



*Club Duties*

**Weekly Wake-up**

**September 26, 2007**

**Front Door Greeters:**  
Doug Lum & Nicole Gosselin

**Invocation:**  
Denise Larson

**Introductions:**  
Nathan Thornton

**Rotary Minute:**  
Robb Mowbray

**50/50:**  
Val Lennox

**Sgt @ Arms:**  
Don Bonner

**October 3, 2007**

**Front Door Greeters:**  
Ron Blank & Dave Thompson

**Invocation:**  
Robb Mowbray

**Introductions:**  
Cindy Stanley

**Rotary Minute:**  
Doug Lum

**50/50:**  
Val Lennox

**Sgt @ Arms:**  
Bruce Mede

**October 10, 2007**

**Front Door Greeters:**  
Rod Mont & Bill Brendon

**Invocation:**  
Wendi Ferrero

**Introductions:**  
Nathan Thornton

**Rotary Minute:**  
Jo-Ann Harding

**50/50:**  
Jim McIvor

**Sgt @ Arms:**  
Neil Sorsdahl

*Upcoming Programs*

September 26th - Rotary Rebound Students

October 2nd - TBA

October 10th - TBA

*Upcoming Meeting Locations*

September 26th - Mom's Cape Breton Kitchen, Terminal Park

October 2nd - TBA

October 10th - TBA

**NOTICES**

*Urgent Request!!!*

URGENT!!! Kris Rongve needs photos of the 2006 Grey Cup party and 2007 Golf Tournament. Send copies to her at kmjr@shaw.ca.

*Message from Ken Hammer*

Greetings from the middle of the Atlantic Ocean! It has been a month since Davis and I landed in Greece. We are now on our way to Panama! Sorry I have written sooner but internet is hard to access and expensive. Davis and I are keeping a blog so if you're interested check out our adventures [www.kdhammer.blogspot.com](http://www.kdhammer.blogspot.com)...I do think of Daybreak often and miss the fellowship and service. Must get ready for the day. Say hi to folks!  
Ken

*NOTICE of MOTION*

It was **moved** by Neil Sorsdahl, **seconded** by Francine Frisson that **Nanaimo Daybreak Rotary commit the sum of the \$10,000 to the Nanaimo Museum for (new museum) project.** This motion will be voted on at the September 26th meeting.

*Club Birthdays*

Sep. 26 Christine McAuley  
Oct. 17 Sheila Forrest  
Oct. 31 Daryl Knievel

*Club Anniversaries*

Oct. 8 Daryl Stech  
Oct. 9 Neil Sorsdahl  
Oct. 10 Doug Lum  
Oct. 11 Nelson & Donna Allen

## Meeting Notes - September 19th: - Club Assembly

President Donna announced that she has info on the next Rotary International Convention for those who are interested in attending, that the Nanaimo Rotary Club has changed their meeting place on Sept. 21st to the Nanaimo Military Camp, that Nanaimo Rotary is having a Book Sale at Nanaimo North Town Centre (formerly Rutherford Mall) on Oct. 5 - 8 and that Nanaimo Oceanside Rotary has an up-coming golf tournament. Jim McIvor advised that the Grey Cup Party will take place from 12 - 5 on Nov. 25th at the Lantzville Hall. Tickets will be \$25 again this year and a sign-up sheet will be passed around at the next meeting. Nicole Gosselin announced that she is involved with the Trinity Catholic Ladies Group which is raising money for a triage unit in Haiti - the TC Ladies Group has a fund-raiser on Oct. 12th. Nelson Allen reminded everyone that there would be a short meeting of the World Community Service committee immediately following the regular club meeting.

Wendi Ferrero, for her Rotary Minute, advised that she has been meeting with Lee Odgers regarding bingo and that the club Rosters are out - each Rotarian gets two copies of the Roster. Nicole Gosselin is finalizing touches to the website with Don Bonner which will allow Rotarians to access information regarding their attendance, Foundation donations and to report their make-ups online. Nicole reminded everyone that she is filling up four suitcases to take to Ethiopia. Nathan Thornton advised us that we have \$2,380 in our gaming account and about \$21,000 in our general account. Nathan provided the club with copies of the financial position of our club so far this Rotary year compared to the budget. Bill Brendon is setting up the Fireside Chats for the fall - he is looking for one more topic to discuss at the Firesides to go with the current topics of new fund-raising ideas and community awareness.

President Donna attended the Public Relations Advisory committee which has members from the five local Rotary clubs. \$5 for each local Rotarian will be given to this committee to fund its activities. This committee is also looking at a promotion for the cruise ships at which Rotarians would be on hand when cruise ships come to Nanaimo, would welcome Rotarians from the cruise ships, and would give visitors an opportunity to purchase a chocolate bastion with a Rotary logo on it. President Donna advised that Brian Kirkhope is working on the District PR grant. Wendi Ferrero advised that District Governor Norm has issued a challenge to Rotarians to try to score at least 100 points in his Rotary challenge... details of the challenge were passed around. Wendi told us about the District Friendship Exchange in which Rotarians trade visits with Rotarians from another district and announced that the Christmas Auction will take place this year on Dec. 12th.

Joann Harding listed the many community projects we have done since July 1st: painting at the Nanaimo Conservatory, hosting the outdoor Nanaimo Symphony concert, collecting books for Literacy Nanaimo, assisting in putting in lino, Summer Song, Landtubbers, working on the yards for the Habitat for Humanity houses, Pennies From Heaven, and being hosts and cooks at the Share-cost function. Up-coming events include the Grey Cup party, the Christmas auction and Golf Tournament on May 9th. Lee Mason will be providing further details at a later date but reminded Rotarians of the up-coming Kid Ventures program which will take place in elementary schools from January to March.

Don Bonner read out a list of members who are sustaining members for the Rotary Foundation i.e. have committed to contribute at least \$100 per year in donations for the Foundation. Don also advised that 19 of our current members are Paul Harris Fellows.

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## Upcoming Events

October - Spa Weekend to 108 Mile House

June 14-18, 2008 - Rotary International Conference in Los Angeles

## Rotary Club Meetings

Monday - Parksville, Bayside Inn, Noon

Tuesday - Nanaimo North, Frith-Radcliffe Auditorium, Kiwanis Village, 6:15 p.m.

Wednesday - Nanaimo Oceanside, ABC Restaurant on Mary Ellen Drive, 4 p.m.

Thursday - Lantzville - ABC Restaurant on Mary Ellen Drive, 7 a.m.

Friday - Nanaimo - Coast Bastion Inn, 12:15 p.m.

## Rotary Contacts

### Club President:

Donna Allen

### Club Secretary:

Nicole Gosselin

### Club Treasurer:

Nathan Thornton

### Bulletin Editor:

Robb Mowbray

### Foundation Chair:

Don Bonner

### Assistant Governor Area 2B

Brian Kirkhope

### District Governor 2007-08:

Norm Watts

### RI President 2007-08:

Wilfrid J. Wilkinson

## Bingo Volunteers

### October 12, 2007 (Fri 7-9 pm)

Denise Davidson

& Christine McAuley

### December 21, 2007 (Fri 7-9 pm)

Don Bonner & Bev Wilson

### February 2, 2008 (Sat 9-11 pm)

Daryl Knievel & Doug Lum

### February 3, 2008 (Sun 1-3 pm)

Ken Hammer & Kris Rongve

### February 15, 2008 (Fri 7-9 pm)

Daryl Stech & Neil Sorsdahl

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*Please send content and photos for the Weekly Wake-up to Robb Mowbray at [robb@theatrebc.org](mailto:robb@theatrebc.org).*

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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?



*Meeting Notes - September 19th: - Club Assembly ...cont'd...*

President Donna reminded us that we are to attend at least 60% of the meetings at our home club and that there are many ways to do make-up meetings. Donna also announced that there is a new potential five club project being discussed: the new museum is looking for a sponsor for the Public/School Program room at the museum at a cost of \$50,000. This amount can be paid over three years and the five local clubs are considering dividing this up evenly. It was moved by Neil Sorsdahl, seconded by Francine Frisson that Nanaimo Daybreak Rotary commit the sum of the \$10,000 to the Nanaimo Museum for this project. This motion will be voted on at the September 26th meeting.

*Messages from Zimbabwe passed along by Rotarian Bill Robinson*

**Subject:** RE: Update On Mzinyathini

Hi Thande, Jimmy, Doug and Paul:

The email below from Thande touched the hearts of many Rotarians and Interactors here in Nanaimo. The question is how can we best help?

1. How can we get food to the starving children and what will it cost over the next year?
2. What are the other needs in order of priority and what will each of them cost over the next year?

In spite of these challenging times, is it still possible to launch the broiler and egg business at Mzinyathini School? What will that one-time start-up cost be? Will it be self-sustainable? We really like the idea of the combination of the Mzinyathini Interact Club and the orphans becoming self-sustaining.

I realize that with inflation as it is, it is difficult to give an accurate estimate as to the cost of any project over a year or more. To date it has been working well when we send money every three months as it is spent as soon as it gets there and our US dollars aren't devalued over time.

Once again we are excited about being able to help but we need your guidance in the form of a written plan.

