

### 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.

#### August 18th, 2010

**Front Door Greeters:**

Jim Jeffries & Brian Kirkhope

**Invocation:**

Denise Davidson

**Introductions:**

Cindy Bartlett

**Rotary Minute:**

Ken Hammer

**50/50:**

Gayle Wilson

**Sgt @ Arms:**

Neil Sorsdahl

#### August 25th, 2010

**Front Door Greeters:**

Daryl Knievel & Denise Larson

**Invocation:**

Francine Frisson

**Introductions:**

Ron Blank

**Rotary Minute:**

Wendi Ferrero

**50/50:**

Val Lennox

**Sgt @ Arms:**

Dave Thompson

#### September 1st, 2010

**Front Door Greeters:**

Jim McIvor & Bruce Mede

**Invocation:**

Ken Hammer

**Introductions:**

Don Bonner

**Rotary Minute:**

Val Lennox

**50/50:**

Val Lennox

**Sgt @ Arms:**

Denise Davidson

# Weekly Wake-up

### Upcoming Programs

August 18th - Club Assembly

August 25th - Classification Talk - Daryl Stech

September 1st - Don Ohlgren - Disaster Aid Canada

## NOTICES & NEWS

### *New Member Application...*

Tiffany Haarsma has applied for membership in our Rotary Club. She is recommended by the Board for membership. Should anyone have any objections to Tiffany becoming a member of Rotary Daybreak please let Neil Sorsdahl know within the next 7 days, otherwise we shall proceed with her membership application.

### *A Busy Day at the Ranch...*

A good turnout at Francine's meant lots of fence painting this past Sunday. A few pictures from the day...



...Rotarians at work... :-)

Please send content and photos for the Weekly Wake-up to [robbmowbray@telus.net](mailto:robbmowbray@telus.net)

### Club Birthdays

August 19 Doug Lum  
August 20 Dawne Anderson

### Club Anniversaries

August 18 Denise & Richard Larson

## Meeting Notes - August 11th

submitted by Ron Blanke

Another Rotary Week begins with our President Patrick Maguire back at the podium. After Rod Mont's lead on the saxophone, Wendi Ferrero gave our invocation.

Cindy Bartlett capably handled the introduction of guests. Rotarian Twumasia (aka Taka) Kusi-Adpiah joined us from Sunyani Central Club, Ghana. Our guests: Ray Penner, Physic Professor at VIU; Amanda Weighill, Amanda Moore and Lea Thout with VIU & Sunyani Project; Tiffany Haarsma, with Nanaimo Recycling; and Aaron Os Agyemen, Attah Boadi Patrick, Nat Owusu Prampfeh from Sunyani, Ghana; and Kirandeep, Harkirat and Li Yu, VIU MBA students doing a project with NISA Technologies. (? As Don doesn't know their last name, does he pay a fine?)



**Nat Owusu Prampfeh**

Ken Hammer introduced our Guest Speaker Ray Penner. Ken noted that Ray is in the Department of Physics/Engineering/Astronomy at VIU, with research interest in applying physics to everyday phenomena, particularly to sports and golf. (AHA! Got my attention! I found out that Ray has developed a puttometer <http://www.sportmeter.com/> )



**Twumasia "Taka"  
Kusi-Adpiah**

Ray then introduced his project LED Africa: 'Lights for Education and Development.' His project is in Malawi, Africa. This landlocked southeast African country is three times the size of Vancouver Island, populated by 14 million, with a multi-party democracy, and only has a Gross Domestic Product of only \$313. (versus \$45,000 for Canadians)(Extend it further, 100,000 Canadians produce more!) Malawi is primarily an agricultural nation producing maize and tobacco. Education is free from grades one through eight. Less than 15% undertake and graduate from secondary schools. Rural schools are built by the local communities, with the federal government providing the teachers and school roof. Many schools have evening study sessions, but do not have electricity. As such, the pass rate in the fourth year of secondary school is below 33%. Providing lights has the biggest effect on increasing the graduation rate. Ray has developed an Light Emitting Diode (LED) light system of 40 watts for \$1,200, that provides sufficient light for 50 students. Much of the equipment is built locally, and requires a 50 watt solar panel and one car battery. Each school signs a sustainability contract to and pays \$100/classroom/year. This gives ownership, and pays for wages of the Malawian assistants, maintenance, and replacement of the batteries. The benefits to the lighted classrooms are dramatic: pass rates improved from 37% to 61% in three schools between 2008 and 2009.

