

Nome Rotary Club Board Meeting—May 4, 2004

Call to Order: The meeting began at 12:05PM. President: president Dennis Weidler, president-elect Lucy Barton, vice president Erin Lillie, treasurer Ric Schmidt, directors Lew Tobin and Charlie Lean, Rotarian Debbie Hopper, secretary Tom Busch

New Member: NWC's Gary Smith was accepted as a member, Schmidt, Lillie, unanimous

Spring for Nome Raffle: Chair Gary Grennon is putting great effort into this project, and Tobin is coordinating the drawing, set for 3 PM Sunday at the Nome Fire Hall.

Scholarships: The committee has selected Rotary's two recipients, to be announced at graduation.

Rotary Barbecue Social's date has changed to: Friday, June 11th, at the Busch Banner Creek cabin. [Directions](#)

Rotary Road Cleanup: Saturday morning, June 12th.

Labor Day Duck Race: Lillie will chair.

Citizen of the Year Award: Weidler will appoint a committee. A call for nominations will be issued at tomorrow's general meeting. Suggestions must be submitted in writing. A Nome Rotary Citizen of the Year is someone who has performed great community service without fanfare. Past recipients include Nancy McGuire, Chuck Fagerstrom, Cussie Kauer, the Nome

Fire/Ambulance crew and the Lewis brothers. The award is typically given as a surprise to the recipient on July 4th.

President-elect's report: Barton has met with Lillie, and 2004-5 vice president Sue Greenly, brainstorming Rotary activities. She would like to hold a full evening meeting before the end of June to have all members discuss and evaluate present Rotary activities, what we should pick up, what we might want to drop or change.

She noted that our new district governor will be here on the evening of Tuesday, July 6th to meet with the board; there was discussion as to whether this might best take place at one of our members' cabins, or at a restaurant. The D.G. will address all Rotarians at the Wednesday, July 7th meeting. We can house him at the upstairs apartment at a certain local financial institution.

The Rotary International theme for 2004-2005 is "Celebrate Rotary," as February 2005 is our centennial celebration.

Treasurer's Report: Schmidt reported a general fund balance of \$1,773.43. Once all liabilities are covered, there's about \$53 dollars left. Special account has \$555.20. We will pay Paul Harris accounts following receipt of annual membership dues in June.

Requests for financial assistance: We have received four requests, but three failed for lack of motions due to shortage of funds. See next items.

Buy a Book: One of those requests was for money for children's books for Nome Child Care. At Barton's suggestion, the board adopted the following: Nome Rotary will spearhead a drive for Nomeites to purchase new children's books. We ask everyone, including all Rotarians, to consider purchasing one copy of their favorite kids' book and donate it to NCC. Rotary will organize the

collection of these books, and Barton suggested that at Rotary, we can each spend a minute describing what we like about the book we purchased. Barton will chair, and will first check to see if NCC agrees with this concept.

JROTC: A letter from Stan Lujan at Nome Public Schools requests continuing support for the JROTC program, which Rotary has pledged.

Thank you letter: We received a handmade card, signed by many students, thanking Rotary for preparing breakfast before the final qualifying exam.

Volunteer members: Busch suggested a concept similar to one which Nome Rotary adopted thirteen years ago, resulting in the following motion:

Motion Approved: Nome Rotary will subsidize dues and Paul Harris contributions for members who are full-time volunteers in Nome. The original motion called for a maximum of two at any one time, but was changed by friendly amendment by Lillie to not have a cap, but to consider any applicant on a case by case basis. Busch, Lillie, unanimous.

Adjournment at 1:05 PM: Lillie, Schmidt, unanimous

minutes submitted by Busch