

# Rotary Club of Nanaimo **DAYBREAK**

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## Club Duties

If you are unable to fulfill your duty,  
PLEASE FIND A REPLACEMENT,  
then let the meeting chair know.

**January 29th, 2014**

### Front Door Greeters:

Sher Holubowich  
& Lynda Kazanowski

### Invocation:

Darryl Shaw

### Introductions:

Bob Wall

### Rotary Minute:

Brian Kirkhope

### 50/50:

Ron Blank

### Sgt @ Arms:

Daryl Knievel

**February 5th, 2014**

### Front Door Greeters:

Brian Kirkhope & Daryl Knievel

### Invocation:

Neil Sorsdahl

### Introductions:

Donna Allen

### Rotary Minute:

Daryl Knievel

### 50/50:

Wendi Ferrero

### Sgt @ Arms:

Don Bonner

**February 12th, 2014**

### Front Door Greeters:

Denise Larson & Michael Leduc

### Invocation:

Eileen Tatton

### Introductions:

Nelson Allen

### Rotary Minute:

Doug Lum

### 50/50:

Wendi Ferrero

### Sgt @ Arms:

Kris Rongve

# Weekly Wake-up

## Upcoming Programs

Jan 29 Scott Bradford - Executive Director Child Development Centre  
Feb 5 Dave Shaver - High on Life through Edgewood Treatment Centre  
Feb 12 Mark MacDonald - Managing Editor, Nanaimo Daily News

## NOTICES & NEWS

*PORTABLE DENTAL EQUIPMENT MAKES A DIFFERENCE...*



Our dental team is in the second week of operation. As I watched Maria viewing the day's X-rays on her computer, her delight was obvious. The dental team can now proceed with confidence, using the new state of the art equipment, thanks to the fund-raising efforts of Dr. John and Mid Island Rotary Club. The team can now assess the difficulties, and prevent unforeseen problems that could occur without these new "X-ray eyes". John and Maria will be working in at least four locations around the lake, each with great need.

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

## Club Birthdays

January 28 Karin Mattern

## Club Anniversaries

No Anniversaries this week.

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*Meeting Notes - Jan. 22/2014*

*notes by San Mahara photos by Donna Allan*

Nathan was admitting all the meeting goers while lone greeter Denise Davidson was trying hard to fill the role. President Randall Taylor called the meeting to order while we all sang O' Canada facing the flag, accompanied by Rod Mont's saxophone. Randall made a remark that the Canadian flag should be on the left side.

Karin Mattern did the invocation in poem.

No visiting Rotarians today. The guests included the speaker of the day, Sara Lindhagen, our exchange student and Violet Hayes from Island Crisis Care Society.

Sher Holubowich shared her Rotary minute. She talked about the importance of publicity and needing to promote to a larger group. Her opinion was that a club should act like a catalyst in inviting prospective members. There is a misconception that Rotary is just a charity organisation. We all know it is much more than that. Reaching out to the young generation through avenues like Rotaract and Interact is very crucial.

Sergeant-at-Arms Denise Davidson allocated tables for breakfast.

Rod Mont introduced our exchange student Sara Lindhagen as the highlight of the year. She is from Sweden, the country of IKEA. She has been in Canada for five months now. She attends Dover Bay Secondary School. She also plays Violin.

Sara started off saying what she has noticed about Canada and Canadians. She says Canadians are very nice, drive big cars and say sorry all the time. She had to adjust to address her teachers by their last name with prefix of either Mr. and Mrs. She was confused to see an aisle devoted to different kinds of cereals. She couldn't understand why tax was not included on the price tag.

She noticed that houses have different details, whereas in Sweden, homes are alike like IKEA. She learned about several Canadian holidays such as Halloween, Thanksgiving and Remembrance day. She enjoyed eating turkey and carving pumpkins. Trying out new things such as pumpkin pie; thick pancake with syrup on it; bagel and eggnog were joyful.

