



### Club Duties

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

**February 15th, 2011**

**Front Door Greeters:**

Michael Leduc & Doug Lum

**Invocation:**

Eileen Tatton

**Introductions:**

Don Bonner

**Rotary Minute:**

Jim McIvor

**50/50:**

Darryl Shaw

**Sgt @ Arms:**

Neil Sorsdahl

**February 22nd, 2011**

**NO REGULAR MEETING in lieu  
of PAUL HARRIS BDAY PARTY**

**Front Door Greeters:**

**Invocation:**

**Introductions:**

**Rotary Minute:**

**50/50:**

**Sgt @ Arms:**

**February 29th, 2011**

**Front Door Greeters:**

San Mahara & Karin Mattern

**Invocation:**

Dave Thompson

**Introductions:**

Denise Davidson

**Rotary Minute:**

Patrick Maguire

**50/50:**

Dawne Anderson

**Sgt @ Arms:**

Denise Davidson

# Weekly Wake-up

## Upcoming Programs

February 15th - Club Assembly

\*\*\* Thurs, Feb 23rd - Special Event - Paul Harris Birthday Party - Branch #256 Legion  
NOTE: No Regular Meeting on Wed, Feb 22nd

February 29th - Club Social

## NOTICES & NEWS

### *Are you READY to LEAD?...*

The 2012 District Leadership Training Assembly (DLTA) being held March 31 to April 1 at the Hotel Grand Pacific in Victoria, B.C. is open for registration. The event is an opportunity to increase the internal capacity of your club and develop future leaders. Space is limited so act fast! Early-bird cost is \$90 per person (\$100 after February 29) for the two-day event and special room rates are available at the Hotel Grand Pacific.

This year includes learning modules such as:

- Foundation fundamentals
- Grant management workshops
- Fundraising idea sharing
- Project management best practices
- Club Runner tips and tricks
- Social media techniques And more ...

For more information and to register, click or paste the following the link into your web browser:  
[www.clubrunner.ca/Portal/SitePages/SitePage.aspx?accountid=50092&pid=49414&sid=70996](http://www.clubrunner.ca/Portal/SitePages/SitePage.aspx?accountid=50092&pid=49414&sid=70996).

### *Club Correspondence...*

Check out the link below for the latest in correspondence to the Club from various sources:  
[http://www.daybreakrotary.ca/index.php?p=2\\_8](http://www.daybreakrotary.ca/index.php?p=2_8)

### *District 5020 newsletter now online...*

Go to <http://docs.rotary5020.org/newsletter1/2011-12/2012-02.pdf>

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

### *Club Birthdays*

No Birthdays this week.

### *Club Anniversaries*

February 20 Patrick & Maura Maguire

*Meeting Notes - February 8th*

*notes by Ron Blank, photos by Donna Allen*

We're well into our second month and tempore pergit cito! Daryl Kneivel & Denise Larson greeted us. Those willing, got an appreciated hug. Though, Daryl was too tall!

President Bill led our morning. Rod Mont joined in singing the final verses of our Anthem. Neil Sorsdahl gave our Invocation.

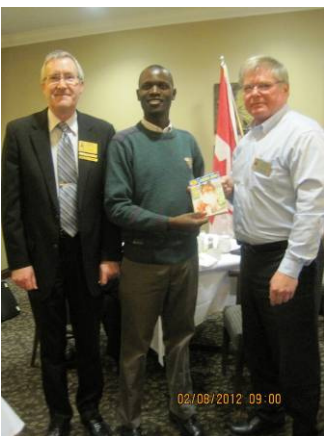
Guests this morning: Pres. Bill intro'd our District Governor David Stocks, from West Shore Victoria Club, classification Civil Engineer, accompanied by his wife Frances. Rod presented our Asst. District Gov Brenda Grice, Rotary Nanaimo, Landscape Architech. I presented Rotary Nanaimo member, Brenda's husband, David Anderson, Civil Engineer. Bob Fenty, hardwareman, also joined us from Rotary Nanaimo. (GROAN!) Exchange Student Lucas le Goaréguer was intro'd by wannabe dad Brian Kirkhope. Jeff Boegel found Maggie Kennedy, from VIU Nursing, and she is also involved in Sunyani Ghana projects. Maggie then introduced Sunyani Rotarian Dr Kofi Nyamaah-Koffuor, who is their Service Project Coordinator for their Club. Bill also got to introduce our speaker Henry Mdyetseni, Civil Engineer, and Director of the School in Malawi.

Sergeant-at-Arms Denise Davidson managed to herd the animals to our breakfast repast.

