



*Club Duties*

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

**September 18th, 2013**

**Front Door Greeters:**

Lynda Kazanowski  
& Brian Kirkhope

**Invocation:**

Ken Hammer

**Introductions:**

Daryl Knievel

**Rotary Minute:**

Eileen Tatton

**50/50:**

Patrick Maguire

**Sgt @ Arms:**

Neil Sorsdahl

**September 25th, 2013**

**Front Door Greeters:**

Daryl Knievel & Denise Larson

**Invocation:**

Sher Holubowich

**Introductions:**

Michael Leduc

**Rotary Minute:**

Nathan Thornton

**50/50:**

Patrick Maguire

**Sgt @ Arms:**

Dave Thompson

**October 2nd, 2013**

**Front Door Greeters:**

Michael Leduc & Doug Lum

**Invocation:**

Lynda Kazanowski

**Introductions:**

Denise Larson

**Rotary Minute:**

Dave Thompson

**50/50:**

Bill Brendon

**Sgt @ Arms:**

Denise Davidson

# Weekly Wake-up

## Upcoming Programs

- Sept 18 Business Meeting / Kids On The Block
- Sept 25 Rod Mont - Estate Planning
- Oct 2 Ken Hammer & Bev Hilton - Ghana Update

## NOTICES & NEWS

*Donna & Nelson send us a sign from Ireland...*



*...they missed the meeting...*

*...but got to Daybreak (in Kenmare, Ireland) 8-)*

## *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*

September 22 Wendi Ferrero

## *Club Anniversaries*

No Anniversaries this week.

*Meeting Notes - Sept. 11th**notes by Ron Blank photos by Donna Allen*

Sorry, the Notes guy was busy enjoying the last gasp of summer, so is/was late.

San Mahara's smiling teeth brightened our entrance. Why does he look so happy taking money? Ken Hammer and Sher Holubowich variously gripped and embraced everyone into the room. Bob Wall's Invocation was self-congratulating on his last week's weather prophesy. Either way, it worked and looks like we get more of same this coming week.

President Randall Taylor shared that 12 years ago the Sept 11/11 tragedy occurred. Andrea was in process of emigrating from California to BC. She got stuck in the States for one more week. Little did we realize the effect that one event would have on the world. Canada's response was worldly and rational when we accepted aircraft from all over the world. Many kids of today have no idea of the event or its impact. Most of us remember where we were that day.

Looking for guests, "The meeting looks skinny!" blurted Lynda 'Kaz' Kazanowski. (Comment? Not me....) Rod Mont presented guest speaker Chris Beaton. Sgt Kris Rongve then shepherded us to breakfast.

Rod again intro'd Chris Beaton. Chris is the E.D. of Nanaimo Aboriginal Centre Society. Chris is a Mohawk from Southern Ontario, educated in capacity building and education and came to BC from the Collingwood Urban Native Youth Organization.

Chris says "It's a treat to have a large breakfast during the week, as it's normally reserved for Saturday or Sunday morning." Chris also thanked Bob for the wonderful weather we're having. Nanaimo is one of five Aboriginal Centres on Vancouver Island. The Nanaimo Centre is a non-profit society with a focus on early childhood development, prevention, collaboration, best practices, evaluation and culture. It is of critical importance to support healthy human development in the early years.

Statistically, Nanaimo Aboriginal population has gone from 4,000 to 6,180 people between 2006 and 2011. In the Nanaimo-Ladysmith School District area (SD # 68), over 10% of the population is Native, yet total 15% of the school population. Hence, they are a very young group and growing quickly. Therefore, the issues are also growing.

"Our vision is to see every Aboriginal student in Nanaimo Ladysmith graduate from high school."

Provincially 83% of all students graduate. In SD # 68, only 73% of all students graduate. The Aboriginal's graduation rate is 52% of the students.

"The cost to society is enormous" and considered to be \$17,000/student/year. It really is a "social challenge and economic issue." The Inspire Nanaimo Committee agrees that part of their city-wide key to a successful Nanaimo is education.

