



## 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 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

### February 11, 2026

**Front Door Greeters:**  
Ev Boegh & Bill Brendon  
**Inspiration:**  
Hillary Brown  
**Introductions:**  
Natalie Cuthbert  
**Rotary Moment:**  
Kris Rongve  
**50/50:**  
Jodi Rogers  
**Sgt At Arms:**  
Scott Manson  
**Meeting Notes:**  
Kris Rongve

## Upcoming Programs

January 28<sup>th</sup> – Lisa Duong & Kari Salvesen – Hammond Bay PAC  
February 4<sup>th</sup> – Sharon Speevak & Linda Du Bick - Elder Dog  
February 11<sup>th</sup> – Cheryl Ann Kelly – Nanaimo Search and Rescue

Don't forget to register to attend our 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. It is free, starts at 3:30 on January 31<sup>st</sup> and will be held at 808 Thunderbird Wing, 709 Nanaimo Lakes Road.



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

Jan. 28<sup>th</sup> – Karin Mattern

### Club Member's Anniversaries

None

**January 21, 2026 - Notes by Kris Rongve, Photos by Natalie Cuthbert & Rod Mont**

President Sheila opened the meeting and Rod M. played O Canada for us. It was (IMO) excellently done and since I did not see Rod shake his head at himself, I take that as confirmation. Ev. B. handled the inspiration for us – she used the somewhat official one and it was excellently done. Hillary B. did the introduction of guests and visiting Rotarians. It was excellently done and we found out that we had Jodie Williams, our Assistant Governor; Selena, the kitchen manager for Island Crisis Care Society; and Gordon Graham, Cathy’s dad and a speaker.



Announcements by President Sheila. They were excellently done and were a thank you to Rick S. and Rob D. for showing up early and handling set up; and a suggestion that we sign up through [RotaryinNanaimo.com](http://RotaryinNanaimo.com) for CNOY and get together for fellowship afterwards.

Treasurer – Anna J – announced that she forgot to prepare. The club finances have been done until the end of December. \$4000 was given to the VIU scholarship fund, the same amount to Ladysmith, \$28,000 to Loaves and Fishes from Hamperville (plus). There is about \$13,000 in gaming and \$4800 in general. The club has taken over the Clippers 50/50 licence. The information is on the website (Anna didn’t know but Jodi confirmed.) And for someone who forgot to prepare – it was excellently done!



World Community Service – Hillary B. – \$1000 has been given to Dr. R. Love for his pediatric palliative care project in Nepal. There have been changes to the wire transfer rules. She will create an information sheet. Succinct and excellently done!

Funds Allocation/Community Service/PR – Jill Mont – the previous committee has been split in two and Caitlin is handling Funds Allocation and she is handling the rest. The team handling sandwich making is being expanded to another day and each team will handle one batch of sandwich making a month. The next trash pick-up day is scheduled for April 18th. Excellently done!

Foundation – Rick S. – the process keeps rolling along. The club donates approximately \$1000 through his ‘at the door’ stop and there are a lot of automatic donations too. There will be a lot of PH fellowships awarded this year. Giving to Foundation gives back to the club as we are eligible for more funds to support projects. Guess what? His summary was excellently done!

Youth Services – Leslie D. – Interact is doing well at Dover Bay. They gave money to the Nanaimo Seniors Village and recently scored the coup of getting a pizza night. They are forming a partnership with Air Cadets. Do I need to repeat? Yes! You guessed right! Her summary was excellently done!

Area 40 PR Committee – Ev B. – Excellently done! (Just getting it out there right away this time.) Interact and Rotaract members are joining them and will be handling social media. Check out [RotaryinNanaimo.com](http://RotaryinNanaimo.com). Join the CNOY team.

30th Anniversary – Rod M. – still space available. Some very welcome ‘oldtimers’ are coming. PLEASE do not tell any of them that I used that term. I suspect there will be whaps aimed in my direction if you do.... For that announcement, Rod M. gets the coveted 2 time “excellently done” award. Yay, Rod!

**Rotary Contacts**

- Club President:**  
Sheila Klassen
- Past President:**  
Daryl Knieval
- Vice President:**  
Doug Ozeroff
- Club Secretary:**  
Bonnie Murrell
- Club Treasurer:**  
Anna Jones
- Club President Elect:**  
Rob Mawdsley
  
- Club Services Director:**  
Denise Davidson
- Fundraising & Funds Allocation Director:**  
Caitlin Lundgren
- International Services Director:**  
Hillary Brown
- Member Services Director:**  
Tina Moreira
- Public Relations & Community Services Director:**  
Jill Mont
- Youth Services Director:**  
Graham Calder
- Directors at Large:**  
Tanya Forbes  
Doug Lum  
Duane Seibel
  
- Bulletin Editor:**  
Rod Mont
- Program Chair:**  
Denise Larson
  
- Assistant Governor Area 4:**  
Jodie Williams
- District Governor 2025-2026:**  
Tony Camoroda
- RI President 2025-2026:**  
Francesco Arezzo

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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?



Doug L. introduced Graham Gordon – who is very special to our club and a leader of the Canadian efforts to support the Peace Schools in Rwanda. He is just back from 64 days in that country and, while there, was able to give 250 elementary school students a morning hug each day. They felt that they got something wonderful from him but it was the one who was stealing happiness from them. The money our club and others send to the schools is worth so much in a country where teachers with university degrees teach for 33 cents an hour, \$85 a month. Their rent is \$50 a month and so \$35 a month has to pay for food and everything else for themselves and their families. In the morning, the students are fed a large cup of porridge with sugar in it and they immediately see the impact of the food and calories in the students. School is not mandatory after grade 7 and the students who leave then are in the world begging for work. When they can stay in school until 17, they have skills to run their own lives. The school is in an unfortunate war with the National School Board which is hampering their efforts to support the students and hampering efforts to send money to the schools. They are working on dealing with the problem. It is probably not a surprise to you when I say 'excellently done' but I will also quote President Sheila. Sometimes, you get to know that there really are "angels on our planet" and Gordon is one of them.

Alan R. did the Rotary 30 seconds (his description) and told us that there is a Kelowna Rotary Center for the Arts. And several others in Canada. It was – wait for it --- excellently done! Tanya F. handled 50/50 for us (so excellently done) – and Alan R. won \$50. Theo P. was sergeant at arms and, while handing out a fine to Terry G. for his mobile going off during the meeting, apparently missed the fact that mine did too (thanks, Jodi!) So I was let off Scot free! I obviously feel that Theo P. deserves an 'excellently done' too! Doug L. announced he is setting up a Chinese New Year feast for February 9<sup>th</sup>. Excellently done!

Important to note that the meal, served by Harrison and Lisa, was awesome (and, of course, excellently done). Thanks to both of you!

The test, the toast, the departure.

