

### 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.

#### June 29th, 2011

**Front Door Greeters:**

Darryl Shaw & Neil Sorsdahl

**Invocation:**

Dawne Anderson

**Introductions:**

Lynda Kazanowski

**Rotary Minute:**

Ev Mudryk

**50/50:**

Dawne Anderson

**Sgt @ Arms:**

Neil Sorsdahl

#### July 6th, 2011

**Front Door Greeters:**

Daryl Stech & Eileen Tatton

**Invocation:**

Cindi Bartlett

**Introductions:**

Brian Kirkhope

**Rotary Minute:**

Anna Owens

**50/50:**

Dawne Anderson

**Sgt @ Arms:**

Dave Thompson

#### July 13th, 2011

**Front Door Greeters:**

Randall Taylor & Dave Thompson

**Invocation:**

Ron Blank

**Introductions:**

Daryl Knievel

**Rotary Minute:**

Eileen Page

**50/50:**

Gayle Wilson

**Sgt @ Arms:**

Denise Davidson

## Weekly Wake-up

### Upcoming Programs

June 29th - Club Social

July 6th - Vanessa Young, Interact

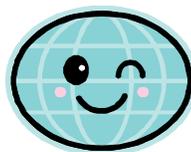
July 13th - Geri Sera, Nanaimo Addictions

## NOTICES & NEWS

### *And now it's time for Kevin to go home...*

We have all enjoyed Rotary Exchange Student from Columbia, Kevin Hartmaan Cortez's visit this year. None more than Don Bonner. Kevin has been the son that Don never had. However, all good things must come to an end and we say goodbye, good luck and hope we meet again, Kevin.

And perhaps Don's three daughters will enjoy being his favourite children again...



### *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](#)

### *District 5020 newsletter now online...*

<http://www.clubrunner.ca/Data/5020//HTML/125319//may1-newsletter.pdf>

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

### Club Birthdays

June 29 Terry Rogers  
July 2 Bruce Mede

### Club Anniversaries

June 29 San & Sujata Mahara

*Meeting Notes - June 22nd*

*wordsmith Ron Blank, photos Donna Allen*

Down to 2nd to last meeting for President Patrick Maguire, though, he has already passed the gavel to Bill Brendon. We began with Rod Mont's accompaniment. Nelson Allen's invocation solicited wishes for our youth, their eventual involvement with Rotary, and to our good deeds.

Guests the morning: Brian Kirkhope introduced Rotarian Ross White, Nanaimo, Educator & Past District Governor. Neil Sorsdahl intro'd Dino Tsimbelis, Resource Development Coordinator with Child Development Centre. (CDC) Donna presented Gem Munroe and son Gabriel. For the last time, Don Bonner, presented their surrogate son Kevin Camillo Hartmaan Cortez, Columbian Rotary Exchange Student; and San Mahara presented his 10 year old son Suvan. (You know, the one who gets morning rides to hockey!)

Daryl Stech, our Sergeant-at-Arms, obviously showed that President Patrick was on the slippery slope of becoming "Past." He finally profferred to President Patrick to proceed to provender, post previous picked-out priority personages. (5th, that was.) The remainder of the rabble were rattled and responded by rebelling to the Sgt's orders, and rose any which way!

Ev Mudryk stepped up, on short notice, for a Rotary Minute. She was not concerned about prep time, as "she opens her mouth and stuff comes out." Ev shared "How welcome it feels to be back in Rotary." When she took over Hennessey Information Systems, life became too intense. "But I missed you!" Rod kept in touch, wondering 'when,' not if, she would be back. Denise Larson and others kept in contact. "Life gives you many things, and Rotary is the best organization on earth!" Patrick replied, "Thanks Ev, your words certainly reflect well on our Club."



*San Mahara with his son Suvan...*



*...Ken and Patrick with guest speaker Gem Munroe and his son Gabriel...*

Donna formally introduced Gem, a Co-Director of the Amarak Society. Gem said that he has addressed many Rotary Clubs, worldwide, and reiterated that "Rotary is the best organization in the world." Particularly, the Canadian Clubs, as "they come from all walks of life, united in a sincere belief that you can improve the world."

His wife Janyss is the other Director of the Society. Their motto is that you can "Teach a mother, change the world". <http://www.amaroksociety.org/> Tanyss has a life-long career of improving the educational opportunities for disadvantaged people. After education stints with provincial & federal governments and with First Nations, they went to Bangladesh to assist in developing the State educational system. They discovered this country is the poorest of the poor and has likely fallen through the cracks of

getting international aid and attention. "Of all the countries I've been through, only Bangladesh makes me cry."

They discovered the situation is far worse in the Capital City slums of Dhaka. Most of the families are too poor to send their children to school. Unlike rural communities, there was no social structure and aid agencies seldom helped.

After their contract, they packed up their four children from Vancouver and decided to try to improve Dhaka's situation. They were politely told 'they had an absurd ambition, like trying to eradicate polio.'

