

*Club Duties*

February 11th, 2008

**Front Door Greeters:**  
Ron Medd & Lee Mason

**Invocation:**  
Lynda Kazanowski

**Introductions:**  
Eileen Tatton

**Rotary Minute:**  
Neil Sorsdahl

**50/50:**  
Moirra Steele

**Sgt @ Arms:**  
Kris Rongve

February 18th, 2009

**Front Door Greeters:**  
Eileen Tatton & Doug Lum

**Invocation:**  
Brian Kirkhope

**Introductions:**  
Daryl Stech

**Rotary Minute:**  
Ken Hammer

**50/50:**  
Sheila Forrest

**Sgt @ Arms:**  
Daryl Stech

February 25th, 2009

**Front Door Greeters:**  
Jo-Ann Harding & Don Bonner

**Invocation:**  
Jim McIvor

**Introductions:**  
Karin Mattern

**Rotary Minute:**  
Denise Davidson

**50/50:**  
Sheila Forrest

**Sgt @ Arms:**  
Moirra Steele

# Weekly Wake-up

*Upcoming Programs*

February 11th - Pamela Hadikin - Daybreak Rotary Leadership Scholarship recipient

February 18th - Club Assembly

February 25th - Classification Talk

## NOTICES & NEWS

*Photos from last week's meeting...*

**Pacific Sport's John Bradley speaks to the meeting...**

**...Bill is reading the Pacific Sport handout I hope...**



**Our illustrious leader hard at work...**

**...Ron, I don't think that's what they mean when they say "chair" the meeting...**

### *Rejoining Member*

Unless written objection is received by a member of the Executive within seven days of this notice, Bob Wall will be invited to re-join our Rotary Club:

Bob Wall, Classification: General Contracting Sponsor: JoAnn Harding

### *Club Birthdays*

February 25 Neil Sorsdahl  
February 26 Don Bonner

### *Club Anniversaries*

February 20 Patrick Maguire

*Meeting Notes - February 4th**submitted by Val Lennox***Notes from Abroad**

Neil Sorsdahl reported on his trip to South Africa & his make-ups at a morning waterfront club, which met at a Cape Town yacht club. The club president is referred to as the Captain & the Sgt.-at-Arms as the Bosun. Like Daybreak, the club focus is helping youth. Those who miss meetings are fined.

**Visitor**

Ken Hammer introduced Matthew, who was visiting from a Vancouver Rotary Club and whose classification is hospitality.

**Pacific Sport**

Guest speaker was John Bradley with Pacific Sport, who lives in Qualicum Bay – and is currently joining the Qualicum morning club. However, he was at Daybreak to talk about Pacific Sport, which assists elite athletes. The organization was formed 14 years ago to help elite athletes attend the 1996 Olympics and now has eight regional offices throughout B.C. Of the 800,000 registered athletes in B.C., 1,500 qualify as elite athletes eligible for help from Pacific Sport.

“We are the Make-a-Wish foundation for athletes and coaches within the province of B.C.,” John said. He noted that athletes are identified within their sport as elite – meaning those with national or world class potential – and can then be nominated for Pacific Sport assistance. “We ask them: what can we do to help you get better?” Answers range from gym memberships for strength building; access to sports psychologists; training software for coaches; or helping defray travel costs.

John became aware of the costs faced by elite athletes when his son was selected to attend Canadian national championships. He paid the bill and continued to pay the bills as his son progressed to the international level – and became keenly aware that there was little to no support. With no support between high school and university athletics, many potential elite athletes fall through the cracks. “If you can’t pay, you can’t play,” he said. Personally, as a coach, he has funded some costs for some promising athletes who otherwise wouldn’t be able to play at an advanced level. He knows other coaches who have done the same. When he was coaching the B.C. Rugby Team, he couldn’t have three talented players he wanted on the team because the players couldn’t pay the \$1200 per player for the provincial competition.

As part of its support for athletes, Pacific Sport operates the Pacific Sport Centre at Camosun in Victoria. The organization is supported 60% by government funding and 40% by tax-deductible donations. John compared Canadian government spending on elite athletics to Australia. The Australian budget is five times that of the Canadian budget- yet Australia has 11 million fewer citizens. The results show on the podium at international competition. Robb Mowbray noted that sport, recreation and culture is one of the fastest growing fields in the country and is generating a substantial number of jobs.

**Good News of All Sorts**

Nicole is doing well (hurrah!) but is avoiding all of us since her immune system is compromised by chemotherapy and she can’t risk getting a cold.

Bill Rankin, owner of Origins, will be our newest member.

On February 18, the club will be visited by some of our sponsored Business of Their Own students, who will bring a product to sell. Bring money.

Bring a Friend to Rotary day is March 11. Bring someone.

Thanks were received from the Children’s Book Festival Committee and Leadership B.C. for Day-break Rotary donations.

**Valentine’s Day options:**

Letters from Wingfield Farm at Chemanius Theatre (talk to JoAnn Harding)  
McSeeds Valentine Extravaganza from 7 pm - midnight at Nanaimo Centre Stage, 25 Victoria Rd  
RYLA interviews – volunteers still needed – see Lynda Kazanowski

Bill Brendon is tentatively planning his Texas Hold ‘Em poker tournament for April 4 at Nanaimo Centre Stage.

Plans are proceeding for Swing into Spring at Vancouver Island University on March 14.

*Rotary Club Meetings*

Monday – Parksville, Bayside Inn, Noon  
Tuesday – Nanaimo North, Frith-Radcliffe Auditorium, Kiwanis Village, 6:15 p.m.  
Wednesday – Nanaimo Oceanside, ABC Restaurant on Mary Ellen Drive, 5 p.m.  
Thursday – Lantzville – ABC Restaurant on Mary Ellen Drive, 7 a.m.  
Friday – Nanaimo – Coast Bastion Inn, 12:15 p.m.

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Ron Blank

**Club Secretary:**

Nicole Gosselin

**Club Treasurer:**

Nathan Thornton

**Club President Elect:**

Dave Perry

**Bulletin Editor:**

Robb Mowbray

**Foundation Chair:**

Don Bonner

**Assistant Governor Area 2B**

Brian Kirkhope

**District Governor 2008-09:**

Brian Beagle

**RI President 2008-09:**

Dong Kurn Lee

*Bingo Volunteers*

Feb. 13 Denise Larson  
& Bruce Mede  
Feb. 20 Ken Hammer  
& Denise Davidson

*Make-ups*

To ensure that your make-up information is properly recorded, send any info on extra meetings attended, extra committee work, service projects, online work, etc. to Rod Mont ([mont@islandlaw.ca](mailto:mont@islandlaw.ca)).

Please send content and photos for the Weekly Wake-up to Robb Mowbray at [robb@theatrebc.org](mailto:robb@theatrebc.org).

**FOUR WAY TEST**

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

