



Rotary Club of Nanaimo OCEANSIDE

Tradewinds

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A Sad Day Indeed

This past week was the first time we could get together since Di's passing. I will leave you with Curt's amazing words for those that missed them;

Diane Caillet – in Memoriam

"...know that we all send our sympathies to her family, but right now, I would like to extend my deepest sympathies to you guys, as sometimes it hurts just as much to lose a friend as it does to lose a family member. Di was a true testament to the old adage that only the good die young. She was a calming influence on a group of people that needed to be calmed.

Di's illness did however, show us what could and should be accomplished when a bunch of friends get together to help another friend in a time of need. Many of you stepped up to the plate to ensure that her family was fed, Lorne ensured that her house was cleaned, and many of you did even more. Helping in the preparation of Christmas dinner for her family did more for my Christmas than it probably did for hers and I know that President Bob was extremely proud of this club when he took that dinner to her house on Christmas Day. Her illness made us realize the true value in giving and in helping others. Although there was some pitfalls in the process, the intention was always a good one and the lessons learned by all of us have made us better people. I know that it is a stretch to try to find anything positive from this but we are who we are because we associate with people like Di. You should all be proud of what you did for her because at the end of the day, she died knowing that she had a special group of people that truly were her friends.

She will be truly missed.

All the best,

Curt

May 30th Report

Visiting Rotarians – Joan Ryan

Guests – Shelly Anderson, Chelli Morris, Charles of Fairwinds, who has been proposed for membership by Fred, and I feel bad, because I am sure there was another guest (or two), but I can't remember (Jeez, I must be getting old).



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Nanaimo Lifeline – Joan Ryan, presenter

Presentation by Joan Ryan of Nanaimo Lifeline – We learned that 20 years ago, Nanaimo Lifeline was formed as a division of the NRGH Auxiliary. Lifeline also reduces the number of bed days significantly saving the Health system tons of money. Response times are 100% within 5 minutes! I have to say that again – 100% within 5 minutes, with 95% within 2 minutes – absolutely amazing! The cost of the systems has actually dropped since the programs inception from \$1,000 to the mid \$700's – what other health equipment has actually gone down in price, I ask you? Apparently Joan is related to Bob (the Butler Clan), there was some chatter about a blockade to take back their land... Hmm.

Other Business

Incoming President Walter Anderson reminded the incoming executive that there is a lunch meeting (tomorrow at Moxie's – 11:30 am) to discuss club objectives for the upcoming year.

Past President Ross Fraser asked what we, as a club, were going to do to remember Diane. Fred noted that there have been many ideas suggested by membership already. Discussion followed, and \$1000 was donated to Breast Cancer Foundation in Diane's name. It is just a start.

Sergeant at Arms – Sharon filled in for Joanne, and was quite lenient on fines (those late, just got thanked for showing up), but there were many sad bucks collected.

50/50 – Chris Belwood had the lucky ticket, but couldn't pull the card – maybe some lucky soul will get it next week – maybe it will be you?

Meeting was adjourned on time – well pretty close. Fellowship at Earl's followed, where a few more tears were shed. President Bob, closed the joint down, and hasn't been heard from since.

Upcoming Agendas

Wednesday June 6th MLA Leonard Krog will grace us and provide his update from the Legislature.

Wednesday June 13th, Don Cheshire from BC Ferries will provide us with information on the Departure Bay terminal changes and upgrades.

A Club business meeting will be scheduled for some time in June - TBA

Jokes of the week – golf themed (tis' the season)

Two men playing golf were held up by two women playing in front of them. One man said: "I'll walk up to them and tell them to hurry up." When he returned he said: "I have a problem, one of the women is my wife and the other one is my mistress." The second man said: "I'll walk up to them and hurry them up." He came back and said: "We both have the same problem."

Hawk and Tom were talking in the bar. Hawk said, "I just got kicked off the course for breaking 60."

Tom looked at him, amazed. "Breaking 60? That's amazing!"

Hawk smiled and said, "Yeah, I never knew a golf cart could go that fast!"

One day, a grandpa and his grandson go golfing. The young one is really good and the old one is just giving him tips. They are on hole #8 and there is a tree in the way and the grandpa says, "When I was your age, I would hit the ball right over that tree." So, the grandson hits the ball and it bumps against the tree and lands not too far from where it started. "Of course," added the grandpa, "when I was your age, the tree was only 3 feet tall."