The town she comes from is called Uppsala, which is the fourth largest city in Sweden. The city is known for its old heritage buildings and its rich history. She lives with her parents, sister and a family dog. Dad is a researcher and Mom is a journalist.

She mentioned the history about Vikings in "Gamla Uppsala" with their distinctive hat/ helmet. Some facts about Sweden:

It is a Scandinavian country in Northern Europe. Sweden borders Norway and Finland and is connected to Denmark by a bridge-tunnel across the Øresund.

Capital: Stockholm with one million people which consists of 14 islands; Present king is King Carl XVI Gustaf; Population: 9.517 million; Government: Unitary state, Representative democracy, Parliamentary system. Popular brand name like H&M comes from Sweden and



*Sher gives her Rotary Minute...*



*...Sara Lindhagen with Pres Randall...*

*Rotary Contacts*

- Club President:**  
Randall Taylor
- Past President:**  
Denise Larson
- Vice President:**
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Neil Sorsdahl
- Club Treasurer:**  
Anna Jones
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- International Service Director:**  
Nelson Allen
- Community Service Director:**  
Rod Mont
- Youth Service Director:**  
Doug Lum / Sher Holubowich
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Kristin Rongve
- Bulletin Editor:**  
Robb Mowbray
- Assistant Governor Area 2B:**  
Barry Sparkes
- District Governor 2013-2014:**  
Peter Taylor
- RI President 2012-13:**  
Ron Burton

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*Make-ups*

To ensure that your make-up info is properly recorded, send any info on extra meetings attended, extra committee work, service projects, online work, etc. to Membership Chair, Denise Davidson at [ddavidson@islandadjusters.com](mailto:ddavidson@islandadjusters.com)

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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?

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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.



so does the pop group ABBA. Inventor of Celsius and thermometer Anders Celsius is from Sweden as well.

It is interesting to know that they drink 4-5 cups of coffee per day and enjoy 4-6 weeks of holidays in summer. Remember; while in Sweden don't eat the last piece of a cake. They celebrate "name days" some of which are dedicated to traditional or religious feasts rather than personal names. Some of the names are linked to the original saints or martyrs.

Another fun fact is that they have food days, such as October 14th is "Cinnamon bun day" for which they celebrate the day by baking and eating cinnamon buns with family and friends.

She ended her talk by saying that she is enjoying her stay in Canada very much. She spent her summer in Horn Lake and got to visit Hollywood. Well done Sara! All the best.

Randall informed that the "CODE" application has been accepted so the grant is approved. Denise Larson will finish the process with the help of Patrick Maguire.

Bev Hilton from Oceanside had been to Ghana last year. She has put forward a proposal that would see Sunyani and Nanaimo be recognized as "Twin Cities".

Anna Jones gave our financial report. She reported that \$1,000 was given to Dr. Larry Hill for Nepal project. Another \$1,000 was given for portable dental x-ray equipment for Guatemala, where Ron Blank is currently serving. He has been writing a blog about his trip. For those who would like to read what Ron Blank is up to in Guatemala, here is the link for his blog: <http://ronfblank.wordpress.com/>



Violet from "Island Crisis Care Society" talked about their fund raising event called "coldest night walk" happening on February 22nd in 64 communities across Canada.

Our annual fundraising event "Swing Into Spring" is happening on March 22nd. The hall is booked in the Coast Bastion Inn to accommodate more participants. The week after SIS, on March 29th, is a "Leadership in Training" in Victoria.

Denise informed that the five Rotary Club fellowship meeting is happening at the Cruise Ship Terminal on February 20th from 5-7:30 PM. We will not have our regular Wednesday meeting that week.

Rod will be featured on the "Nanaimo Daily" as the first chartered president of the club.

There was no birthday or anniversary to be noted. It was announced that Patrick and Graham Calder are going away to Guatemala.

Denise did not get to fine anybody today, but was able to collect happy bucks. At last, we called out the four way test and parted for the day.

...(above) Violet Hayes talks about ICCS's fundraiser...

...(below) Dave Thompson receives his recognition as a Paul Harris Fellow.



**Have a Great Week!**