

### Club Duties

If you are unable to fulfill your duty, could you please find a replacement or let the President know you are unable to attend.

#### February 16th, 2010

##### Front Door Greeters:

Daryl Stech & Randal Taylor

##### Invocation:

Karin Mattern

##### Introductions:

Dave Thompson

##### Rotary Minute:

Christine Craigie

##### 50/50:

Val Lennox

##### Sgt @ Arms:

Don Bonner

#### February 23rd, 2010

##### Front Door Greeters:

Dave Thompson  
& Nathan Thornton

##### Invocation:

Bruce Mede

##### Introductions:

Nathan Thornton

##### Rotary Minute:

Wendi Ferrero

##### 50/50:

Randall Taylor

##### Sgt @ Arms:

Daryl Stech

#### March 2nd, 2011

##### Front Door Greeters:

Jennifer Tonsi & Donna Allen

##### Invocation:

Rod Mont

##### Introductions:

Bob Wall

##### Rotary Minute:

Francine Frisson

##### 50/50:

Randall Taylor

##### Sgt @ Arms:

Neil Sorsdahl

## Weekly Wake-up

### Upcoming Programs

February 16th - Club Assembly

February 23rd - Sandra Marquis - Cedar Opportunities Co-op

March 2nd - TBA

## NOTICES & NEWS

*Please help support Swing into Spring through the Silent Auction! ...*

The silent auction is a major part of the funds raised.

I have two goals for the silent auction!

1) Over the past few years the silent auction has been raising between \$2500 and \$3500 towards the Music Scholarships for students at VIU and for our club funds, and I'd like to see us try and hit the higher end of that range for this year.

2) For the most part, our silent auctions appear to be driven by contributions and donations from Rotarians. I'd like to spread the net more widely for this event and see if we can't get a majority of community donors over Rotary donors!

Here's what I'd like to propose!

The first ask is to you, our club members. Your generosity in the past has been truly outstanding, and I'd like to ask you to come through again! Please consider what kind of service or item you could contribute to the auction and let me know or bring it to a meeting soon.

The second ask is this: Please make at least one potential donor contact through your friends, clients, business acquaintances, neighbours, etc., that I can follow up on. I will be able to provide a poster for the event plus a generic letter that will help you to introduce the event and its purpose to your contacts. I would want you to make the first contact or call, explain the event and the request, and then, if necessary, let me know and I will follow up and collect the items or donations.

Thank you for your support of music education in Nanaimo!

Patrick Maguire

***Please send content and photos for the Weekly Wake-up to [robbmowbray@telus.net](mailto:robbmowbray@telus.net)***

### Club Birthdays

No Birthdays this week.

### Club Anniversaries

February 20

Patrick Maguire

*Meeting Notes - February 9th*

*wordsmith Ron Blank / photos Donna Allen*

Our week began with the dulcet tones of President Patrick leading our a cappella attempt at O'Canada.

Randall Taylor was tasked with Introductions. Dave Thompson intro'd Nanaimo North Rotarian Perry Williams, computer systems analyst. Dave then usurped Randall and thanked Perry for attending and asked that he take our best wishes back to his Club. (? Everyone know what's coming?) Guest Sher Holubowich (pronounced Hu low bow ich) was introduced by Denise Davidson, Christine McAuley presented Ray Penner, and wannabe father of a son, Don Bonner, introduced Kevin.

Donna Allen? Did you step out of line? Fine, fine, fine! With Don Bonner being the Sergeant-at-Arms, Daryl Stech was overheard 'sotto voce' "Taking it all the way, eh Don!" Next in line was Francine Frisson, who 'volunteered' to eat last. Order finally returned and we proceeded to provender.

Rotary Minute: President-Elect Bill Brendon, thanked us for giving him the opportunity and honour to be our leader. It should enhance his ability to think on his feet. Though he (too) has difficulty quoting the Four Way Test, he believes it has five ways to lead into everything Rotary. One has to feel it, as a process of building all that is Rotary. It really is a leadership exercise in recognizing the "core values of Rotary"



*Bill Brendon provides the Rotary Minute...*

President Patrick segued with "That's why we are here, and are all about."

