



ROTARY CLUB OF NELSON DAYBREAK

Service Above Self

May 2008

DISTRICT CONFERENCE IN TRAIL MAY 29—JUNE 1



It is only 1 hour away! So take advantage of this opportunity to attend the D5080 District Conference in Trail. To assist the organizing committee, register now on-line. Full conference registrations are available, as are weekend registrations. DG Elizabeth Cytra promises you won't be disappointed with the amazing array of speakers, musical interludes, friendship and fun that is involved with this event. Next year, you will have to travel further a-field to attend as the conference will be in Cranbrook. So, take advantage of this once in a lifetime opportunity of

having the conference....right next door.

Rotary Youth Leadership Academy

RYLA is an intensive, one-week leadership training program for current and potential youth leaders. It is held at Selkirk College in Castlegar. It is sponsored by Rotary clubs throughout District 5080.

Young adults 18-25, male, female, married or single. Rotarians and their families are eligible to participate. Must have graduated from Grade 12. Should hold a position of leadership or have displayed leadership potential.

Obtain an application from the Rotary Club and submit it, before July 1 to Mike McIndoe or Dave Douglas, 6825 Harrop Procter Road, Nelson BC V1L6J2, Phone: (250) 354-8418, Email: dave@douglasclan.ca



July 5-12, 2008

GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE TEAM TO CENTRAL AMERICA

The Rotary Clubs of Nelson are seeing outstanding young professionals to form part of a Group Study Exchange Team to the Central American countries of Honduras, Belize and Guatemala. Preference will be given to candidates who are fluent in Spanish. The team will consist of a Rotarian leader and four non-Rotarian team members.

The team will travel to Rotary District 4250, study the host country's institutions and ways of life, observe their own vocations as practiced abroad, develop personal and professional relationships, and exchange ideas. The purpose of the Group Study Exchange program is to promote international understanding and goodwill through person-to-person contact. While abroad, team members stay in the homes of Rotarians and have the opportunity to meet their professional counterparts. They will also give presentations to Rotary clubs and other groups while abroad and share their experiences with local clubs upon their return. Team participation offers the most unique and rewarding skills-building opportunity and personal growth experience available to young professionals.

The Rotary Foundation provides round trip air tickets. Team members pay for personal and incidental expenses. Team members must be prepared to participate in orientation sessions prior to the exchange, remain with the group throughout the exchange and maintain good standards of behavior. The exchange will take place from January 22 - February 24, 2009.

People interested in applying should be 25 to 40 years of age and employed full time in a recognized business or profession for at least 2 years and be committed to remaining in the work force after the exchange. Applications for Team Members (form 161 EN) are available for download on the Rotary District 5080 website or through this link: http://www.rotary.org/Rldocuments/en_pdf/161en.pdf Applicants must live or be employed within Rotary District 5080. Deadline for submission of applications to the Rotary Clubs of Nelson is 8 a.m. on Tuesday May 13. Preliminary interviews will take place during the following week. Short listed applications will be endorsed by the local Rotary clubs. District interviews will take place in Trail, BC on May 28.

For applications and further information contact: Al Bacon, Rotary Club of Nelson, phone 1-250-229-5277 or e-mail: bacona@shaw.ca or Marvin Work, Rotary Club of Nelson Daybreak, phone 1-250-359-7142 or e-mail: work@shaw.ca



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Dates to Remember:

- May 20—Deadline for GSE Applications
- May 30—June 1—District Conference in Trail
- June 6—South African Team for Tea at Sheila's
- Saturday June 14—Auction & Dance
- June 15-18—RI Convention, Los Angeles, CA

CLUB DONATIONS OF 2 SHELTERBOXES WILL HELP VICTIMS IN MYANMAR

When President Pat Dooley put out a call for club members to take advantage of a club matching offer whereby private donations will be met by a matching club grant in order that the club might sponsor 2 Shelter Boxes, little did she know that within weeks, the world would be hearing of the massive disaster in Myanmar caused by a typhoon.

SHELTERBOX responded immediately with help and will send photojournalist Mark Pearson to cover the distribution of the aid, he will be sending back photos as journalist access is restricted. ShelterBox made an immediate response by sending 224 boxes from Shelterbox's pre-positioned site in Dubai, 220 boxes were sent from Australia, and 400 were packed in the UK HQ, in Helston, England. More vital first response aid will follow depending on the level of donations. Leilei N.Thein the daughter-in-law of General Aung-San contacted ShelterBox to offer support and a clear passage into Myanmar.

