

Club Duties

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

April 8, 2026

Front Door Greeters:

Doug Lum & Caitlin Lundgren

Inspiration:

Tanya Forbes

Introductions:

Lisa Garvie

Rotary Minute

Dawne Anderson

50/50

Jodi Rogers

Sgt At Arms:

Graham Calder

Meeting Notes:

Scott Manson

April 15, 2026

Front Door Greeters:

San Mahara & Karin Mattern

Inspiration:

Lisa Garvie

Introductions

Terry Gwilliam

Rotary Minute

Naomi Bailey

50/50:

Jodi Rogers

Sgt At Arms:

Theo Postulo

Meeting Notes:

Kris Rongve

April 22, 2026

Front Door Greeters:

Scott Manson & Rob Mawdsley

Inspiration

Mike Garvie

Introductions

Mike Holyk

Rotary Minute

Jeff Boegel

50/50:

Dave Thompson

Sgt At Arms:

Duane Seibel

Meeting Notes:

Hayley Poirier

Upcoming Programs

April 08th, 2026 – Salvation Army – Bern Muller

April 15th, 2026 – Committee Reports

April 22nd, 2026 – Salvation Army – Sara Bramley

Denise, Eva and Jill got an early start on the Environmental Service Day city wide trash pick up event planned for April 18th. Visit the Daybreak Rotary website for more information and to sign up!



Please send content and photos for the Weekly Wake-up to kellyraine@me.com

Link to Daybreak Calendar...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

April 11

Hayley Poirier

April 13

Graham Calder

Club Member's Anniversaries

None

April 01, 2026, Meeting – Notes by Hayley Poirier, Photos by Duane Seibel, Abbie Vomacka and Sheila Klassen

President Sheila started our meeting at 7am with O' Canada, thanks to Rod M. for leading us.

Leslie shared our inspiration and then Lisa G. followed with our introductions. We had several visitors, which was so nice!

Valri celebrated her birthday by bringing her friends Kelly Gaboury and Tyler Dakin, as well as her husband Tom and sons Corbin and Charlie.

We also welcomed Walter Anderson - past Rotarian, Wayne P back from the south, Darrel K.'s guest Greg Litinov, and our guest speaker, Cheryl Anne Kelly from Nanaimo Search and Rescue.



Our newest member Don H. was inducted to our club this week. His sponsor Duane helped with his induction. WELCOME Don!

Our Sergeant at Arms, Doug O, introduced us to a fun new fundraiser. An outdoor cement ping pong table, supported by the City of Nanaimo. There are several fun reasons why, including activity, community, and fundraisers. WAIT, WHAT? ... This was an April Fools!! ... GREAT ONE!

Doug O. then assigned tables for a yummy breakfast.

Cheryl Anne Kelly from Nanaimo Search and Rescue gave a very interesting presentation. There are 80 SAR groups in BC, and they are 100% volunteer run. They have a tracking team to help find people as well as a swift water rescue team, a canine team, and a rope rescue team. They welcome donations. SAR are under the jurisdiction of RCMP, Paramedics and Fire. Nanaimo SAR started in 1991 and are responsible for a very large area and has 47 operations and 10 auxiliary members. They also do a lot of outreach programs as well, to promote this incredibly valuable program. The group in Nanaimo does not support the idea of charging people for their services because they don't want the public to NOT use their help. Call as soon as you think you need help.



Cheryl Anne spoke about their Adventure Smart Program which promotes outdoor safety and preparedness. 29% of their rescues are hikers.

Cheryl Anne left us with some helpful tips:

- Walk with friends
- Bring ID
- Have a phone, even if it won't be activated while hiking, due to cell service.
- Don't move once you are lost.
- Be visible
- Keep warm
- Signal - wear bright clothing or pack.

Rotary Contacts

- Club President:**
Sheila Klassen
- Past President:**
Daryl Knievel
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Denise Davidson
- Fundraising & Funds Allocation Director:**
Caitlin Lundgren
- International Services Director:**
Hillary Brown
- Member Services Director:**
Karin Mattern
- Public Relations & Community Services Director:**
Jill Mont
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- RI President 2025-2026:**
Francesco Arezzo

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?

- Call out, so searchers can hear you.
- Always let someone know where you are going!!

More information available at [Nanaimo Search and Rescue | Serving the Regional District of Nanaimo](#).

Announcements

- Jill stood to remind us of the April 18 Environmental Service Day clean up. There is information and a sign-up code on our website.
- Ev inquired if anyone wants a new roster. Let her know if you do. They need your information updates, and Ev will be chasing everyone for current contact information.
- Michelle B has attended three meetings and has applied to join us. All in favour!

We sang Happy Birthday to Valri.

SAA Doug O. wrapped us up with Happy Bucks, we did our Four Way Test and the meeting ended with a rapid clean up!

