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ROTARY CLUB OF PARKSVILLE DISTRICT 5020

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

The April 30th meeting of the Rotary Club of Parksville, being held on the fifth Monday of the month, was a "Significant Other" meeting and a full slate of significant others were in attendance.

The evening started with a mood adjustment hour at 6:00 with a jazz quartet providing some excellent background music.



A well tanned President Bob called the meeting to order at 7:00 for the singing of the National Anthem, sung remarkably well - for our group - being lead by Don Cameron.



(You call that a tan?)

Fred gave the Rotary Invocation and the bun fight commenced. Following supper, President Bob had a few announcements, including the fact that the day marked Judy Elliot's 60th birthday, for which she was accorded a fine rendition of "Happy Birthday" by the assembled choir. Also, that Fred had surgery last Wednesday and seemed to be in recovery mode as he was present and snapping pictures right and left.



President Bob then called on Peter Doukakis to give a Classification Talk. Peter reviewed his career path from the time he graduated from the University of Hard Knocks, through his time as a counselor at a Federal Penitentiary, where he learned from the cons how to defraud Canada Post Office out of postage and on to being a construction coordinator. "Hire 'em in the morning and fire 'em at noon" seemed to be his preferred method of operating. As a result of all his combined skills and experiences, he was hired by the Parksville & District Chamber of Commerce as its Manager, a position he has held for the past year or so.



Dan Smith then gave a bio on John Sandiford, relating that John had started his career as a teacher in north-east England before coming to Canada. He is now a well established Realtor with Royal LePage in Parksville, in partnership with his wife, Teresa. Assistant District Governor Bashir Elhalafawi inducted John into Rotary and Membership Chair, Al Thornbury, presented him with his Rotary Certificate. John was welcomed to the Club by all Rotarians present.



Keith Anderson then introduced the Jazz quartet, Emma & the Postl Men who played a selection of jazz tunes for the next half hour. Not only is the group exceptionally talented musically - they recently won a Gold Medal at a music festival, but each member is an honour student at Kwilicum Secondary School. Emma Postl, the vocalist, is off to Germany this summer to serve as an "au pere" before returning to Capilano College in the fall to study Jazz. Mike Cox, the pianist plans to attend U.Vic in the fall, taking Science preparatory to entering Medicine. Gareth Evans, bass player, will spend his summer in French immersion in Quebec before also attending U. Vic., Science with a medical career in mind and Alex Grant, drummer, will volunteer for the Katimavik program prior to attending U.B.C. for an Arts degree.

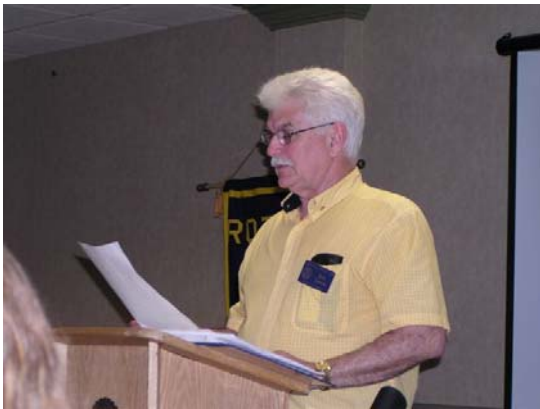
Unfortunately, Haley Breedlove, who was to entertain us was taken ill and her place was capably filled by Beth Anderson who sang and played piano, rendering songs she had written and used in auditions in Nashville, Tennessee.

President Bob thanked all of the entertainers and pointed out that this year's theme for our Club was "Focus on Youth". This was a very fitting way of bringing that theme to life.

The winning ticket on the 50/50 draw was held by Judy Davis but, in spite of lots of encouragement - particularly from Gary - she was only able to draw a white marble and had to take the consolation prize of a golf towel. Maybe it will come in handy to swab the decks of the yacht?



Sgt. at Arms, Ron Taylor then had a field day, assisted by his daughter, Sarah. Keith was fined for several misdemeanors, President Bob for his sun tan and promoting Bashir to District Governor, Richard Brown for not wearing a jacket, Fred for his remarkably funny joke, Judy Elliot for her birthday and some "Anti American" comments. Stan was fined because he wasn't fined last week; Al Thornbury for something his wife, Muriel, had done (or not done). John was welcomed to the club with a "just because" fine, Bashir just for being present. Kim and Peter ducked out before the sergeant's report, so will look forward to retribution next week.



Happy and sad dollars flowed freely, with Judy happy to be here at 60 and for her daughter, Pam, being present. Several contributed for the pleasure of hearing the young people entertain.

All in all, a very pleasant evening.

