



### Club Duties

If you are unable to fulfill your duty, could you please find a replacement or let the President know you are unable to attend.

#### June 17th, 2009

**Front Door Greeters:**

Donna Allen & Val Lennox

**Invocation:**

Dave Thompson

**Introductions:**

Jim McIvor

**Rotary Minute:**

Nicole Gosselin

**50/50:**

Wendi Ferrero

**Sgt @ Arms:**

Don Bonner

#### June 24th, 2009

**Front Door Greeters:**

Doug Lum & Kris Rongve

**Invocation:**

Eileen Tatton

**Introductions:**

Patrick Maguire

**Rotary Minute:**

Ron Medd

**50/50:**

Dave Thompson

**Sgt @ Arms:**

Bruce Mede

#### July 1st, 2009

**Front Door Greeters:**

TBA

**Invocation:**

TBA

**Introductions:**

TBA

**Rotary Minute:**

TBA

**50/50:**

TBA

**Sgt @ Arms:**

TBA

## Weekly Wake-up

### Upcoming Programs

June 17th - Club Assembly

June 24th - Geoff Stokes - Micro Credit

July 1st - Do we have a meeting?...

## NOTICES & NEWS

### Installation on June 27th

Installation night is June 27, 2009.

The party is at **3730 Polaris Drive**, Nanaimo, BC and starts at **5 pm**.

It goes until Terry and Jodi make us leave.

Tickets available from **Kris Rongve** at the June 17th and 24th meetings.

Please email Kris to let her know that you are coming

(and how many of you there are).

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Don't forget! The next Daybreak Rotary

### **Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament**

is coming up

**July 25th** - evening

at

**Nanaimo Centre Stage**

25 Victoria Road

**Spread the Word, Sell tickets, Get Involved!**

### Club Birthdays

June 29 Terry Rogers

July 2 Bruce Mede

### Club Anniversaries

June 16 Jeff Boegel & Cathy Robson

June 18 Robb Mowbray

June 21 Ken Hammer

June 22 Bruce Mede

*Meeting Notes - June 10th**submitted by Val Lennox*

Nelson Allen used his Rotary Minute to give an update on World Community Service. There will be a short meeting this week to wrap up final donations for the year. Daybreak Rotarians can also look forward to the Ghana Road Show, which will include images of the recent trip to Ghana by Nelson and Donna Allen and Ken Hammer. Nelson noted the Sunyani Community School needs \$500 for paint and has parents willing to paint the school. There is progress on bringing power to the hospital and on erecting a fence around the school yard.

**Developing Democracy**

Guest speaker Peter Dimitroff, a consultant on Governance and Political Development, was introduced by friend Denise Davidson. Peter is originally from Nanaimo, having attended John Barsby and NDSS, and has been back in Nanaimo for a few months helping his fiancée manage stables on Cottonwood Road. He added that his father had been an active Rotarian and that he had encountered impressive Rotary efforts overseas.

Peter works in the emerging international development field of Governance and Political Development. This has taken him to some of the world's trouble spots, where governments have failed or where there is no history of democracy and democratic skills must be learned.

In Afghanistan, the Canadian military is working towards shifting from a military to a civilian engagement as the country is re-developed and democracy established. Although democracy development can have negative connotations due to George W. Bush's "Democracy Agenda" and the claim that western political systems are being forced on other cultures, development of democracy creates change that is more acceptable to all citizens. Peter noted that traditional culture often includes governance models that take people back 2,000 years.

The first component is to reach a point of holding free elections. The second is to support the development of political parties and leadership. This can be challenging because it can mean 'choosing sides' by supporting some fledging parties over others, depending on the group's commitment to democracy and representation of citizens. The third component is to support the development of civil society as participants in a political process. Many countries moving into democracy do not have the concept of a loyal opposition. Instead it is a winner-take-all system. There is no active media or concept of investigative journalism.

Peter recalled teaching youth in Yemen how to read the state budget, which allowed them to identify where corruption was occurring. If citizens can read a country's budget, they can then move on to advocacy and challenge the actions of the state.

He suggested Rotary could reach out to developing groups in Yemen, Bosnia and Afghanistan working towards cross-tribal democracy. In some countries, he noted, the tribe controls everything but there is no crossing of tribal boundaries, so representation is not universal and excludes those outside the ruling tribe.

He predicted Canadians will be hearing more about political development, especially in Afghanistan. The process is gradual. Although some observers may have been dismayed by the involvement of warlords in Afghanistan's first elected government, Peter noted that

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Monday – Parksville, Bayside Inn, Noon  
 Tuesday – Nanaimo North, Frith-Radcliffe Auditorium, Kiwanis Village, 6:15 p.m.  
 Wednesday – Nanaimo Oceanside, 3rd Street Fieldhouse, 5 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:**  
Ron Blank

**Club Secretary:**  
Nicole Gosselin

**Club Treasurer:**  
Nathan Thornton

**Club President Elect:**  
Dave Perry

**Bulletin Editor:**  
Robb Mowbray

**Foundation Chair:**  
Don Bonner

**Assistant Governor Area 2B**  
Brian Kirkhope

**District Governor 2008-09:**  
Brian Beagle

**RI President 2008-09:**  
Dong Kurn Lee

*Bingo Volunteers**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 Jeff Boegel  
[dorack@shaw.ca](mailto:dorack@shaw.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?



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involving them in a democratic government process is the first step to changing their behaviour.

At present there is a hotly contested presidential election coming up in Afghanistan, which could explain the reasoning behind some recent repressive measures supported by the current president to curry support with extremist groups. To develop democracy, the society needs to have well-developed moderate groups that cut across historic tribal boundaries and an effective media.

Although infrastructure projects and health projects will always be required, in failed states where government is ineffective or non-existent, any investment in infrastructure will be lost. The goal is nation building, to either rebuild structures which have been destroyed or which never existed.

He added that CIDA - Canada's international development agency - is now supporting projects which develop regional democracy and is consolidating its projects into 20 high priority countries.

One of the reasons Zimbabwe is currently out-of-control is because western nations have stepped back from the conflict and there is no one in the country to challenge the repression of the Zimbabwe people. Conventional thinking used to claim that no people could be repressed indefinitely but current technology and arms allows repressive states to continue oppressing their people.

### **Reports of Interest on Many Things**

Ron Blank display a photo collage present to the club as a thank you from the Nanaimo Youth Services Association for the club's help in painting and fixing up its offices. He also displayed a certificate from Leadership B.C.

On June 23, Rod Mont and Ron Blank will attend the VIU awards ceremony as donors.

Donna Allen reported on presentation of the three Nanaimo Daybreak scholarships at the school district's annual awards ceremony. She noted Nanaimo North presented six scholarships and Lantzville presented four and wondered if the club would like to "beef it up."

Bill Brendon announced the July 25 Dog Days of Summer poker tournament, which will start at 7 p.m.

Jeff Bogel is collecting donations for his partner Cathy Robson, who is entering the Weekend to End Breast Cancer 60K walk and needs \$2,000 in donations to participate in the August 15/16 event.

At this week's meeting, Rod Mont said he would be distributing ballots for Rotarian of the Year.

Wendy said the club has a new schedule for Bingo, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Mondays. She will be seeking volunteers to fill the shifts.

Neil Sorsdahl ended the meeting on upbeat note by reporting that the Golf Tournament raised \$10,200.

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**Have you volunteered for a Bingo date for the coming year?**

**Have you volunteered for a club committee for the coming year?**

**What are you waiting for?....**