"We believe a 90-100% Aboriginal grad rate is achievable, but it requires a strategic focus, one that begins at birth, one that is built on respectful partnerships with the private and public sectors, one that places a priority on culture/language, one that sets high standards and defines success in a manner that is measurable." To accomplish their goals:

1. Already know that it's achievable in similar cities with 95% grads
2. Teen pregnancy must be addressed, as has significant impact on poverty of parent
3. Early childhood education is critical. Giving a solid foundation ensures better retention of student in later years. (VIU has highest pop. of Native students, yet has significant issues with retention.
4. Prevention is cheaper than the cure. Proper nutrition and exercise dramatically reduces health care costs in later years. VIHA's prevention budget is very small. There is a need to promote good choices and good food. "Unfortunately long term strategies don't fit with short term political goals."
5. Sustainability: Support must be garnered equally from government and business. The whims of political decisions should not affect the outcomes. Cooperation must be had with the Nanaimo Economic Development Committee.

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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:**

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

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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)

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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?



6. Evaluation. Participants must be held accountable. "We need to challenge that we are doing what we said and what changes are to be made. Challenge monthly, not annually."

Chris has been involved in 150+ meetings over the past four months. "Help us change the conversation from a cycle of poverty to a cycle of education."

Every 2nd Tuesday, they hold an Aboriginal Family Night to build on relationships. Participants are encouraged to bring a child and a family nutritional meal. Visitors are also urged to come when they feel lost and disconnected to their home community. They are urged to come together as a community, be they Nuu-chah-nulth, Tsartlip, Ahousat or Snuneymuxw.

The (Paul) Martin Aboriginal Education Initiative funds and encourages mentorship programmes with John Barsby HS students and local accounting firms, often resulting in summer jobs and later employment.

Early Childhood Education in concert with the Boys & Girls Club of Nanaimo & District encourages natives to be integrated earlier into the system.

As Aboriginal's tend to be isolated, after school programmes with Parks & Rec occur at Bayview, Georgiaview, Park Avenue and NDSS. Activities include soccer tourneys and other team sports. "Sports and recreation are key to better education and community involvement."

*Danielle Alphonse* "who's VIU title is too long to recite" (B.C. Regional Innovation Chair in Aboriginal Early Childhood Development (AECD) found there are no urban Aboriginal independent schools in BC. The question is how and whether such a school will work in partnership, not in competition with BC Schools?

Q. from the floor: How do we be inclusive with Aboriginals? Chris answered "Start to build a relationship, we need to make that effort."

Q. How do you ease transition from the Reserve to the BC Education System? Focus on the students. Independent schools have to be integrated.

Q. Why are stats on Aboriginal education so bad? "Poor role models. Also need to improve traumatic transition from Kindergarten to Gr. 1, Grades 7 to 8 and High School to University.

Thank-you Chris.

Announcements:

- Rotary Youth Exchange interviews Wednesday 18th at Rotary Field House. Students and Parents attend. Be there at 7 PM.
- 26 Sep Youth Protection Officer Training at VIU. Randall has details.
- Nanaimo Salvation Army is celebrating their 125th Anniversary with Dinner on September 21st at 505- 8th Street. They are asking for capable Rotary hands to serve at their event. Dawne Anderson sent round a volunteer sheet. Contact Dawne.

Happy Birthday Swiss Miss Christine Craigie!

50/50 Wendi Ferrero found no takers for the money or...

Sgt Kris was amazed that nobody was annoying enough for a fine. Everyone was pleased with Chris Beaton's presentation. Terry & Jodi were amazing hosts and the weather was stupendous for the BBQ.

This being the end, we Four Wayed outta there.

## Have a Great Week!

### ROTARY DAYBREAK UPCOMING BINGO COMMITMENTS 2013

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

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

December 22 - Sunday 11am - 1pm Robb Mowbray and Anna Jones