Dave Thompson gave a brief biography of our guest Bruce Williams, who came into Nanaimo in 1991, as host of The New VI Television Station "Morning Show." Our Rotary Club was one of many organizations that benefitted from Bruce's dynamism and help in promoting our organizations. With changes in needs and ownership, Bruce was later assigned to Victoria to host the weather 'A Channel,' <http://www.atv.ca/victoria/default.aspx> Bruce still lives in Nanoose, and has remained true to Rotary and his Nanaimo roots.



*...Guest Speaker Bruce Williams...*

Bruce William explained that he is now Manager of Community Relations and Weather Host, and "Yes, we will be having some sunshine, and maybe some rain." Bruce said he now has fun opportunities to be a broker: to find where and when issues converge, to merge their different elements into opportunities for great resonance within our communities.

Vancouver Island families requiring medical services in Victoria. Janeece understands that need.

Janeece was diagnosed with neurofibromatosis at age three. With the help of Variety, the Children's Charity, the family was able to purchase much needed braces, which helped her to grow. By age seven, she openly stated on



*...Janeece Edroff...*

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*Rotary Club Meetings*

- Monday – Parksville, Bayside Inn, Noon
- Tuesday – Nanaimo North, Frith-Radcliffe Auditorium, Kiwanis Village, 6:15 p.m.
- Wednesday – Nanaimo Oceanside, 3rd Street Fieldhouse, 5 p.m.
- Thursday – Lantzville – ABC Restaurant on Mary Ellen Drive, 7 a.m.
- Friday – Nanaimo – Coast Bastion Inn, 12:15 p.m.

*Rotary Contacts*

- Club President:**  
Patrick Maguire
- Past President:**  
Dave Perry
- Vice President:**  
Neil Sorsdahl
- Club Secretary:**  
Eileen Tatton
- Club Treasurer:**  
Cindy Bartlett
- Club President Elect:**  
Bill Brendon
  
- International Service Director:**  
Rod Mont
- Community Service Director:**  
Christine Craigie
- Vocational Service Director:**  
Dave Thompson
- Club Service Director:**  
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- Assistant Governor Area 2B:**  
Brenda Grice
- District Governor 2010-11:**  
Robert Martin
- RI President 2010-11:**  
Ray Klingensmith

*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 Neil Sorsdahl at [goldendivot@shaw.ca](mailto:goldendivot@shaw.ca)

*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?





...Architect's rendering of Jeneece Place...

Variety she wanted to raise a Million Dollars with pennies. By age 14, she had accomplished that goal and now has actually raised over \$1.4 million in pennies.

Neurofibromatosis is an incurable disease characterized by tumour growth along the nerves which can press on vital areas of the body. Jeneece, now 17, has had 20 surgeries, radiation and chemotherapy. There is no stopping the progression of her disease. In her case, therapies were always in Vancouver, often staying at McDonald House & Lions Place.

Her dream is to build a place like home, with kitchens, swings, toys, gardens, large quiet spaces for families, and places for

families to meet and share their issues.

It took time to become informed and knowledgeable about how to accomplish her goal. The first step was to start a Society. Working with the various levels of government provided it's unique challenges. The Society was established in 2008, <http://www.jeneece.com/> and Bruce became their first President.

The next was to find a site to build this home. Speaking with Queen Alexandra Foundation for Children, they have 40 acres of property. The rehabilitate children, and they average 57 clients 57/year staying 38 days. Their advice was the best location would be near to Victoria General Hospital. VGH annually admits 4,700 children/year with an average stay of 6 1/2 days. There are 30,000 visits/year/family. Finding land nearby would be elusive and expensive. After several false moves, an "AHA!" moment revealed an unused corner of Victoria General Hospital Property. All quickly agreed.