Ray's LED Africa goals are 1. To improve the quality of life; 2. to increase the pass rates by 50%; 3. to provide other small scale renewable energy projects, and 4. to sponsor more than 100 classrooms. To accomplish his goals, Ray performs an annual "Extreme Science Fair," and has solicited Vancouver Island Engineering Companies. Fairwinds Golf Pro Jim Olsen is assisting with a donation box. Ray will also promote his project to other Rotary Clubs. Thank-you Ray! President Patrick read a letter of thanx from our recent District Governors visit.

Cindy Bartlett was brought forward to receive money! Patrick reminded us of their winning bid for Sheila Forrester's Whistler Condo. Maura held sway, and they asked to stay for an extra day. The

## Rotary Club Meetings

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:

Patrick Maguire

### Past President:

Dave Perry

### Vice President:

Neil Sorsdahl

### Club Secretary:

Eileen Tatton

### Club Treasurer:

Cindy Bartlett

### Club President Elect:

Bill Brendon

### International Service Director:

Rod Mont

### Community Service Director:

Christine Craigie

### Vocational Service Director:

Dave Thompson

### Club Service Director:

Denise Larson

### Bulletin Editor:

Robb Mowbray

### Assistant Governor Area 2B:

Brenda Grice

### District Governor 2010-11:

Robert Martin

### RI President 2010-11:

Ray Klingensmith

## ~~~~~ 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 Neil Sorsdahl at [goldendivot@shaw.ca](mailto:goldendivot@shaw.ca)

## ~~~~~ 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?



money was to increase their donation for Sheila's kind offer.

Ken Hammer announced that the Mid-Island World Community Service Committee is working with Ray, and they are also seeking Rotary International funds. He also noted this is VIU/Regional District of Nanaimo & Rotary's fourth year of our Ghana Project of Environmental Education, Protected Area and Poverty Reduction. Amanda, Aggie and Lea have remain a big part of this project. Ken then asked our Ghanain Guests to introduce themselves and their research. They are all associated with Kwame Nkrumah University of Science & Technology. (KNUST) Taka's area of interest is the impact of dams on the local communities. Nat is studying the effects of National Parks, the loss of livelihood and alternative occupations. Aaron is studying eco-tourism and the ingenuity of indigenous peoples. Patrick (and I missed his full name,) a student at KNUST, is researching small scale electricity projects that don't include dams.



*Kris presents a book in guest speaker Ray Penner's name.*

Ken closed with saying our Ghanain guests will be here for a few more weeks.

Pres. Patrick gave a heads-up re on-going discussions with Origins and the cost of our meals.

Don Bonner came forward and President Patrick presented his Paul Harris Pin with three rubies, for donating over \$9,000 US to our Rotary Foundation. (Next level: "Major Donor")

Neil Sorsdal announced a newly proposed member: Tiffany Haarsma, Recycling Technologies, sponsored by Cindy Bartlett, and to be mentored by Dave Thompson. (From the way Dave reacted..!)

Don Bonner announced this Sunday (15th) Whiteboards for Whiteboards project at Francine Frisson's corral on Munro Road with paint and BBQ to follow.

Bill Brendon discussed the next Texas Hold'em poker date, and will re-think the date (TBA)

Our newest Rotarian Gayle Wilson did the 50/50 and Dawne Anderson drew for \$966. Aahhhh! Not to be. Our Guest Karindeep and Val Lennox shared in the goodies.

Sergeant-at-Arms Dave made our Daryl Knievel pay for his "Potty Mouth." (More likely because of the numbers of fish he has caught) Gayle paid for tardiness. Brian Kirkhope shared the joys of Sara's recent triumphs with 3 gold and 2 silver medals in last week's swim meet. She has qualified for seven events in the upcoming Provincial competition in Kamloops. Wendi and Dave are house moving, and she still sounds chipper. Wait for an update when the boxes are unpacked.

In closing, considering Ray Penner's LED Africa, from the King James version, Genesis:

1:3 - And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.

1:4 - And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness.



*The ever-generous Don Bonner received his 8+ Paul Harris ruby pin! Way to go, Don!!!*