For more information on Shelterbox visit the website at www.shelterbox.ca

Anyone wanting to make an additional donation may do so online at Shelterbox Canada or via mail to: Shelterbox Canada, Box 399, Ladysmith, BC, V9G1A4



NELSON DAYBREAK'S ANNUAL AUCTION & DANCE

Saturday June 14

We need every member to come
and bring their friends to sup-
port our largest fund raiser of
the year

Tickets—call Ike Edwards



Happy 15th Anniversary



PRESIDENT PAT DOOLEY PROUDLY LOOKS ON AT THE CELEBRATION OF ROTARY AND YOUTH HELD APRIL 29, 2008 TO CELEBRATE THE 15TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF NELSON DAYBREAK. PICTURED WITH PAT ARE A GROUP OF AMAZING STUDENTS FROM LVR SECONDARY SCHOOL AND MOUNT SENTINEL SECONDARY SCHOOL

Nelson Daybreak's 15th anniversary shared the spotlight in an evening that celebrated socially responsible youth in our community who are committed to "service above self". What a tremendous job the Executive did to further the goal of enhancing youth awareness in Rotary. When the 12 students from L.V. Rogers Secondary and Mt. Sentinel Elementary Secondary were asked what they knew about Rotary, their immediate response was "youth exchange", "projects in the community" and "scholarships". Good thing that they knew about Rotary Youth Exchange because the club was joined by our own Youth Exchange Student from Brazil, Hugo Braga and the Rotary Club of Nelson's student Rafael from Germany.

Our club shared some of our current projects such as the literacy project in Guatemala that provides 4 teachers, the ONIL stove project in Guatemala that provides fuel efficient stoves and contributes to a lessening of children being burned by open fires and problems with respiratory diseases. So too, our contribution to Shelterbox which involves the transportation and provision of shelter, clean water, cooking equipment, tools for reconstruction and a children's' activity pack, all contained in a durable plastic box. Advance storage facilities have now been established in Dubai to provide better response time for the delivery of boxes to the Far East. The club also talked about our dream of making the entrance to Nelson more attractive through clean-up and new landscaping.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation about the ambitious international service activities undertaken by students of both schools present. Mount Sentinel students presented a slide show about work that they had undertaken in Tijuana Mexico during spring break. Housed in an orphanage, the students rapidly came to appreciate the tough life that children have to face when their parents are either deceased or do not have the means to support them. A ready camaraderie developed between the students and the "orphans" through games and quiet one on one time. The students completed the construction of a home for a single mother and her young family. They planted an orchard for the orphanage that included trees such as avocado and apples. They ventured into the local dump with supplies of staple foods and were immediately swarmed by dump children. Lasting impressions have left these vibrant young students wanting to take on more projects in this same area.

LV Rogers students, known as the Celebrate Africa Group is a branch of the Free the Children organization, the largest network of youth helping youth. The students proudly showed slides of the school that they had funded in Yamandu Village, Kono District in the Eastern region of Sierra Leone. In the past 3 years, the students have raised over \$16,000.00 to fund the school, a well, a teacher and school supplies. The students currently involved with this project are optimistic that future students at LV Rogers will continue with this Celebration. Watch for fund-raisers such as the giant musical event, Keep the Beat scheduled for Rotary Lakeside Park in July.

In the forthcoming months the Rotary Clubs of Nelson and the students will be in consultation about the opportunities to form an Interact Club and the assessment of interest in the local secondary school population.

**NELSON DAYBREAK WILL CONTINUE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE
IN SAN PABLO, GUATEMALA BUT EVERY MEMBER NEEDS TO HELP WITH HOT DOG SALES**



Marvin Work (l) and Jim Reimer share a special moment with the literacy program coordinator in San Pablo.

The incoming executive of the Rotary Club of Nelson remains committed to completing the work that it has started to provide ONIL stoves to Guatemala and to continue with the funding of the literacy project. In order to achieve this, club members are asked to sign up to help with Hot Dog Sales outside Wal-Mart. Jim also hopes to have some Guatemalan products available for sale.

The dates are as follows: Saturday June 28

Friday Aug 1, Saturday August 2 and Friday August 29, and Saturday August 30

Friday Sept 5, Saturday September 6, Friday September 26, Saturday September 27

Saturday October 4, and Saturday October 25

Please let Sheila Hart know if you are available to volunteer for any of these shifts.

She would also like to know which members have a Food Safe Course certificate.