The problem was how to be cost effective and sustainable. Presentations to International Aid agencies remarked on their "fresh thinking," but:

- the poorest of the poor were Muslim women, and religion/men would prevent them from learning;

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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:**  
Denise Larson
  
- Bulletin Editor:**  
Robb Mowbray
  
- Assistant Governor Area 2B:**  
Brenda Grice
- District Governor 2010-11:**  
Robert Martin
- RI President 2010-11:**  
Ray Klingensmith

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*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)

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*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?



- slums were impenetrable, you can't manage the slum lords, police, and husbands would never let you get out alive;
- Even if they could, these women could never learn.

Gem presented a short video, showing an actual classroom, with women learning and speaking English, after 8 months of enrolment. (That changed my mind!)

He noted they had to learn their own language first. Our average Canadian has over 15,000 words in their vocabulary. (Dhaka slum women may have 600 to 700 words.) "Step 1 in their education would be to hold a pencil. Step 2, which end up." They teach English, as it's "the language of opportunity."

That privilege serves to protect them. Lessons include basic health & nutrition, conflict resolution "where disagreement can go to violence in 1/2 second," and birth control, with the ultimate goal of teaching them to think. With our opportunities, thinking is 2nd nature. When these women develop their educational ability, they are finally able to make decisions.



...Ross White with Ken and Patrick...



...Dino Tsimbelis of CDC with Neil.

Bangladesh has 1/6th the area of BC, with 172 million people, (BC 4.5) the most densely populated country in the world: "a product of social disarray & failure." Dhaka is now 22 million and will soon be the largest city in the world. (annual growth larger than Winnipeg!)

Bangladesh is a moderate Muslim nation. That is worth preserving. Others are determined to radicalize the country. They hate what we are doing because of our success.

Amorak requires that each mother must teach five children what they learn. If the mother is unavailable, then a daughter is taught. Amorak will recognize and develop good teachers.

At first, Muslim husbands wrought violence and death threats to their wives. Short term benefits were seen and men will actually sit and learn when their wives teach. Women feel their life has begun again after being married off at 11 or 12. Depression is often the response to not learning. In Dhaka, it becomes despair. Students start with pessimism, going from optimism and hope. Women are transformed, with control over their lives, their family and the slum.

Their association with Rotary began with Gem doing a book promotion tour in Belleville Ontario public library. A librarian then intro'd Gem to Rotarian Michael Maloney, Literacy Chair, Rotary Belleville. "Was there Rotary in Dhaka?" Over 40 Clubs and a relationship was born. Past RI President Wilf Wilkinson (Belleville) also got involved. Next thing, Tanyss was hooked up with several Dhaka Rotary Clubs attending the RI Convention in Montreal, last year. Gem is now travelling across Canada, speaking to Rotary Clubs.

Ken Hammer presented the Book, and said that Gem "presented a compelling and eloquent case" for the Amorak Society to continue and expand their deeds in Dhaka.

Your scribe then left the building!

I assume Neil gave Dino, of the CDC, a cheque from the "Golf fore Youth" proceeds.

Hopefully, 50/50 was won. Did the Pres. lose again? Did Sgt Daryl display his usual badinage?

Did we say the Four Way Test?

Will Daybreak Rotarians want to go further with this organization? They are definitely a Literacy Project! What's next?

*See next page for photos of Kevin's latest trip...*

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

Mon., July 4, 2011	11am – 1pm	Sher Holubowich & Denise Larson
Wed., Aug. 10, 2011	11am – 1pm	Jim McIvor & Karin Mattern
Sun., Sept. 25, 2011	11 am—1pm	Kris Rongve & Sher Holubowich

Have a Good Week!  
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*Photos from Kevin's trip to Victoria*



**Kevin visits the Duncan totems...**



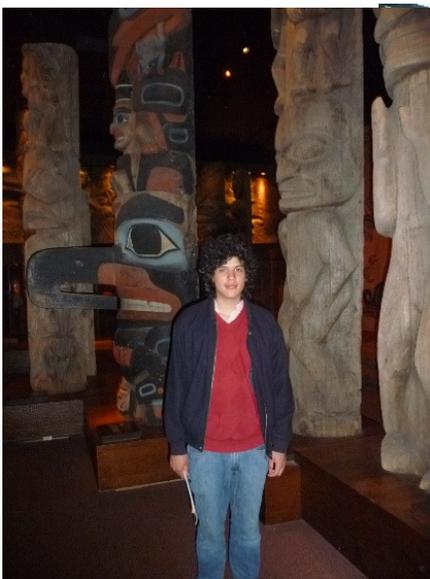
**...and Mile Zero of the Trans Canada Hwy at Beacon Hill Park...**



**...at Kevin's first host family home!?!?!...**



**...then his 2nd host family home (before Bonners)!?!?!...  
...okay, now I'm a little suspect... :|**



**...a stop at the Royal BC Museum...**



**...progress at Janeece Place...**



**...and the main event!...  
...the Cirque du Soleil!**