



Rotary Club of Duncan



Tuesday, September 12, 2023

MeetingZoomInfo

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Last meeting update...

September 11, 2023 Duncan Rotary Club Meeting

Some 30 Rotarians and guests gathered for the weekly lunch meeting at the Cowichan Golf Course.

Following acknowledgements, President Andrew announced that the Club was looking for a member to chair the **Heart of Gold Auction**, to take place mid-February. Planning needs to get underway now, so a chairperson is required on an urgent basis!

Jessica from the **Cowichan Women Against Violence Society** attended the meeting to thank the Duncan Rotary Club for its support of Charlotte's Place. The house is roughly one month from completion, despite the construction on Canada Avenue. To mark the occasion, the Society is hosting a Grand Opening BBQ and Open House on Thursday, October 12 from 4-7pm. All are welcome to attend. RSVP Jessica.Lewinski@cwav.org. Jessica also mentioned that she will be looking for some volunteer hamburger-flippers! Finally, Jessica promoted the Society's partnership with a touring comedy show, **Hungry for Laughs**, as a fundraiser. The show takes place on October 14 at the Cowichan Performing Arts Centre; tickets are available at <https://eclproductions.com/hungry-for-laughs>.

Announcements

District Governor's Visit – DG Caleb Summerfelt will be visiting the Cowichan Valley on Wednesday Sept. 27th. The event is from 5-7pm at the Duncan Curling Club. Details to follow.

Bags, Brew and BBQ Charity Cornhole Tournament – Richard Odo reported on our first Cornhole Tournament, a true learning experience for everyone involved. Roughly 120 attended, including 20 cornhole teams. Revenue was just under \$7,000 with a profit to the Club of \$2,600. Richard thanked his organizing committee and all the volunteers (too many to list). While the committee was generally pleased with the event, there was some disappointment that club members did not step up to the plate and sell tickets. This event has replaced the Oktoberfest as the major fundraiser for the food voucher program.

Dolly Parton Imagination Library – Denise Code updated members on the success of the program in the Cowichan Valley. There are currently 134 children receiving a book in the mail once a month, 160 graduates and a total of 8,548 books have been distributed since the program started in 2015/16. Denise expressed appreciation to the club for its support, as well as its major benefactor, Jim Cosh. For more information, go to website <https://imaginationlibrary.com/ca>.

Shawnigan Eco Club – Kim Barnard reported that the September issue of the **Shawnigan Focus** has an article from South Cowichan Rotary as well as the monthly piece from the EcoClub (called "Follow Your Heart"). The newspaper also used a photo of the Rotary wheel on a community structure, as part of their regular "What is it? Where is it?" contest where you can win free coffees. Maybe we should nickname this the Rotary issue? Read all about it: <https://shawniganfocus.ca>.

Zoe Lauckner was a recent Guest Speaker for the Take a Hike Youth Mental Health Foundation, and this past Saturday, met with the EcoClub online to record her presentation. She welcomes further opportunities to share about this program and ways to support youth. Her contact info is on her last slide. This program aligns very well with Rotary's values... Together we can help make it possible for more students to participate and thrive! Please visit our "Shawnigan Rotary" YouTube channel or scroll to watch this video (and more from Take a Hike!): <https://shawniganrotaryecoclub.ca/attend-meeting>.

Regular Club Meeting Time & Place

Duncan
Meets at Cowichan Golf and Country Club
4955 TransCanada Hwy
Duncan, BC
Time: Monday at 11:45 AM

Upcoming events

September 18th
Duncan Monthly Club Social

October 2nd
Duncan Weekly Club Meeting

Club Leaders



Andrew Dowsett
President



Karen A. Thorington
President - Elect



Robert Graham Cairns
Vice President

Joel Perry
Secretary



Corrine Joyce Thompson
Treasurer



Jeff Downie
Club Director



Derek Gullmes
Public Image Chair



Michael James Taylor
Bulletin Editor



Susanne Atagi
Rotary Foundation Chair



Nora K. Dowsett
Club Admin Chair



Gregg Perry
Membership Chair
Past President



Michael Lee
Club Service Chair



Leighton Mellemstrand
Youth Protection Officer



Doyle Childs
Assistant Governor

Birthdays this month

Anna-Maria Korell
September 12th
Keith Fuller
September 16th
Jo Madeline Velu Bodard
September 26th
Tek S Manhas
October 5th
Gregg Perry
October 11th
Bernard Dinter
October 11th

Wedding anniversaries this

We're on the map for World Clean Up Day this Saturday the 16th! The Rotary EcoClub is registered to participate at <https://www.worldcleanupday.org/> and will be meeting first for breakfast at 8am in the Village at the Shawnigan Basin Society's Community Table space (across from the bakery) before our Litter Picking Walk from 10am until 12noon that will take us through the Village to Wharf Park and across to Mason's Beach. Anyone is welcomed to join in! Details at <https://shawniganrotaryecoclub.ca/upcoming-events>.

Cowichan Exhibition – Michael Lee reported that sufficient volunteers have signed-up to collect admission tickets to the Cowichan Exhibition on Sunday, September 17th.