We don't have unlimited funds but thanks to the extraordinary work of our Nanaimo Interact Club, Rotarian, Chris Everett, and his "Pennies from Heaven" campaign and the ongoing support from our local Rotary Clubs, we are in a position to make a significant difference for at least these two schools.

We will need a plan with cost estimates as quickly as possible. We are ready to help now. We don't want to see another child die of starvation.

*Bill Robinson*

**Subject:** Update On Mzinyathini

Thanks for the faith you have in us guys despite the hardship we are encountering this end. It is painful to inform you that our little boys and girls are now starving. There is now nothing in the fields and shops in the rural areas and the interactors are now spending their free time walking to nearby farms "nearby" being 10 km away to buy buckets of maize to get to our orphans. Bill, the money you sent us is eroded for we could not watch them starve to death. We lost one of them Bill, to hunger just imagine!! The club members assisted during the funeral. It is then that they decided to channel the money towards maize and milk. What we are experiencing here is HELL!! We need God's intervention. I'll continue to keep in touch. Please don't give up on us we need your help now more than ever. God Bless you abundantly for what you are doing for you are now saving lives.

Thank you ever so much.

Warm Regards to Susan and all the interactors out there.

Love  
Thandie

Hi Thandy and Jimmy:

Thanks for your update. Doug told me about the challenges you are having. We still want to help you get the chickens you need because we are excited by the idea of your Interact Club working with the orphans to run a sustainable business that will help them help themselves on a continuing basis.

When things have settled down a little, let us know how much it will cost to buy the chicks you need and anything else needed to get started.

We would be very interested in hearing about similar fundraising ideas from other schools. Our Interact Club and our Rotary Clubs are very interested in helping with such projects.

For your interest, I wrote a column based on the report from Jimmy's Interact Club. It's attached.

*Bill Robinson*

*Message passed on from Rotarian Bill Robinson ...cont'd...*

Subject: Greetings From Zimbabwe

I hope I find you in good health Bill, its been quite a while. Please do send my warmest regards to Susan and all the friends of Zim tell them may the Good Lord Bless their big hearts. As always in our country economic upheavals threaten to derail our good intentions. The prices have shot up fifth fold and everything is unattainable we are working on repairing the standing structure for the chicks most of the money has been used there as we don't want any wild animals and snakes to attack our chicks. We are then going to get chemicals for purifying purposes and medicals unfortunately these are not there in the country presently. We will keep on up dating you Bill do take care. Regards from Bambi no and Jimmy

Warm regards  
Thandy

Today I want to feature some amazing young Hidden Heroes from the Sihlengeni High School Interact Club (high school Rotary Club) in Zimbabwe. This is a club Rotarians in Nanaimo have been encouraging for five years.

Everyone in Zimbabwe is struggling these days as inflation sky rockets as much as 17% a day! In spite of these challenges, the Sihlengeni Interact Club is working to raise funds to help students even more needy than they.

Rotary's motto is "Service above Self". These kids are the epitome of that motto.

In 2002 when I was first introduced to Sihlengeni, the students and teachers greeted the idea of starting an Interact Club with great enthusiasm. With a small Rotary donation, they set up a Tuck Shop selling pop and other treats as their first fundraiser.

When I was back in 2005, we were able to give the club a freezer and a machine to make freezits (popsicles). They've been going strong ever since.

Recently we got the club's annual report. I think you will be as impressed as I am with these kids.

"We have achieved a lot as the Interact Club of Sihlengeni. We have paid school fees for pupils. In general we pay for 10 students a term and we purchase school uniforms for five students depending on the profits we get.

"We also donated mealie-meal to the poor in the community and those affected by HIV/AIDS. Last year we bought school shoes for two orphanage twins who started Form 1 and we bought school exercise books for ten form 1 and 2 pupils who are in need.

"We raised finances through different ways. We sold freezits we made ourselves and supplied the community vendors with freezits [These kids wholesale their product!] and we sold soft drinks, biscuits and sweets during sports days and during the week. We also hold a modelling show or contest each year and recently started selling exercise books at a cheap price for students.

"We also give ourselves time to go out into the community and help old people. We sweep their yards, cook and wash their clothes. This is the most exciting part as we get to know our grannies and grandpas and we learn a lot from them while helping them.

"Every day we feel valued and helpful as parents come to thank us for helping their children. This motivates us and we become committed to our work and to achieving the best results ever.

"As a way of enjoying ourselves, we hold end of term parties where we hire a radio and spend the whole day having fun after a term's work.

"We believe we will make it and reach our goals. As our motto says, 'We Are Number One.'"

Our local Interactors have connected with the Sihlengeni club and another one at Mzinyathini High School. I can't wait to see what they are going to achieve as they start working together.