



Club Duties

December 12, 2007

**Front Door Greeters:**  
Cindy Bartlett & Jo-Ann Harding

**Invocation:**  
Nathan Thornton

**Introductions:**  
Robb Mowbray

**Rotary Minute:**  
Daryl Knieval

**50/50:**  
Jim Mclvor

**Sgt @ Arms:**  
Kris Rongve

December 19, 2007

**Front Door Greeters:**  
Robb Mowbray  
& Darryl Shaw

**Invocation:**  
Henri Van Amerongen

**Introductions:**  
Ron Blank

**Rotary Minute:**  
Val Lennox

**50/50:**  
Moirra Steele

**Sgt @ Arms:**  
Don Bonner

December 26, 2007  
**No Meeting Scheduled**

*Best wishes for a  
Joyous Holiday Season  
and a  
Happy New Year!*

# Weekly Wake-up

Upcoming Programs

December 12th - Rotary Family Auction

December 19th - Club Assembly: President Donna Allen

December 26th - Boxing Day: No Meeting Scheduled



## NOTICES & NEWS



*Season's Greetings! This is the Christmas "Nagging Elf".*

Aha! You all thought I wasn't going to make an appearance this year....

Truth be told, I have been sick and out of town for the last couple of weeks and if it were not for the other Elves our Auction would not be organized...this is a prime example of what Rotary is all about...when one member "stumbles" the others pick up the slack. I am proud to be a Rotarian!

The web site is wonderful...all the Christmas Families are on there. I hope you have all visited the site. For those of you who have participated for many years now, I'm sure you know what to do...for all our new members, here is what will happen.

This is your last shopping opportunity. I know I will be out shopping again for our families. I think it is one of my greatest Christmas pleasures to take the list and buy for someone who's Christmas season and perhaps their whole year, will change by our actions. When you grocery shop, for example, it is easy to pop another box of laundry soap, or another bottle of shampoo in your buggy. It can be as simple as that! Don't forget, as well as the family "wish list" they all need basic household items. Bring these on Wednesday.

For the auction itself, bring that "white elephant" you have around the house...believe me, someone will buy it. I remember the exercise/rowing machine that I bought and brought back again....it had been sitting in someone's basement...I believe it has been purchased several years in a row now! Then there is the baking! Brian, I sure hope you're bringing your famous cakes again! I have collected some items from places like my hairdresser and Bella Nails...they always have stuff for the auction. In the past, Rotarians have donated their time and also things like...a day out fishing on their boat with lunch etc. One year Doug and I put in a 4 hour flight for two to the West Coast (lovely scenery etc.) with Doug as the pilot. This year I think I'll do a "horse day" including lunch etc. About 4-6 hours of my time and a great outdoor day for someone who likes horses and some great trail riding! Arts and craft also go over well. I'm just giving some examples in case you are stuck....by the way, the auction is a great chance to Christmas shop for some unique gifts.

Cheers  
The Christmas "Nagging Elf"



Club Birthdays

Dec. 10 Lee Mason  
Dec. 12 Nathan Thornton  
Dec. 20 Moirra Steele

Club Anniversaries

Dec. 25 Henri Van Amerongen  
Jan. 1 HAPPY NEW YEAR!

## Meeting Notes - December 5th

It was our first meeting at the Best Western Northgate Inn. President Donna announced that Joan Firkins is looking for nominations for District Governor. Terry Rogers passed around a sheet for donations to the Rotary Foundation and raffle tickets for spinal cord injury research. President Donna reminded everyone that next week's meeting is the Christmas auction - advise Donna if you are bringing guests so that the restaurant can get an accurate head count. Francine Frisson announced that the NDSS staff are attempting to put together a surprise turkey dinner for all of the NDSS students on the last day of school. There are 38 classes of 30 and a class can be sponsored for \$150.00. Several Rotarians offered to sponsor a class; a collection was taken which collected enough to sponsor another class and the Funds Allocation Committee announced at the end of the meeting that Daybreak Rotary would sponsor three classes.

Darryl Shaw, for his Rotary minute, read off several Rotary firsts such as the first Rotary meeting (February 3, 1905 in Chicago), the first club outside of the U.S. (Winnipeg in 1910), and the first women Rotarians (1978).

Dave Perry announced the Executive for 2008-09: Jo Ann Harding and Don Bonner continue as directors, Nicole Gosselin continues as secretary, Nathan Thornton continues as treasurer, Bill Brendon continues as vice president, and Rod Mont and Sheila Forrest are new directors. President Donna will be the immediate past president. Dave advised that there is a chance that he will be moving and will not be able to be our club president for 2008-09. He also advised that he has not yet confirmed a nominee for president-elect who would become president for 2009-2010.

Quentin Meulepas of Belgium was our first student guest speaker.

Quentin is from Liege and gave us information about Belgium. Belgium is one of the founding members of the European Union which is headquartered in Brussels, Belgium. It has a population of 10.5 million in an area smaller than Vancouver Island and its highest point is 700 meters. Belgium is linguistically divided between the Dutch in the north and the French in the south - there are also a few areas that speak German. Brussels is the only part of Belgium which is officially bilingual. Quentin showed us pictures from including its famous chocolate and its beer (125 breweries produce 500 standard types of beer and many more specialized types of beer).

Pauline Colin of France was our second student guest speaker.

Pauline comes from Saint Omer, a village of 1000, which is located in the northern-most section of France. The biggest city in the region is Lille with a population of one million. Pauline showed us pictures from Paris including the Eiffel Tower and the Champs-Elysees, France's famous drinks and foods such as wine, cheese, baguettes, croissants, and macarons, and two famous sports teams in football (soccer) and rugby. Pauline has enjoyed doing dragon boating since coming to Nanaimo.

Luciana Canclini of Argentina was our third student guest speaker.

Luciana advised us that Argentina is the second largest country in South America with a population of 36 million. The capital of Argentina is Buenos Aires which has 11 million residents. Luciana showed us pictures of such tourism spots as Plaza de Mayo, Cabildo, Puerto Madero, the Obelisco, Iguazo Falls and the Perito Moreno Glacier.

Luciana is from Catamarca, a city of 334,000. We were also shown pictures of Argentinian foods such as empanadas, asado, dulce de leche and alfajores and sports pictures of football (soccer), tennis, rugby and field hockey.

Jim McIvor announced that the Grey Cup party has so far resulted in about \$6,300 in profit. Nicole Gosselin encouraged members to purchase some of the leftover munchies and alcohol.

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## Upcoming Events

January 19, 2008 - Zone 22 Regional Rotary Foundation Seminar, Richmond, BC

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

**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

## Make-ups

To ensure that your make-up information is properly recorded, send any info on extra meetings attended, extra committee work, service projects, online work, etc. to Rod Mont ([mont@islandlaw.ca](mailto:mont@islandlaw.ca)).

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

## 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?



# Last week's meeting...



Members enjoy new venue...



And our student guests also enjoyed the place...



It was a good turnout for the first day at the Best Western Northgate Inn.



Our new host presented Francine Frisson with a turkey for the surprise Christmas dinner for her NDSS students.



President Donna leads the meeting with her entourage of teddy bears...



Don enjoys breakfast with the students... he always finds a way to get into the pics somehow, doesn't he...



"Hey, are you listening...there's a quiz at the end..."



Another happy Rotarian enjoys today's meeting. Good morning, Jo-Ann.



President-Elect, Dave Perry announces next year's Executive.



Quentin Meulepas tells us about Belgium...



...Pauline Colin tells us about France...



...and Luciana Canclini tells us about Argentina...