

*Club Duties*

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

**Weekly Wake-up**

**August 14th, 2013**

**Front Door Greeters:**

Don Bonner & Bill Brendon

**Invocation:**

Graham Calder

**Introductions:**

Wendi Ferrero

**Rotary Minute:**

Anna Jones

**50/50:**

Dawne Anderson

**Sgt @ Arms:**

Dave Thompson

**August 21st, 2013**

**Front Door Greeters:**

Graham Calder  
& Christine Craigie

**Invocation:**

Denise Davidson

**Introductions:**

Francine Frisson

**Rotary Minute:**

Leanna Plug

**50/50:**

Ron Blank

**Sgt @ Arms:**

Denise Davidson

**August 28th, 2013**

**Front Door Greeters:**

Denise Davidson & Chris Everett

**Invocation:**

Wendi Ferrero

**Introductions:**

Ken Hammer

**Rotary Minute:**

Terry Rogers

**50/50:**

Ron Blank

**Sgt @ Arms:**

Daryl Knievel

*Upcoming Programs*

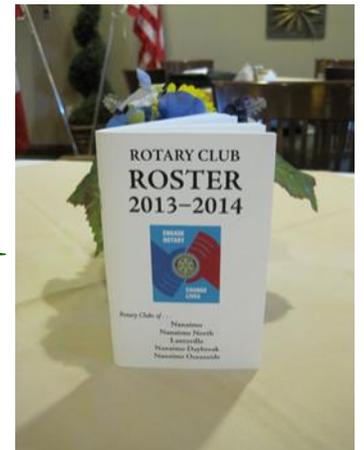
- Aug 14 TBA
- Aug 21 Club Assembly - Business Meeting
- Aug 28 Ron Fisher - Rotary Youth Protection Compliance

**NOTICES & NEWS**

*The New Rosters are available...*

For those who missed last week's meeting, Wendi Ferrero has the new Rosters. Make sure you get your copy soon.

Please note, this may be the last year for the printed rosters, as we can now download this and more information at the Clubrunner members app on the web.



*Invitation to the 3rd Annual Colliers International Mid-Island Charity Golf Tournament...*

The Columbia Centre Society invites Rotary Members to participate in the 3rd Annual Colliers International Mid-Island Charity Golf Tournament on September 11, 2013 at Nanaimo Golf Club. Registration opens at 12:30 pm, with a shotgun start at 1:30 pm. Entry fee is \$165 and includes golf, power cart and dinner.

*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)

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

*Club Birthdays*

- Aug 15 Denise Larson
- Aug 19 Doug Lum

*Club Anniversaries*

- Aug 15 Dave & Cheryl Thompson
- Aug 15 Daryl Knievel & Amanda Polling
- Aug 15 Don & Beverley Bonner
- Aug 18 Denise & Richard Larson

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## Meeting Notes - August 7th

notes by *Ron Blank* photos by *Donna Allen*

Nathan Thornton manages money well and graciously exchanged coinage for bills giving everyone a chance to pay their fines. Ron & Jeff Boegel squeezed and shook everyone who came through our door. Rod Mont was superbly on key for our Anthem. Randall Taylor presided.

Ron asked for guests: Brian Kirkhope presented Rotarian computer whiz Perry Williams from Nanaimo North, Jeff Boegel brought Josephine Gee, Life Coach and previous Rotarian with Indarpratsa Club in Semarang, Indonesia. Denise Larson brought along her visiting sister Jill & husband Charles Toffwill from St Thomas, Ontario.

Sergeant Neil Sorsdahl sent us off to breakfast and not surprisingly chose tables with guests. (Which meant he accompanied the Toffwill's!) Even the non-gender balanced "boys" got to go when the food was still hot.

After our meal, Randall referred to the "Dog Days of Summer" and his prediction on the impending fall weather because of the morning fog over their lake. (OK, slough!) These words resulted in him being shouted down to be more positive.

Realizing the error, he quickly segued to our speaker, Ken Hammer.

Ken said "I was asked late last night to give a sorta classification talk." and decided to do a show and tell. Rifling through a brown paper bag, Ken asked "Shall I tell my story chronologically or as it comes out of the bag?" (Guess the reply?) Ken began life in 1956 in Vulcan, Alberta, located halfway between Calgary & Lethbridge.



*Pres Randall with guest speaker, Ken Hammer...*

Ken held up a photo that adorns his office: the bald prairies with a grain elevator breaking the horizon. "At one time, Vulcan was known as the wheat capital of the world.", as they had 12 elevators. As a kid, they were told "Don't go play on the tracks nor go near those elevators." Naturally, with those kind of orders, they played in those empty buildings and flattened pennies on the tracks. "What a great place to grow up!" Ken shared that he & Brenda were back for the town's centennial year. His dad is still alive!

Next came a photo of the family. Daughter Alexis is 25 and currently between academic degrees. 29-year-old son Davis is enrolled in holistic nutrition and making ends meet working at the Cactus Club.

Ken's University began in Recreation Administration (University of Alberta), then an MA Brigham Young U, "where 5% of the enrollment were non-Mormon and most of them were on the football team." Then his Ph.D. came in Commercial Recreation and Tourism (U of Minnesota). Ken loved school and considers himself a "facilitator of education, mostly post-secondary."

