



June 16, 2008

Meets at the Quality Resort Bayside – Mondays 11:45 AM – 240 Dogwood Street, Parksville

# THE HORIZON

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## SHELTERBOX – CHINA UPDATE

**Thursday 29th May - CHINA:** A further 650 tents left ShelterBox HQ yesterday with 650 planned to leave today and 700 due to leave immediately from the tent manufacturers warehouse in Shanghai. **Box 561 was from the Rotary Club of Parksville.**



The immediate response by ShelterBox to China is finally reaching some of the Sichuan Province's worst hit villages. The distribution of the first 200 boxes began today by the four men ShelterBox Response Team on the ground. The first consignment of boxes were split into two lots of 100. **Pat Prendergast**, Team Leader pictured above, reported on the two villages of Pengzhou & Bailu that the aid is reaching, he comments, "tents are up and the locals are extremely happy, they are no doubt going to be under canvas for sometime, ShelterBox tents are creating an excellent base." He adds, "The Chinese people we have met have been brilliant, sadly though we can only help a few thousand of this vast population - more tents are desperately needed." One SRT, Tom Lay reported "The people are too scared to live in the town and have spread themselves along the mountain pass, we spoke to



*Dates To Remember:*

### BINGO every Thursday

**June 21<sup>st</sup>** - Mid-Island Rotary World Community Service  
**June 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Peace Park Work Party 1PM  
**June 23<sup>rd</sup>** – Installation & Induction of new member – 6:00 PM with dinner at 7ish. Special Guest Anthem Singer.  
**June 28<sup>th</sup>** – Sunrise Ridge BBQ & Parksville AM Installation at The Bayside  
**June 30<sup>th</sup>** – Executive Meeting @ 7:00 am  
**June 30<sup>th</sup>** – General Meeting  
**July 1<sup>st</sup>** – Canada Day  
**July 7<sup>th</sup>** – General Meeting  
**July 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>** – Tall Ships in Port Alberni  
**July 12<sup>th</sup>** – Youth Exchange Seminar. Quality Resort Bayside. 9:30 AM to 2:20 PM  
**July 25<sup>th</sup>** – Lobster & Steak Night – Qualicum Beach Rotary Park by the Sea.

the Mayor of a small community who were in need of 3000 tents, but he said people further up the mountain were in more desperate need and we should use the ShelterBox equipment there, an attitude of the people here that they have all joined together to help each other." Back at HQ in Cornwall the volunteers are busily unpacking a mixed selection of tents supplied from Vango who are pulling all the stops out to supply as many tents as possible, ironically back to the country of origin. Volunteers are the life blood of ShelterBox

and the commitment to help is certainly what is driving this large scale logistics operation forward. The unpacking and re-stocking and the swift turn around in the warehouse is what makes the immediate response possible. In Chengdu, the base camp for the ShelterBox Response Team, several aftershocks have been experienced - the highly motivated and trained responders are coping well and reporting to HQ on a daily basis.



**Meeting Happenings of June 16<sup>th</sup>.** Special thanks to Angela Dadoush for taking notes.....

**President Gary presiding.**

National Anthem started by Bill LeSage. Invocation by Fred Collins.

**Guests:** Teresa Patterson and Major Dan Roode of Parksville AM Club. Dan has been transferred to Nova Scotia.

**Make-ups:** Both Bill McKinney and Bill LeSage at Parksville AM last Wednesday.

**Birthday:** Heather Taylor.

- **Business Meeting:**
- Parksville Community Center Society is looking for Board members.
- **Canada Day discussion:** Proposal from the Chamber of Commerce for our Rotary Club to take over the organizing and operation of this event starting in 2009. Net revenue generation of approximately \$1,500 to \$2,000. Transition team in place to successfully take over next year. Kim to bring a video for an upcoming meeting. This would a great awareness; public relations program as well as raising much needed funds for the operation of our Club. Motion to accept the Chamber's offer...moved by Kim and seconded by Matt. Vote carried with no negative votes. Some reservations were voiced however.
- **Request from SOS** for hamburgers, hot dogs, etc in September for their Biker's Toy Run. Kim to follow up re details and the amount of donation to Rotary.
- **Work Party** at the Peace Park this Sunday (June 22<sup>nd</sup>) at 1:00 PM. Getting ready for the judges of Communities in Bloom here on July 14<sup>th</sup>.
- **Rotary Wheel** – The WHEEL is already on the move from Angela's place to Urania's. This Thursday – June 26<sup>th</sup>. The guests are Ron Taylor, Heather Powel, Keith Anderson and Don Cameron. Cost is \$20 per couple to RI Foundation in their names.
- **Jokes (?) of the Day:** Bill McK and Gary D – tough crowd today.
- **Installation:** Monday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Fellowship @ 6 PM – Dinner @ 7:00
- **Sgt-At-Arms Report:** Bill L was in a jovial mood and made us pay for any small infraction that he could materialize out of thin air. But they were all the truth. And benefitted Rotary.
- **Happy/Sad \$\$:** from new grandkids to scholarships, Father's Day celebrations and a sense of happiness that the Rotary Travelling Wheel Dinner was so successful and to Major Dan Roode's farewell.