MEXICAN FRIENDSHIP EXCHANGE VISITORS AN ABSOLUTE DELIGHT

A Rotary Group Friendship Exchange Team from D4180 visited D5080 in April and were hosted by Nelson Rotarians from April 20-23. Thanks to Marilyn Miller, Les and Judith Jensen, Sheila and Bill Hart, Cali Gosgrove and Marvin and Adriana Work who were host families for this group. In addition thanks to Bob and Mary Ivison for hosting a Pot Luck Supper, ably assisted by John & Nancy Mackay, Al & Cathy Bacon & Chuck Beulac. The team was warmly welcomed at City Hall by Mayor John Dooley who shared some of the unique experiences that he has been having in the past two years. Walter Lawrie provided a great deal of local history during the down-town walking tour. A special thanks goes out to Erik Laughton at Pacific Insight Technologies who provided a comprehensive tour of that facility; to Kalesnikoff Saw Mill who also introduced the team to our local industry and to the staff at the Nelson Firehall who provided a tour of the Firehall Museum and provided information about current local fire-fighting equipment, training and issues. The staff at the Moyie opened the site especially for this group. Not only did our Mexican friends get to languish in our local hot springs, but thanks to Marvin and Les, they also spent time snowmobiling and snow-shoeing.



Pat Dooley, Nelson Daybreak & Blancita Estela Concha Galeazzi of Club Rotario Centro Historico, Puebla, Mexico exchange banners

This team's visit was the reciprocal portion of an exchange that saw a team from D5080, including outbound and inbound Team Leader Marvin & Adriana Work, visit D4180. Communities highlighted included Puebla, Acapulco, Taxco, Cuetzalan, Tlaxcala and Tepoztlan. From all reports, both components of the exchange were enjoyed by all and there is a hope for future exchanges with this district. Marvin Work has accepted an appointment to the District Group Friendship Exchange Committee where his fluency in Spanish will be invaluable.

SOUTH AFRICAN FRIENDSHIP TEAM—JUNE 6—The only stop in Nelson area of the Friendship Exchange Team from South Africa will be tea-time at Sheila Hart's house. If you would like to meet the team and lend a hand, please contact Sheila

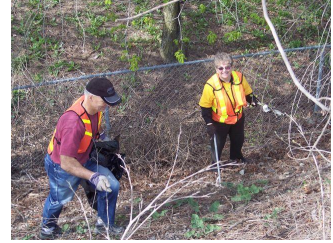
CLUB MEETS FOUNDATION GIVING GOAL BUT....

Club Foundation Chair Lorne Westnedge proudly reported that the club has achieved its Foundation giving goal for 2007-08. But.... Not every member has donated. Lorne's goal is to live up to the Foundation theme of Every Rotarian... Every Year. He encourages those members who have not yet made a donation to consider making one by the end of May. He also encourages those members who are very close to completing Paul Harris Fellowships to complete that goal and make Pat's year a stellar one.

Saturday Morning Wake Up



Part of the Interchange Clean-Up Crew that spent the morning of May 3rd cleaning up the highway interchange pause for a picture, Darlene Collins, community helper, Lorne Westnedge, Steve Marshall, Bruce Coyle, Roger Higgins, Pat Dooley, Mick McIndoe and past member Bob Adams. Other helpers included Willem Oudemans, Marilyn Miller, and Marvin Work



In the meantime, our local advertisement for hip replacements tries out her new hardware on sloped ground.



Darlene & Steve are smiling—have they found an auction item?



Jim Reimer framed at the site

Interchange Project

Step one of a potential long term project for Nelson Daybreak was completed on May 3 as club members enjoyed a few hours of sun and fresh air cleaning up the interchange on the approach to Nelson. Thanks to great coverage in the Nelson Daily News, the club was ably assisted by several volunteers from the community. President-Elect Roger Higgins has dreams of turning this area into something more than a great brown mass of dry grass and potential fire hazard. The project might take several years to complete, but doing it might just be the community project with high visibility that has alluded the club. In the past few years, a plan was developed for the area that involves Xeriscaping i.e. the use of natural indigenous species of grasses that won't require excess labor and water. Chris Holt, a master gardener, and instructor at Selkirk College recently attended a meeting of Nelson Daybreak to check the club out..... Could this project be the key to finding new members too?

Daybreak Garden

Stay tuned for upcoming announcements about a work party pertaining to clean-up and planting of the Daybreak Garden on the boulevard in front of the Hume.

Graffiti Project

Club members recently did an inventory of sites throughout the city and are pleased to report that none of the areas that were cleaned up last year have been re-tagged by graffiti artists. Stay tuned for upcoming announcements about Graffiti Removal Days.