Ken's primary source of income is VIU and he is involved with recreation tourism management, marketing and entrepreneurship.

Up came another plaque "100 years from now it won't matter what kind of car you have or house you lived in, but what will matter is how you *affected the life of a child.*" which is what teaching is about.

His father introduced Ken to horse racing. It became a family activity, driving to Calgary and betting on the horses. It affected Ken. Later, he would go to Vegas and Reno twice a month on gambling junkets. You would turn over your money, receive comps, play craps and blackjack. Ken achieved a C+ Player status. That life has ended.

He joined Rotary in 2000 to gain connections for his leadership and development franchise (sponsored by past Rotarian Jamie Odgers). "Don't let schooling interfere with your education." Ken was our Rotarian of the Year in 2002-03 and "honoured and humbled" to be our President in 2005-06.

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## Rotary Contacts

### Club President:

Randall Taylor

### Past President:

Denise Larson

### Vice President:

### Club Secretary:

Neil Sorsdahl

### Club Treasurer:

Anna Jones

### Club President Elect:

Chris Everett

### International Service Director:

Nelson Allen

### Community Service Director:

Rod Mont

### Youth Service Director:

Doug Lum / Sher Holubowich

### Club Service Director:

Kristin Rongve

### Bulletin Editor:

Robb Mowbray

### Assistant Governor Area 2B:

Barry Sparkes

### District Governor 2013-2014:

Peter Taylor

### RI President 2012-13:

Ron Burton

## ~~~~~ Make-ups

To ensure that your make-up info is properly recorded, send any info on extra meetings attended, extra committee work, service projects, online work, etc. to Membership Chair, Denise Davidson at [ddavidson@islandadjusters.com](mailto:ddavidson@islandadjusters.com)

## ~~~~~ 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?

## 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.



Another photo: With his brother, Ken started a bicycle/cross country ski shop in 1986. They ran the business for 16 years, and like most small enterprises, couldn't find a buyer. They simply closed it down.

Next a trophy of a golfer. In his early 20's he was avid. Now, "Not as much as I would like."

Then a trophy from the mayor of Vulcan for riding a bike from Vulcan to the 1976 Montreal Olympics & back. "Saw the opening ceremonies" and lots of stuff. He was once "considered as the 8th best bike rider in Alberta."

"Do you need to know about Sunyani Polytechnic?" as he showed their banner. Ken works with the institution, Rotary and the community. (Though we heard some of it, Ken needs to again update what he, VIU, Regional District of Nanaimo & Rotary are doing for these communities!)

A banner from Red Deer College. Ken taught there in 1982. "Way too busy to work there now,"

Ken was involved with Nanaimo Chamber of Commerce and received their "Community Recognition Award."

A photo of Emily, their third child, born in 1991. She only lived a year. A stuffed lion with her name badge. She was not expected to come out of the hospital. She was not expected to live a month. "She came with us to the U of Minnesota." She died on their return to Canada. "She looks out over us. We have been very fortunate to have her in our lives."

"Carpe diem" - seize the day is a great motto to live by. "Live life by design, not default" is another motto that Ken uses.

"How did you meet Brenda?" 1981, over in Hawaii, waiting for buddies to come over. One week by myself. "I was at the Rosen Crown piano bar. Met her and her sister. Discovered she was from nearby Winnipeg." The rest is history.... (Amazing what you can learn about someone!)

Ev Mudryk was digging and discovered that August is Membership & Extension Month. Ev also discovered Thunderclap. The idea is for all Rotarians to share our EndPolioNow theme with everyone. Go to the website "<https://www.thunderclap.it/projects/3379-connecting-leaders-to-do-good>" Chose your means of sharing, whether on facebook, twitter & tumblr. Write a short note. On August 31st at 12 PM Thunderclap will promote EndPolioNow to all of your friends and to the friends and acquaintances of every signed on Rotarians. Will we get our message out to the world! Only you can help!

Wendi Ferrero distributed the Members Roster. For you technosaurus types, this may be the last. Randall says you can download the Clubrunner members app '<http://web.clubrunner.ca/mobile>' and get more than you now have, including maps and locations of all Rotary Clubs. Jeff Boegel suggested we have a teaching session so everyone can be on the same page.

Jeff also promoted Kids on the Block Programme on Shaw Cable 4 with Mid Island Abilities and Telephone Visiting Society. Google "Youtube Nanaimo Kids on the Block" or "<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K2AB07kmMj0>" and watch at your leisure. Cathy promotes the KOB programme and Jeff promotes our Rotary Daybreak support. "Together they transformed \$1,000 from the Club to \$5,000 with the help of Rotary International." Thanks Jeff.

I then snuck out for that vicious game with a little ball. That being that, we likely ended with the Four Way Test.



...the three faces of Ev?

**ROTARY DAYBREAK  
UPCOMING BINGO COMMITMENTS 2013**

Saturday, Aug 24 11am-1pm Leanna Plug & Kris Rongve

October 3 - Thursday 11am - 1pm Ron Blank and Dave Thompson

November 16 - Saturday 11am - 1pm Kris Rongve and Sher H

***Rotary presentation of "Good Timber"***

Tuesday, August 20th, 2013

Port Theatre

1:00 pm performance

Tickets \$25 / \$20 group of ten or more

***Robb has tickets...call me, email me...get yours now!!***