Money started to come in. Telus Skins game gave nearly \$1,000,000. Norguard Foundation asked for a presenter, and ten minutes after Jeneece's presentation, they voted to donate \$1 Million. The QE Foundation matched that amount. The funds needed to build and sustain this facility area in excess of \$ 4.5 Million. They are expected to break ground March of this year, and open before Christmas, this year.

Jeneece's condition is deteriorating. They want to open sooner. The balance of funds needed are \$1.4 Million. Bruce said that the naming opportunities for each family room is \$100,000. With 34 Rotary Clubs on Vancouver Island, over a three year period, this should be relatively easy. Remember, Jeneece's place only benefits those living up-island from Victoria. We will leave a legacy for our kids, neices, nephews and grandchildren for decades to come.

Bruce was recently in Alberni Rotary, and had a chance to lean on Governor Bob, and will be visiting all of VI's Rotary Clubs. So far, everyone has been positive.

Bruce answered: Jeneece's Place will cost \$1/family (to cover liability) and will provide some fundamental food to occupants. No active medical care will be done on site. This is a home for families to relax and get away from it all. It will be staffed 24/7/365, under the auspices of QA Foundation, with an Administrator, maintenance, cleaning and attendant on site. It is forecast that every room will be filled every night.



...Dave thanks Bruce with the traditional book...

Jeff Boegel related their daughter had spinal bifida & meningitis. They were flown to Sick Kids in Vancouver, and would not have mentally survived without the opportunity to escape. This place provided an immeasurable benefit in maintaining their sanity.

Bruce closed with "It's sunny today, and don't ask about tomorrow!" Dave made all aware that we had made Bruce a Paul Harris Fellow for all he has done for our Club. We remember. Bruce said he was also a grateful Rotary Exchange Student and thankful for the positive effects of his trip.

Neil Sorsdahl said "quid pro quo" and was sure most of us feel the need to support this project.

Lynda Kazanowski has also experienced how Rotary has had life changing effects on the young. Our Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) takes the best and brightest high school students, from across several Rotary Districts in the Northwest, and puts them through a four day weekend of intensive leadership conferences and workshops. RYLA candidate interviews will beheld on Saturday 19th from 8:45 to noon. Selected candidates will attend Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, Washington, for a jam-packed

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weekend, from March 3-6. Contact Lynda if you want to participate. <http://www.rylanw.org/>

Swing into Spring Silent Auction items from friends of Rotary are also solicited, says President P. He hopes to improve on the receipts from past years.

Do we wish to recognize anyone in our Club, and our Community for a Paul Harris Fellowship? Our Board will contemplate the names at their next meeting in early March.

Christine McAuley stood in for Kris Rongve, and the winner of the chocolate heart was (drum roll) Beverly Bonner.

50/50 draw for the Queen of Hearts: poor Denise D.

Yup! Dave got fined for usurpatronizing Don. Donna too. Don announced, happily, that Kevin would be staying on as his son for the rest of the year. If anyone had a weekend, or trip planned, Kevin would gladly accompany. The Youth Exchange group are also going to Comox/Cambell/Powell River over four days. (Shouldn't Don be fined? He should formally intro Kevin as: 'Columbian Exchange Student Kevin Hartman Cortez.')

To close, we recited our Four Way Test.

*Club Correspondence...*

Check out the link below for the latest in correspondence to the Club from various sources:  
[http://www.daybreakrotary.ca/index.php?p=2\\_8\\_Rotary-News](http://www.daybreakrotary.ca/index.php?p=2_8_Rotary-News)



...the pre-meeting mingling...an important part of every week's get-together...



...Don with the now-famous "son" Kevin and Randall listen intently...

Have a Good Week!



**ROTARY DAYBREAK  
 UPCOMING BINGO COMMITMENTS 2010/2011**

Mon., Mar. 28, 2011    11am – 1 pm    Eileen Tatton