Cowichan Valley Youth Services – The club is cooking a BBQ lunch on Thursday, September 14, marking the Agency's 50th anniversary. The lunch is from 11-3 at CVYS office, 294 Coronation Avenue at Festubert Street. Contact: Bob Fenske

Guest Speaker – North Cowichan Mayor Rob Douglas – Mayor Douglas provided a broad overview on several North Cowichan initiatives. Some of the highlights:

- The municipality is engaged in public consultations regarding a new Forest Management Policy.
- The municipality is looking to bring its Land Use Zoning regulations up to date.
- A Housing Affordability policy is under development. Several options are being examined, with public input being sought. A priority has been placed on clearing the backlog of development applications.
- The municipality is working with other local and senior levels of government to address the problems of homelessness, mental health and drug addiction in the community.
- The municipality has established a new economic development committee to explore ways of attracting new businesses to the region and to provide the infrastructure required to support those businesses.
- The municipality is addressing a number of environmental issues, including the health of Quamichan and Somenos Lakes, as well as biodiversity protection.

The mayor places considerable priority on public engagement and encouraged club members to get involved. For more information, check-out the municipality's websites:

<https://www.northcowichan.ca>
<https://www.northcowichan.ca/EN/main/community/engage.html>
<https://www.northcowichan.ca/EN/main/i-want-to/sign-up-for.html>

Happy/Sad's

Lois & Jim Cosh's 60th wedding anniversary (September 7) was recognized.

Bob Cairns mentioned that the **Duncan Terry Fox Run** takes place Sunday morning, September 17th at Evans Park. Those wishing to participate or donate can do so at: <https://run.terryfox.ca/28973>.

Corrine Thompson regaled members with stories of her and Tim's recent visit to **Malcolm Island** and engagement with Orca whales. Perhaps a little too close for comfort. Corrine is travelling to Italy for six weeks. Bon Voyage! Karen & Jim have agreed to look after the banking.

Derek Gullmes reported that **Jeff Downie's** surgery went well, and he is recovering at home.

Bryan Bass and Michael Lee celebrated 30th wedding anniversaries (not to each other) on September 4th. Michael also reported that 1,200 pounds of apples and pears have been picked for Nourish Cowichan.

Upcoming Events

- September 14 – Cowichan Valley Youth Services BBQ; 11:00am
- September 17 – Cowichan Exhibition Ticket-taking
- September 17 – Terry Fox Run; Evans Park
- September 18 – Social at the Duncan Curling Club; 5:30pm; Potluck; \$10.00
- September 25 – No meeting (deferred to DG visit on September 27)
- September 27 – DG Caleb Summerfelt's visit; Duncan Curling Club 5:00-7:00pm
- October 21 – Visioning; Details to follow.



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John Howatt
October 2nd
Robert William Fenske
October 9th

Coming up...

Terry Fox Run Duncan, BC



Sunday, Sept. 17 @ 10 am

Evans Park, 6257 Somenos Rd, Duncan, BC V9L 4G1
Registration is FREE. From 9 am, or pre-register online:

<https://run.terryfox.ca/28973>

+ Family Friendly Activities

Bouncy Castle
Facepaints & Games

Food & Drinks
Gelato Truck

CHOICE OF THREE DISTANCES: 2km, 4km, 6km.

ALL MONEY RAISED GOES TO THE TERRY FOX FOUNDATION

Club Social Evening - Potluck

When? Monday, September 18, 5:30 - 8:00pm

Where? Glen Harper Curling Centre (Duncan Curling Club), 3191 Sherman Road, Duncan

What? In celebration of the upcoming Autumn Equinox, we're holding a "Harvest Potluck" so bring something that you've harvested and/or made from your garden or farm produce this year to share.

Cost? \$10

District Governor Visit - Wednesday, September 27th

Please join your fellow members plus members from the other clubs within Area 50 for an evening with Caleb Summerfelt, our District Governor for 2023/2024. This is the official visit of the 2023|2024 District Governor to our club. This personal conversation will focus on overcoming challenges, promoting positive conduct, and a focus on the theme, "...can one person make a difference, and how..." Let's embrace the spirit of Rotary and revel in the shared

triumphs that lie ahead!

When? Wednesday, September 27, 5:00 - 7:00pm

Where? Glen Harper Curling Centre (Duncan Curling Club), 3191 Sherman Road, Duncan

Volunteers Needed!

As you all know, Bob Fenske and Jim Cosh have been the mainstays in managing any events where our BBQ services are required for over 20 years. By the end of this year they would like to hand these duties off to someone else within the club along with the keys to the lockup so the club is looking for a person or persons to take on this role. Please contact Bob (bobslaf@telus.net) or Jim (jlcosh@shaw.ca) for more information. Our BBQ services are one of the common themes within our community involvement so it requires a dedicated person and team to keep it running smoothly...please consider taking this on.

It's not too early to start organizing for our annual Heart of Gold Auction in February, 2024. To that end, we need a member to step up as chair of the event. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year so its success has a direct impact on how much we can fund the community programs we support. Contact President Andrew Dowsett (madowsett@gmail.com) for more details.

Don't forget to follow us on:

