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Next Week, May 10th, 6 pm
We’re at the Rocking Horse Pub
Bring your Darts

“If you’re not making mistakes, then you’re not doing anything. I’m positive that a doer makes mistakes.” – John Wooden & President Mike

What’s Rotary All About Anyway?

You’ve heard the adage “I joined Rotary in ----, I became a Rotarian when ----.” Some of us may have our own stories about when the light went on and we realized that we were part of a pretty wonderful organization. Yes, probably like some of you I did have a “wow” moment; however, there is one aspect of membership in Rotary that has become more meaningful to me, particularly in the context of the strife, violence and hatred that permeates so many parts of the world today, and that is:

*Rotary is a secular organization open to all people regardless of race, colour, creed, religion, gender, and political preference; and with all these differences, we’re able to come together in friendship, a friendship that provides us with the opportunity for service, and for me, that’s what Rotary’s all about, its why I remain a Rotarian.*

“It is easy to hate and it is difficult to love. This is how the whole scheme of things works. All good things are difficult to achieve; and bad things are easy to get.” - Confucius
Happy Birthday Jill, have a wonderful day!

Rotary Moment – What Is A Minute?

I managed a C+ in High School Physics and avoided it like the plague at University so I am not well qualified to do justice to Stuarts Rotary Moment. I’ll do my best with help from Stuart’s script.

So, to begin with, according to Albert Einstein’s Theory of Relativity, which predicted, “that the fabric of space and time could be warped under the influence of gravity.” From there, Stuart took us through the following:

1. The Global Positioning System (GPS) “is based on an array of 24 satellites orbiting the earth, each carrying a precise atomic clock
2. Most of us have a GPS receiver that picks up the signals from any satellites overhead and triangulate our position on the earth surface.
3. The clocks in space travel much faster than the clocks on earth thus, according to Einstein, they tick more slowly
4. Orbiting clocks are 20,000 km above earth and experience gravity four times weaker than on earths surface; Einstein says that gravity curves space and time so orbiting clocks tick slightly faster
5. The net result; a GPS satellite clock advances 38 microseconds per day faster than the earthly counterpart.
6. If not corrected this difference would produce errors in our earthly location of 10 km after one day
7. Stuarts conclusion; think of that when your flying in to an airport on a foggy day.
8. Stuart lost me on #4, just to abstract a concept for me to grasp, probably why I only got a C+ in HS

“It should be possible to explain the laws of physics to a barmaid.” – Albert Einstein
Rotary Readers

Schedule for May

Monday – 9:00-9:30 Susie Cohen (Teacher Lynnette Woods)
Tuesday - 8:50-9:30 Deanna and Deb (Teacher Elia Bravo)
   10-10:30 Stuart, Ron, Lorraine Peters (Teacher Bonnie Willers)
Wed. – 8:50-9:10 Allan and Mike (Teacher Karen Kutcher)
   9:00-9:30 Sara Medd and Renata Ritter (Teacher Lynnette Woods)
Thur. – 8:50-9:10 Steve and Grace Stark (Teacher Karen Kutcher)
   10:00-10:30 TBA (Teacher Bonnie Willers)
Spare - Arlene

Announcements

- President Mike thanked the Fire and Ice Volunteers and displayed PQ News photos and coverage of the event. Well done PQ News!
- Mike also announced that we have received our District Grant funds for the Trillium Hospice project.
- Susan thanked the eight volunteers who took part in the community cleanup, a total of 52 were on hand.
- Deanna will be circulating a sign up sheet for the best ball golf happening at Eaglecrest on the afternoon of our Changeover Ceremony. It will either be a nine, thirteen, or eighteen hole event and she’d like some feedback on preferences.
- Allan announced that we would be taking part in the Parksville Sand Castle event again with one more shift than last year. Stay tuned for info on dates and times.

“A man should look for what is, and not for what he thinks should be.”
- Albert Einstein
Jim brought in a surplus of supplies, buns, from Fire and Ice that were available and on the back table. Not sure if they were for sale or there for the taking?

Allen asked for a show of hands on weather we should participate in Family Days. Members opted not to participate this year. Allen commented that there is a growing concern about VIHA regulations around food handling that is resulting in some organizations having second thoughts about getting involved. Too bad really.

Gord has arranged a fellowship event to be held at the Rocking Horse Pub next Tuesday evening and it should be fun. A friend of Wendy who is a Brit and a International Dart Champion will put on a demonstration. Our morning meeting is cancelled.

Ed reminded Members to nominate their choice for the 2015-16 Jean-Marc Fortier Rotarian of the Year. We have many members who qualify for consideration for this award. Email Ed with your nominee.

**Ken’s Classification Talk**

Ken was born in Lethbridge and lived and worked in Alberta until moving to the Island last year. For all of his working life Ken worked for and eventually owned a Company called Gemini that provided service to Service Stations. When Ken’s son wanted to join Beavers the only way that would happen was if the organization had more leaders, so Ken volunteered and his son became a Beaver. Ken remained as a Scout leader for 10 years and at that time, 1988, he joined the Rotary Club in High River. Ken retired in 2008 and he and wife Linda bought and travelled in a 5th Wheel until Linda advised him that she needed something a little larger at which time they purchased a snow bird home in Arizona. Ken and Linda, between them, have 5 grandchildren.

“All religions, arts and sciences are branches of the same tree.” – Albert Einstein
I thought it fitting to introduce Jean-Marc to our new members. Jean-Marc joined the club in 2001, I believe, the same year David, Kim and I joined. From the get go, Jean-Marc was an involved and active Rotarian. He was a cartographer by profession involved in photogrammetric surveys. His office on the corner of First and Beach became a resource for our Rotary Club. He produced all of the material in our New Member Handout, and if you delivered Roses last October you used the maps that Jean-Marc developed. He was a rabid Nordiques Fan and wore his Quebec Nordiques sweater often. He liked a party and was always at the centre of things social. In 2006 he was reluctantly nominated as our President Nominee for the 2008-09 year. I say reluctantly because Jean-Marc spoke English with a very broad French-Canadian accent and he was difficult to understand so he had to be coaxed. Jean-Marc never got to chair a meeting because in June of 2008 he was diagnosed with a malignant brain tumor. He never chaired a meeting and died in December of 2008.

“Goodness is about character – integrity, honesty, kindness, generosity, moral courage and the like. More than anything else, it is how we treat other people.” – Dennis Prager’s quote that describes Jean-Marc