
- Bob – honesty in marriage
- Richard – late
- Bill B – insulting the cheese
- Fred – talking
- Helen – at the kiddie table
- Gary – explaining “story”
- Hank – is it the truth “renowned realtor”
- Mark – late
- Bill M – hiding Helen’s glasses
- Russel – no guests
- Dan – late
- Janet – hot flash from chicken, bingo
- Ron T. – not over joyed to do bingo
- Lesley – talking
- Doug – secrets from the “wife”
- Doug H – welcome – normal sgt??
- Bashir – AM or PM
- Maureen – not knowing the way into the hotel
- Gordon E – cell phone

Happy/Sad

- Julie C – Mom & Dad’s 50th Wedding anniversary
- Gary – Julies parents coming, sad his old girlfriend thought Julie was his new wife
- Ron – Blossoms & Such’s 6th Anniversary
- Mark – sad to take Helen’s chair
- Judy – Mom’s 90th birthday
- Bob – thanks to Maureen, and great to have Doug back

2006/2007 Annual Fees

Annual fees consist of the following:

Membership Dues	\$200.00
Social Fees	\$104.00
	\$304.00

Plus: Two options exist for payment of the meal expense:

Pay at the door at \$14.00 per meal.

OR

Prepayment of \$600.00 annually (\$12.50 x 48 weeks).

Prepayment can be made Annually,

OR

Semi-Annually (\$300 due on July 1st and Jan 1st), or

Quarterly (\$150 due on July 1st, Oct 1st, Jan 1st and Apr 1st)

For new members inducted during the year:

If inducted during the first 6 months of the year (July to December), Membership and Social Fees will continue to be \$304. If inducted in the later half of the year (January to June), Membership and Social Fees will be prorated on a monthly basis.

If the new member wishes to prepay their meal expense for the balance of the year, use the above meal cost of \$12.50 times the # of meetings to June 30th.

Well, I never knew that !!!!

In the 1400’s a law was set forth that a man was not allowed to beat his wife with a stick thicker than his thumb. Hence we have “the rule of thumb”.

Many years ago in Scotland, a new game was invented. It was ruled “Gentlemen Only...Ladies Forbidden”...and thus the word GOLF entered into the English language.

The first couple to be shown in bed together on prime time TV was Fred and Wilma Flintstone

Every day more money is printed for Monopoly than the US Treasury.

Area Make-up Possibilities

Monday:

Rotary Club of Qualicum Beach 18:15
Rotary House, Qualicum Beach

Tuesday:

Rotary Club of Qualicum Sunrise 07:00
Glengarry Golf Links, Qualicum Beach

Rotary Club of Arrowsmith Sunrise 07:15
Coast Hospitality Inn, Port Alberni

Rotary Club of Courtenay 12:00
Coast Westerly, Courtenay

Rotary Club of Nanaimo North 18:00
Nanaimo Golf & Country Club

Wednesday:

Rotary Club of Parksville AM 07:00
Bayside Oceanfront Inn

Rotary Club of Nanaimo Day Break 07:00
Swiss Chalet

Rotary Club of Strathcona Sunrise 07:00
Crown Isle, Courtenay

Rotary Club of Nanaimo Oceanside 16:00
Nanaimo Golf & country club

Thursday:

Rotary Club of Lantzville 07:00
ABC Restaurant, Nanaimo

Rotary Club of Port Alberni 12:15
Best Western Barclay Inn, Port Alberni

Friday:

Rotary Club of Nanaimo 12:15
Howard Johnson Island Inn

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