We missed you today: Sorry you couldn't make it. See you next meeting – June 23<sup>rd</sup> – Installation!!!

**Washington Post's Mensa Invitational** once again asked readers to take any word from the dictionary, alter it by adding, subtracting, or changing one letter, and supply a new definition. Here are this year's winners. Read them carefully. Each is an artificial word with only one letter altered to form a real word. Some are terrifically innovative:

**Intaxication:** Euphoria at getting a tax refund, which lasts until you realize it was your money to start with.

**Reintarnation:** Coming back to life as a hillbilly.

**Bozone** (n.): The substance surrounding stupid people that stops bright ideas from penetrating. The bozone layer, unfortunately, shows little sign of breaking down in the near future.

## THE TALL SHIPS ARE COMING!!!!

Here in **Port Alberni** we have been so busy putting the final touches on the upcoming **Tall Ships Festival July 11 & 12 2008** that the Installation of Officers and Directors for the Port Alberni Rotary Club and the Arrowsmith Rotary Club has been on the back burner. That being said, and with less than a week to go that burner is now burning red hot.



Directors by Brad Madelung, CEO and Manager of the Port Alberni Port Authority topped off by a no-host bar compliments of our local Kiwanis Club who are actually Rotarians in training.

Best bet is to make yourself available at dockside by 5:30pm (1730 hours for the sail in us all) at the Lady Rose terminal for boarding by 1800 hours. Although there is an enclosed area I suggest you bring a warm sweater or jacket as we head out into open waters.

To avoid any mutiny or the possible boarding of pirates we'll be back on shore by 2100 hours. All those showing an **AUTHENTIC** tattoo with the inscription "I LOVE ROTARY" will be afforded a jigger of rum compliments of our Rotary Club.

We do hope to see you there;

**RSVP** to Gillian Trumper, President Elect for Port Alberni Rotary Club : [gtrumper@shaw.ca](mailto:gtrumper@shaw.ca) or to Kenn Whiteman, President Elect for the Arrowsmith Rotary Club: [parider@shaw.ca](mailto:parider@shaw.ca) no later than wed. June 18/08 so we can give the caterer our numbers.

Yours in Rotary,

Gillian and Kenn

Kenn's land line is 1-250-723-7158 if you wish to leave a message.

Please consider this e-mail as your personal invitation to join us this coming Thursday, July 19/08 as we set out on the MV Lady Rose and/or MV Francis Barclay for a three hour cruise down the Alberni Fjord.

Avast me hearties, there will be great food and entertainment, an installation of Officers and



## 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  
Quality Resort Bayside 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:

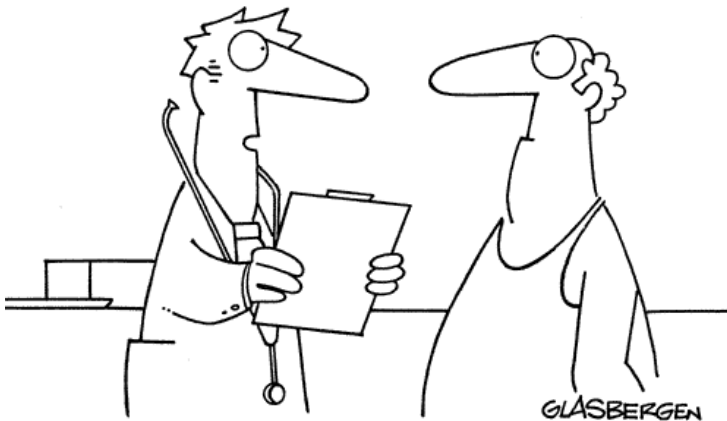
Rotary Club of Lantzville 07:00  
ABC Restaurant, Nanaimo  
Rotary Club of Port Alberni 12.15  
Best Western Barclay Inn, Port Alberni

### Friday:

Rotary Club of Nanaimo 12:15  
Howard Johnson Island Inn

## Rx from Dr. Vinnie Boombaa

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**“The handle on your recliner does not qualify as an exercise machine.”**



**“What fits your busy schedule better, exercising one hour a day or being dead 24 hours a day?”**

**NEWS FROM LESLEY TOOMBS:** Finally have some good news to pass on. They got Stephen into surgery today, located the bleeding spot and were able to stop it. He is much more comfortable now and we are hoping he can come home tomorrow, though he is still on "the jello diet"!!!  
Luv. Lesley:)

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