



Club Duties

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

Front of House:

January: Karin Mattern
February: Caitlin Lundgren

January 21, 2026

Front Door Greeters:
Dawne Anderson & Jeff Boegel
Inspiration:
Ev Boegh
Introductions:
Graham Calder
Rotary Moment:
Alan Rinehart
50/50:
Tanya Forbes
Sgt At Arms:
Theo Postulo
Meeting Notes:
Kris Rongve

January 28, 2026

Front Door Greeters:
Dave Thompson & Abbie Vomacka
Inspiration:
Jeff Boegel
Introductions:
Hillary Brown
Rotary Moment:
Theo Postulo
50/50:
Bill Brendon
Sgt At Arms:
Graham Calder
Meeting Notes:
Hayley Poirier

February 4, 2026

Front Door Greeters:
Tunde Adegbola & Donna Allen
Inspiration:
Dawne Anderson
Introductions:
Jeff Boegel
Rotary Moment:
Jodi Rogers
50/50:
Tany Forbes
Sgt At Arms:
Duane Seibel
Meeting Notes:
Scott Manson

Upcoming Programs

January 21st – Rotary Committee Reports
January 28th – Lisa Duong & Kari Salvesen – Hammond Bay PAC
February 4th – Sharon Speevak, Elder Dog

Daybreak Rotary honoured Lesley Domino with a Paul Harris Fellow in recognition of her excellent work with youth. Congrats, Lesley!



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

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

None

Club Member's Anniversaries

None

January 7, 2026 - Notes by Hayley Poirier, Photos by Rod Mont

President Sheila opened our meeting at 7am with Rod leading O Canada. Duane stepped in to be Sergeant. Thank you. Dave T. gave us our inspiration. Donna asked for introductions. Our visitors included Graham's brother-in-law Brad and Val's children. Then we were introduced to Dave Devana. He is the President and CEO of the Nanaimo Airport. Dave was also our guest speaker, so more to share.

Lesley was honoured with a Paul Harris award for all her outstanding work with our youth. Thank you, Lesley. Our 30th anniversary celebration is coming up on January 31st. It will be a fellowship style event. Please sign up. The scavenger hunt has been postponed, due to weather.

Ev stood and updated us on the CNOY- the coldest night of the year is coming up on February 28. Our club is part of a five club Rotary team. Please sign up on their website as a walker or as a fundraiser. Ev shared that Rotary across Canada raised a significant amount of money in 2025 for this event, being the group who raised the largest amount of donation money.

We learned that Behzad is going to join Val for the upcoming volunteer adventure. 2500 children will be positively affected by this mission to Ecuador. He is asking for donations to help support the travel expenses along with Val. Please think of them if you wish to support them. For more details, reach out to them individually.

Denise L. has been the organizer of our guest speakers for approximately 30 years and is hoping to find someone who can take over for her. This job isn't taxing and is very rewarding because you get to meet so many amazing people in our community. Denise can share any details with anyone who is curious.

Graham stood to introduce our guest speaker, Dave Devana. Dave was described as an innovator and community minded individual. We learned detailed information about the airport. It is the most centrally located airport on the island and is the best location for any possible railway, if one was ever to come back. They are a nonprofit organization and have relationships with government, but they are not owned or operated by government and they own their own land. A population of 300,000 is served and flights are primarily to Vancouver and Calgary. The passenger forecast is positive and growing. We learned about how Covid affected them. They kept their employees during Covid even though they only had less than 5% of their typical revenue. They now have 360,000 passengers post-Covid. Dave promotes a carbon neutral philosophy. They buy offsets to help balance their carbon and call themselves carbon positive. He is quite proud of that fact and should be. They invest in the community through sponsorships, scholarships and bursaries. It was interesting to hear about the equipment purchases and capital improvements. The runway area was replaced at and increased the parking at a cost of \$14M. The Canadian government gave a grant during Covid that helped fund these projects. We also learned about other improvements over the last few years. For the future, they are improving the lighting to help with landing challenges regarding minimum altitude regulations. Dave hopes to improve it to be competitive with Victoria and Comox to improve their weather delays. This improvement is a 10-year vision. They have big plans for land development as well. They need to work with the municipality, First Nations, businesses and the Department of Highways. There were several questions around delayed flights which Dave navigated. What a great presentation. We learned many details about infrastructure improvements. Thank you, Dave!

**Rotary Contacts****Club President:**

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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?

Hayley gave us a Rotary moment about the ripple effect and the Rotary EPIC day.

Please sign up right away for the hot BREAKFAST which will be served at next week's meeting.

