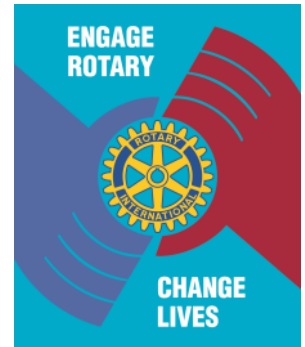


# Rotary Club of Nanaimo **DAYBREAK**

SERVICE ABOVE SELF

Newsletter Date:  
**February 19th, 2014**

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## Club Duties

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

**February 19th, 2014**

**NO MEETING** in lieu of  
**Five Club Celebration on**  
**February 20th**

**February 26th, 2014**

**Front Door Greeters:**  
Robb Mowbray & Ev Mudryk

**Invocation:**  
Nathan Thornton

**Introductions:**  
Ron Blank

**Rotary Minute:**  
Denise Thornton

**50/50:**  
Patrick Maguire

**Sgt @ Arms:**  
Dave Thompson

**March 5th, 2014**

**Front Door Greeters:**  
Wayne Peddie & Leanna Plug

**Invocation:**  
Bob Wall

**Introductions:**  
Jeff Boegel

**Rotary Minute:**  
Karin Mattern

**50/50:**  
Bill Brendon

**Sgt @ Arms:**  
Denise Davidson

# Weekly Wake-up

## Upcoming Programs

Feb 20 Five Club Celebration at Cruise Ship Terminal (see below)  
Feb 26 Club Assembly - Business Meeting  
Mar 5 TBA

## NOTICES & NEWS

*REMINDER!!! Five Club Rotary Celebration this month!...*

You are cordially invited to attend our Five Club Celebrate Rotary 2014

Event Date: February 20<sup>th</sup> 2014

Event Place: Cruise Ship Terminal, 100 Port Drive, Nanaimo, BC

Time: 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm

Please join us for some great Fellowship, Cocktails and Delicious Appies.

Sincerely

Yours in Rotary

5-Club Past Presidents/ Program Coordinators



*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

No Anniversaries this week.

*We gratefully acknowledge the financial support of the province of British Columbia*  
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Rotary District 5020 / Club # 31160

*Meeting Notes - Feb 12/2014*

*notes by Ron Blank photos by Donna Allen*



Rod leads prepares for O Canada...

Jeff Boegel was the first pleasant face. He likes money. Denise Larson was sharing hugs. Pres Randall Taylor started with a clang and Rod Mont's horn seemed to soothe the savage beast.

Guests this morning were Rotary Exchange Student Sara Lindhagen, Taryn O'Flannagan ED of John Howard Society, Doug Creba President of JH and Mark MacDonald, our morning "entertainment."

Eileen Tatton invoked the good deeds of Rotary and plead for more medals for Canadian Olympic athletes.

Rotary Moment was given by Doug Lum. He noted it's been a couple years since his last opportunity to speak. Rotary deeds and actions are what impresses him and the good nature of our morning group keeps him coming back. Doug also cheered on our Olympians. Seeing an opportunity for freedom of speech he then shouted "Go! Leafs! Go!" I suggest that would be a good idea. "Where?" is the question.

Rod then intro'd Mark MacDonald, Managing Editor of Nanaimo Daily News and Editor in Chief of VI News Group. Mark started in the newspaper industry at age 14 in Powell River, later writing news & sports for Nanaimo Daily Free Press, moving through advertising sales to becoming President of Invest Northwest Publications Ltd since 2004. In December 2012 he moved to The Nanaimo Daily News.

Mark asked "What role should a daily newspapers have in a community?" Answer "in building community by re-connecting with the community." People want to read about their community. Who is doing what, where and why and when?

Newspapers can easily be negative but the goal is to provide balance and focus on local information. "Yes we can still show the power of the press." During earlier negotiations with the City of Nanaimo to build a new downtown hotel, a mystery envelope from a secret source arrived. Sources were checked and revealed that Nanaimo citizens were being given a bad deal. The details of that deal included a \$2.5 million subsidy that would run for 50 years. Publishing the details created a community backlash. That deal was later cancelled. Mark suggested the latest hotel deal with the SSS Manhoa International Tourism Group is good for Nanaimo.

Letters to the editor can be abused by those with a political agenda, similar to special agenda groups that take over public hearings. "We stand behind the principle of freedom of speech, though we may not agree with the contents a letter." One letter to the editor about native contributions to Canadian society created a firestorm of community reaction. At noon, a mob of 150+ people picketed the Daily News office with placards and shouting voices. RCMP arrived and told staff to stay inside in their office for their safety. An abrasive CBC reporter stuck his microphone in Mark's facing repeatedly yelling "Answer the question!" The newspaper apologized for publishing the letter and later withdrew it from their website. At a later "reconciliation meeting" at VIU, called the newspaper editor and publisher several epithets, including racist. (Same person who coordinated the Facebook site that ravaged the newspaper letter) Mark stood and denied his claims and presented the view that they will always stand for "freedom of speech." The results. As before, potentially libellous and slanderous letters will not be published. The paper will also ensure better balance in their letters to the editor. (ie even present both sides of the story.)



...Pres Randall with guest speaker Mark MacDonald...

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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.



...(above) Daryl collects some fines and happy bucks...

...(below) Doug delivers the Rotary Minute...



The Nanaimo Daily News has a Thursday circulation of 36,000 and 8-10,000 daily subscribers. They employ 60 people, with 8-10 in advertising and 12 in editorial.

Rotarian and School Board Trustee Donna asked why so little on the School Board? "Not fair to hound the SB Trustees. As unpaid volunteers, they have to make difficult decisions!"

Mark shared that moving forward, the Nanaimo Daily News is trying to re-engage youth by presenting the paper on-line and in Facebook. Every second Thursday, Mark holds "coffee and meet the editor" at Country Grocer on Dufferin & Bowen Road. Mark is also visiting local clubs to present who they are and what they do in our community. Thanks Mark!

The John Howard Society coordinates 'CODE' Community Outreach Dental Endeavour as a Not for Profit Dental Clinic operating in Nanaimo with volunteers. CODE will 'advise' patients of the actual costs of the provided treatments or procedures. If able, CODE will bill for service to Blue Cross or other dental plans. Patients will be 'asked' to cover the costs of their treatments by making a donation to the clinic.

Website <http://johnhowardnanaimo.org/code>

Clinic location: 489 Wallace Street, Nanaimo, BC, call 250.591.0771.

And the reason they are here is for presentation of the final cheque for their purchase of STATEM, a high speed sterilizer that sterilizes equipment in 90 seconds. Our San Mahara thanked the Club for sticking with this and Doug Creba and San noted that Denise Larsen's diligence in helping get the funds was really appreciated.

Dawne Anderson says the revitalized VI Raiders football Club needs volunteers. With only \$45 in the 50/50 luckily nobody won.

Dave Thompson's attitude revealed that he really doesn't care who takes his spot as Sergeant-at-Arms as they will be in Hawaii on the 26<sup>th</sup> of Feb. He also asked howcom Chris Everett has been in Canada since 1965 and still speaks with an English accent? Brian Kirkhope shared that Sara has been selected for the Under 14 Volleyball rep team. Ron's interested if San knew how much time these notes would take for this speaker?

And we closed with the Four Way Test...



...accepting a cheque - Taryn O'Flanagan & Doug Creba of John Howard Society.

**Have a Great Week!**

