



## Club Duties

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

### March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**Front Door Greeters:**

Lesley Domino & Tanya Forbes

**Front-of-House:**

Rob Dodds

**Inspiration:**

Hayley Poirier

**Introductions:**

Jill Mont

**Rotary Moment:**

Karin Mattern

**50/50:**

Bill Brendon

**Sgt at Arms:**

Kris Rongve

**Meeting Notes:**

Scott Manson

### March 20, 2024

**Front Door Greeters:**

Sheila Forrest & Mike Garvie

**Front-of-House:**

Rob Dodds

**Inspiration:**

Jodi Rogers

**Introductions:**

Rod Mont

**Rotary Moment:**

Scott Manson

**50/50:**

Bill Brendon

**Sgt At Arms:**

Daryl Knievel

**Meeting Notes:**

Hayley Poirier

### March 27, 2024

**Front Door Greeters:**

Cathy Graham & Terry Gwilliam

**Front of House:**

Rob Dodds

**Inspiration:**

Kris Rongve

**Introductions:**

Bonnie Murrell

**Rotary Moment:**

Rob Mawdsley

**50/50:**

Tanya Forbes

**Sgt At Arms:**

Doug Ozeroff

**Meeting Notes:**

Kris Rongve

## Upcoming Programs

Mar 13<sup>th</sup> – Nelson Allen, Foundation

Mar. 20<sup>th</sup> – Rotary Information Meeting

Mar. 27<sup>th</sup> – Lesley Domino – International Students

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

In-person meetings are at the Nanaimo Golf Course. Join us for a buffet breakfast.



[Link to Daybreak Calendar...daybreakrotary.ca/events/](https://daybreakrotary.ca/events/)

**Sunshine Committee reminder...** A reminder...If any members know of another member who is ill or who has had a death in the family, please let our Sunshine Committee, Sher or Donna know, so that they can send out a card on behalf of the club. Thank you.

**Please send content and photos for the Weekly Wake-up to [roderickmont@gmail.com](mailto:roderickmont@gmail.com)**

## Club Birthdays

Mar. 19<sup>th</sup> Doug Ozeroff

## Club Anniversaries

None

**Meeting Notes – March 6th, 2024 by Rod Mont, photos by Cathy Manson**

President Dave opened the meeting with the land acknowledgement and Rod M. led us in O Canada. Dave P. did the invocation and Rob M. led the introductions. Today's guests were Carolyn Russell, the Associate Vice President, International Affairs at VIU, Sungchul Choi, Dean of Management at VIU, and Val Cunningham who will soon be a member of Daybreak Rotary.

For the Rotary moment, Cathy M. told us that she and Scott have now been in Rotary for one year. They enjoy the incredible people, everyone's willingness to help, and the huge teamwork. We are grateful to have them as members.

Donna told us about a visit to the Rotary Club of Singapore that she and Nelson recently attended. The Rotary International Convention will be held in Singapore this May. They enjoyed seeing a dragon dance at the meeting and exchanged our club's banner with Singapore Rotary.

Ev reminded us of the Chamber Business Expo happening March 28. She is looking for volunteers to man a Rotary booth. There will also be a big trash pickup day coming in April. Ken announced that Rotaract is having an event on March 9 to celebrate International Women's Day.

Ken introduced our guest speakers Carolyn Russell and Sungchul Choi. They discussed the international students at VIU. Currently 11% of the student population is indigenous and 12% of the student population are international students. VIU is aiming to have 17% of the student population to be international. There are about 1,500 international students right now at VIU from 76 countries. The primary countries are India, China, Nigeria, Vietnam, Ghana, and Iran. More than half of these students are in the Faculty of Management. VIU also has global partnerships in 52 countries. One thing that has been in the news lately is the federal government's IRCC cap on international student study permits. VIU got a good allocation with a small lift over last year. It was noted that the graduate students and students studying for less than six months are exempt from this cap.



Bill ran the 50/50 which was won by Daryl. Scott was a very friendly Sergeant-at-arms only fining himself before asking for happy bucks.

**Rotary Contacts**

- Club President:**  
Dave Thompson
- Past President:**  
Graham Calder
- Vice President:**  
Rod Mont
- Club Secretary:**  
Bonnie Murrell
- Club Treasurer:**  
Anna Jones
- Club President Elect:**  
Daryl Knievel

- International Services Director:**  
Duane Seibel
- Public Image & Community Services Director:**  
Jodi Rogers
- Youth Services Director:**  
Terry Gwilliam
- Club Services Director:**  
Denise Davidson
- Member Services Director:**  
Dave Perry

**Bulletin Editor:**  
Rod Mont

- Assistant Governor Area 4:**  
Ken Hammer
- District Governor 2023-2024:**  
Caleb Summerfelt
- RI President 2023-2024:**  
Gordon McNally

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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?