

Club Duties

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

Front of House:

July – Michelle Bulmer

July 1, 2026

Canada Day – no meeting

July 8, 2026

Front Door Greeters:

Walter Anderson & Naomi
Bailey

Inspiration:

Tina Moreira

Introductions

Jill Mont

Rotary Minute

Mike Garvie

50/50:

Tanya Forbes

Sgt At Arms:

Tyler Dakin

Meeting Notes:

Scott Manson

July 15, 2026

Front Door Greeters:

Jeff Boegel & Ev Boegh

Inspiration:

San Mahara

Introductions:

Rod Mont

Rotary Minute

Sheila Klassen

50/50

Jodi Rogers

Sgt At Arms:

Theo Postulo

Meeting Notes:

Kris Rongve

Upcoming Programs

July 1, 2026 – No meeting - Canada Day

July 08, 2026 – Valri Cunningham – Leadership Vancouver Island

July 15, 2026 – Committee Reports

Welcome to our Daybreak Executive for the 2026-2027 Rotary Year!



[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

July 04, 2026 – Hillary Brown

Club Member's Anniversaries

July 1, 2026 – Theo Postulo and Brenda
July 07, 2026 – Graham Calder and Vicki

June 24, 2026, Meeting – Notes by Hayley Poirier, Pictures by Abbie Vomacka

President Sheila opened the meeting at 7am. Rod M offered an inspiration, sharing the poem “Anyway,” a gentle reminder to embrace life and all that comes with it.

Lesley led introductions, and Rod welcomed Tanyss Munro, who would later speak to the club. Donna introduced Josefine Rosvall, one of our Rotary Youth Exchange students.

Incoming President Rob M. noted that a recap of the recent fireside chats will soon be available on the club website.



Rob D. spoke about his fundraiser for a new bike park and encouraged members to reach out for more information



Rick S. announced that he will present a Paul Harris +6 to Rod M at the next meeting. He admitted he forgot to bring it today, which gave everyone a good laugh.

Our guest speaker, Tanyss Munro, shared the story of the Amarok Society, soon to be renamed Start with Mothers. She brought bookmarks with information about their work. Tanyss described how she and her husband Gem moved their family from Vancouver to Bangladesh, one of the world’s largest and most challenging megacities. She spoke about the immense growth of slum populations, the difficulty children face in attending school, and the heartbreaking reality that 70% of children under ten cannot read or write. Violence is common, and the conditions are hard for Canadians to imagine. She also spoke about similar challenges in Uganda.

The Start with Mothers model begins by teaching 25 mothers, who each teach five children daily. This approach has led to remarkable outcomes, with many children going on to higher education and returning to teach others. Tanyaa shared several examples of how this model has transformed communities. The audience had many questions, and she was warmly thanked for her presentation. More information is available at [Home | Amarok Society](#).

Lesley shared a Rotary Minute with a quote from the recent international conference: Rotary is a meeting place where action is created.



Josefine Rosvall, our exchange student from southern Sweden, spoke next. She said Nanaimo felt familiar because she also lives near the water. She described a local treat from her hometown—a bun with a chocolate centre—and a celebration called “fun in a bun.” She also talked about the importance of summer solstice traditions. Her year here has been full of experiences: visiting Tofino on her first weekend, joining the NDSS volleyball team, and travelling with her host family to Vancouver, Ladysmith Light-Up, California, and even Newfoundland. She expressed deep appreciation for her exchange year and closed with the message: start with Rotary and good things happen.

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?

The meeting wrapped up with happy bucks and the Four Way Test.

In other news:



A gathering of the Fellowship of the Rotating Taps celebrating Canada Day and President Mawdsley's first day! If interested in joining the chat group to hear about future gatherings touch base with Duane S.