Afterwards, Patrick Maguire gave a synopsis of our Foundation Financial Support to present, and also exhorted us to volunteer with our P.A.R.T.Y. programmes ([http://www.daybreakrotary.ca/index.php?p=3\\_25](http://www.daybreakrotary.ca/index.php?p=3_25)) for this coming Wednesday 15th of Feb.

Kofi brought greetings from his Club, Sunyani Central, and gave a brief history of things we have accomplished in their Public School. Everything comes into perspective, he says, "When you see the smiles on the teachers and children!"

Governor David was pleased to be here with so many engineers, but is actually here replacing Christy Johnson, who could not be here. David said that Christy worked as a volunteer teacher alongside Memory Mdyetseni, in Malawi, in the fall of 2000. Their school closed from lack of funding. Back in Canada, she was determined to find a way to help these students graduate. Returning to Malawi several times, they then decided to build a high-school for poor and orphans.



Henry said that he was a factory engineer, but was swayed by their motivation. He is now married to Memory and works with with Atsikana Pa Ulendo (Girls On The Move) Secondary School.

Henry said that Malawi is a land-locked country in South East Africa, north of Mozambique, with a population of 14 million. Malawi suffers from overpopulation and is among the worlds least developed countries.

Girls in Malawi face multiple difficulties: lack of support and low esteem. Culturally, it's better to support boys, who may later support their parents. If girls get married, they cost money for dowries and then become chattel of their husbands. Therefore, education is practically non-existent. If they don't marry, with low education, girls become destitute & vulnerable. HIV/AIDs is a likely death sentence.

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*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:**  
Bill Brendon
- Past President:**  
Patrick Maguire
- Vice President:**  
Randall Taylor
- Club Secretary:**  
Neil Sorsdahl
- Club Treasurer:**  
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- Club President Elect:**  
Denise Larson
  
- International Service Director:**  
Francine Frisson
- Community Service Director:**  
Christine Craigie
- Vocational Service Director:**  
Dave Thompson
- Club Service Director:**  
Donna Allen
  
- Bulletin Editor:**  
Robb Mowbray
  
- Assistant Governor Area 2B:**  
Brenda Grice
- District Governor 2011-12:**  
David Stocks
- RI President 2011-12:**  
Kalyan Banerjee

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*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 Membership Chair, Rod Mont at [mont@islandlaw.ca](mailto:mont@islandlaw.ca).

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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?





Memory & Christie had a vision to develop a secondary school for girls & Henry joined in. Henry, then fiance to Memory, persuaded the local chiefs to donate 23 hectares of land for the school. Their School, because of termites, is mostly constructed of bricks, made on site. Henry supervises the construction, which includes concrete foundations and corrugated steel roofs. The construction of the school is very much a local project. They teach and employ up to 70 local men & women, who would otherwise be engaged in subsistence agriculture. The ripple effect is these men & women also get to provide more skills to their community.

The Atsikana Pa Ulendo School (APU School) is located 50 km northwest of their capital city, Lilongwe, and now has classrooms, kitchen and accommodation for 320 girls and their 30 staff. With funds from West Shore Rotary Club, they have a potable water system with a deep well and above-ground storage tanks.

To gain self-sufficiency, they also grow corn, their food staple. Students help in construction, agriculture and reforestation of their site.

On the academic side, APU School is better than any government schools. They emphasize women in role models, ie. as science teachers, and with Memory being their CEO. Their goal is to prove that women can lead a decent life.

Their first class graduated in 2011. A female High Court Judge was their guest of honour. Three students secured scholarships to Northern Lights College.

Their graduation statistics were astounding:

	<u>APU</u>	<u>Government Schools</u>	<u>National Average</u>
Starting Students	80	120	
Grad Students	73	<10	
Pass Mark	93%	57% boys	63%



Their APS High-school is governed by a Foundation in Canada and a Board in Malawi. Without their intervention, women would have never had these opportunities.

Michael Leduc presented the library book and said how rewarding it is to see how our money is spent so effectively.

Darryl Shaw said we have \$654 for the 50/50 and Jeff came close with the Jack of Hearts. Michael Mellenchuk was luckier.

Sgt Denise shared the money pot around and, though she has a great memory, mis-fined yours truly for groaning (as said by a tattler) yet overlooked by mis-naming Douglas as David!

That being said, we chanted the Four Way.



**ROTARY DAYBREAK  
UPCOMING BINGO COMMITMENTS 2012**

- Sun, March 18 11am – 1 pm  
Christine Craigie Michael Melenchuk
- Sat, April 28 11am – 1 pm  
Sher Holubowich Kris Rongve

**Happy  
Valentine's  
Day**



**Have A Great Week!**