

Club Duties

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

Front of House:

August: Rob Mawdsley

August 6, 2025

Front Door Greeters:

Dave Thompson & Abbie Vomacka

Inspiration:

Daryl Knievel

Introductions:

Pat Knight

Rotary Moment:

Lesley Domino

50/50:

Jodi Rogers

Sgt At Arms:

Donna Allen

Meeting Notes:

Hayley Poirier

August 13, 2025

Front Door Greeters:

Jodi Rogers & Kris Rongve

Inspiration:

Ken Hammer

Introductions:

Mike Holyk

Rotary Moment:

Natalie Cuthbert

50/50:

Tanya Forbes

Sgt At Arms:

Valri Cunningham

Meeting Notes:

Rod Mont

August 20, 2025

Front Door Greeters:

Nelson Allen & Jeff Boegel

Inspiration:

Doug Lum

Introductions:

Caitlin Lundgren

Rotary Moment:

Lisa Garvie

50/50:

Dave Thompson

Sgt At Arms:

Duane Seibel

Meeting Notes:

Kris Rongve

Upcoming Programs

August 6th – Tunde Adegbola – Classification Talk

August 13th – Pending

August 20th – Rotary Committee Reports

President Sheila guided us through another great meeting!



Please send content and photos for the Weekly Wake-up to roderickmont@gmail.com

[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, Donna or Valri know, so that they can send out a card on behalf of the club. Thank you.*

Club Member's Birthdays

Aug. 8 – Wayne Peddie

Aug. 10 – Tina Moreira

Aug. 12 - Jeff Taylor

Club Member's Anniversaries

Aug. 12 – Bonnie Murrell & Brad Harvey

Aug. 12 – Charlotte Danso

Meeting Notes – July 30, 2025, by Kris Rongve, Photos by Rod Mont

Our meeting began – as the best ones always do – with President Sheila bringing to order and asking Rod M. to lead us by playing O Canada. He made us sound good! Mike H. did inspiration (and I, at least, was inspired!) Introductions took place: Duane S. introduced a former colleague and a current member of Lantzville Rotary, Leeanne Rose. Denise L. introduced Patrick Maguire, a past valued and missed member of our club and Friba Kaiwan, our guest speaker. Sergeant at Arms Doug O. used small communities from his recent train trip across Canada as the basis for assigning tables. He tried to avoid my cheat of stealing the name ticket from an empty



table (my attempt was made more complicated when I was temporarily distracted from his announcements – Squirrel!) but his attempt was frustrated when it turned out my table actually did have the first legitimately drawn ticket name. Ha! Anyway, the whole two people who ate at my table (me included) got to go first. And, yes, recording my spot in the dining line up IS an important part of the meeting notes.



President Sheila made announcements and called for announcements. A storage solution found by the purchase of a second hand seacan and Mike G. and Lisa G. being kind enough to allow it to be placed on their commercial property. The Rotary Club of Duncan is having their 1st Annual Golf Tournament on September 13, 2025 at 2 p.m.. Donna A. gave an update on Nelson's health. San M. reminded us that the walk for Nepal is happening on September 7, 2025.

Our guest speaker was Friba Kaiwan, a new immigrant to Canada. I think her talk can best be



described by these words from Karin during the happy bucks portion of the morning: "Canada is richer for having you here". Her mom was a fierce dreamer and, having had to quit school in Grade 3 due to Russia's invasion of Afghanistan, made sure her daughters went to school. Friba wanted to study abroad and found a scholarship to make it happen in Bangladesh. She was studying liberal arts and had classmates from 35 countries and credits that degree for developing her ability at critical thinking. She finished her degree and had a job traveling Afghanistan encouraging education. She took an online Master's degree through the university in Bangladesh. The final semester was in person and while she was there, the Taliban took over in Afghanistan. She faced the loss of her homeland and the need to evacuate her sisters. Her mother remains in Afghanistan and holds to the belief that the family will be reunited. She was in the position of not being able to stay in Bangladesh but she could not return to Afghanistan. For one year, she moved from place to place. She felt

Rotary Contacts

Club President:
Sheila Klassen

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Daryl Knievel

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Rob Mawdsley

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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?

that she was a lost person. She could not work or have a bank account. She had no one there to support her. But as bad as it was for her, it was worse for her sisters. She was connected with a sponsoring group in Duncan by a former professor at her Bangladesh university. When she first got the call that she had been chosen, she felt that she could see the light at the end of the tunnel. She knew where she would be going. Her experiences have connected her to compassion and humanity. She knows that both extend far beyond the country from which you come. She has a great life in Duncan and thanks our club for choosing to contribute to change in the world. Friba was amazing. No other word for it.

President Sheila helped all of us recover from Friba's talk and then called Rob D. to do the Rotary Minute. It turned out that he was not at the meeting but had arranged for Mike G. to handle it for him. Mike G. graciously, and with total reluctance, offered not to do the Rotary Minute as we were running short on time. The selfness of his offer (which was accepted) was huge!

Rick S. have a Paul Harris +1 to Doug Lum. Yay, Doug! President Sheila told us that there were no birthdays but three anniversaries: Rod M. and Jill M., Caitlin L., Sven and Mike H. and Kari and Rob D. and Lara. Tanya F. called 50/50. Ev Boegh won \$53. Sergeant at Arms Doug O. did fines and happy bucks. And he fined me! Words fail me. The betrayal and sadness that I felt simply cannot be adequately described (I could start with sobbing but....)

We did the test, the toast and the departure!

