

Club Duties

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

Front of House:

October: Tyler Dakin

September 30, 2026

No meeting – stat holiday

October 7, 2026

Front Door Greeters:

San Mahara & Karin
Mattern

Inspiration:

Rob Regner

Introductions

Abbie Bannister

Rotary Minute

Doug Lum

50/50:

Dave Thompson

Sgt At Arms:

Graham Calder

Meeting Notes:

Scott Manson

October 14, 2026

Front Door Greeters:

Scott Manson and Bonnie
Murrell

Inspiration:

Alan Rinehart

Introductions:

Dave Thompson

Rotary Minute

Caitlin Lundgren

50/50

Bill Brendon

Sgt At Arms:

Theo Postulo

Meeting Notes:

Hayley Poirier

Upcoming Programs

September 30, 2026 – No meeting, National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

October 07, 2026 – Gord Fuller – 7-10 Club Society

October 14, 2026 – DG Linda Kaye Briggs – District Governor for District 5020

Great turnout for the September 23 meeting.



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

None

Club Member's Anniversaries

None

Daybreak Donations

September 2026

Nanaimo Ladysmith School Foundation:
\$1000
Nanaimo and District Men's Shed - \$800
Nanaimo Child Development Centre - \$2500
Canadian Cancer Society - \$350

YTD Donations: \$16,221.00

September 23, Meeting – Notes by Kris R.

President Rob opened the meeting with a comment about an (apparently) entertaining struggle that Jill M. had with her own sweater. Unfortunately, this is the only information I have about this attack on Jill M. However, I can confirm she survived it with no visible injuries.

President Rob did the land acknowledgement and Rod M. played O' Canada. Kelly R. did an Apache blessing as the Inspiration.

Duane S. introduced guests and visiting Rotarians. The Rotarian guests were Sasha from Ecuador and Donald Montgomery. The non-Rotarian guests were Derek from Beyond Floors, Kimberly from Crossroads Pregnancy Center and Kimberly and Greg from the Child Development Center.

President Rob announced that our meeting would be busy, and he was feeling a bit shaken by the need to move quickly. He made advance apologies to the guests if any of them felt rushed during their presentations.

Unhappy announcement: Terry G. has had to step back as incoming president. The search is on for a replacement (avoid eye contact, everyone!)



Valri re-introduced Sasha who is a member of an Ecuadorian Rotary Club. She was instrumental in getting water into 14 schools. She has a new project or projects: the San Nicolas Cheese Factory – which is already doing smallish batches of cheese (30 kg of cheese a day). It supports 50 people and 11 families already. They are also setting up an Eco-Tourism plan with 20 adventure leaders setting up the adventure plans. It is supporting 50 people and 20 families. More people and families in the future for both! She is hoping to get \$3000 to \$5000 to support these projects.

Donald has led two past water trips to Ecuador. They are so close to getting the money that they need for next year's trip. They are continuing to focus on water projects.

Our next speaker, Kimberly Jackson of the Crossroads Pregnancy Center came to our attention when Jill M was dropping off used grandbaby items to them asked 'does your organization need money?' They are an organization which supports women and their families when there is an unexpected pregnancy. They have been around for 30 years. They are a Christian non-profit organization but help everyone. Their services are kept completely confidential. They have 4 paid staff (3 full time, 1 part time) and wonderful volunteers. They have no governmental funding. Their support work is neither medical nor political. They provide support in identifying pregnancy options, pregnancy support, post abortion support, pregnancy and infant loss support, adoption support and parenting support. Most people find them through internet searches, but Island Health and other agencies refer to them. This year, our club gave \$6500 to them. \$5000 was used on equipment and \$1500 on a lunch program.



Work force announcement: the Karis House project to support new moms is proceeding October 3rd. The Fellowship of Rotating Taps and Corks will gather after the work party at Wolf Brewing.



Happy announcements from Donna A.: the club has made certain that she was not skunked in handling Foundation when Rick S. was away. She presented a Paul Harris +1 to Jill M.

Another happy announcement from San: the Walk for Nepal was a great event. More than 100 walkers attended. \$1800 in cash raised that day. \$8300+ in donations so far.

Rotary Contacts

Club President:

Rob Mawdsley

Past President:

Sheila Klassen

Vice President:

Doug Ozeroff

Club Secretary:

Bonnie Murrell

Club Treasurer:

Anna Jones

Club President Elect:

Terry Gwilliam

Club Services Director:

Denise Davidson

Fundraising & Funds

Allocation Director:

Tanya Forbes

International Services

Director:

Valri Cunningham

Member Services Director:

Karin Mattern

Public Relations &

Community Services

Director:

Jill Mont

Youth Services Director:

Graham Calder

Directors at Large:

Doug Lum

Duane Seibel

Bulletin Editor:

Kelly Raine

Program Chair:

Rod Mont

Assistant Governor Area 4:

Jodie Williams

District Governor 2025-2026:

Linda Kaye Briggs

RI President 2026-2027:

Olayinka Babalola

~~~~~ 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?

Work party announcement by Mike G.: unless canceled the day of due to weather, the Seacan painting is on for Saturday. The Sunday events are canceled.



Poker announcement from Jeff B.: Poker tournament on September 27th. The volunteers should be there at 10:30 a.m. (808 Wing).

President Rob asked Doug L. for a Rotary Minute. He announced that he has been a Rotarian for 25 years. He used Rotary.org for the first time. The final message: Give the time that you have more life through Rotary.

There were two birthdays this week. Christina K and Don H. Christina K. was there and smiled when we sang happy birthday to her. Don H. was not there and, therefore, did not smile at our rendition of happy birthday....

Happy presentation: the big cheque (\$2500) was given to Kimberly for the Child Development Center.



Dave T. did 50/50. Ken H. was happy to win \$65.

Happy/sad announcement: last week's Sergeant-at-Arm's collection led to \$353 being donated to the Canadian Cancer Society.

The test. The toast. The departure.

In Other News:



Rod showing off the reservation at the last "Guess Who is Meeting for Dinner" gathering. Table saved for "Rodery"!



Bonnie shared her rest on a Rotary Bench in Huntsville Ontario.



Behzad had a beautiful hike up Mount Benson this week and shared the view with a friend.