

Rotary Club of Duncan



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

October 2nd
**Duncan Weekly Club
Meeting**

Speaker: Kathy
Robertson
Subject: Community
Futures Duncan

October 16th
**Duncan Monthly
Club Social**

Club Leaders



**Andrew
Dowsett**
President



**Karen A.
Thorington**
President-
Elect



**Robert
Graham
Cairns**
Vice
President



Joel Perry
Secretary

Wednesday, September 20, 2023

MeetingZoomInfo

Can't join in person? Click [HERE](#) to join via Zoom!

What's been happening...

September 18, 2023 Duncan Rotary Club Social

Some 16 Rotarians and guests gathered for the monthly social evening at the Duncan Curling Club. President Elect Karen Thorington welcomed attendees to a Down East Kitchen Party, to mark the completion of the kitchen at the Curling Club, generously supported by the Duncan Rotary Club. The group enjoyed a delicious harvest potluck dinner featuring meatballs, lamb stew, sliders, pizza, salad, rolls and desserts. Marking the completion of the kitchen project, attendees competed to see who could come up with the most kitchen-related words that could be used as a noun or a verb. Congratulations to Anna-Maria Korell's team with 24 words!

Announcements

District Governor's Visit to Cowichan Valley – DG Caleb Summerfelt will be visiting the Valley on Wednesday, September 27th. The visit will focus on overcoming challenges, promoting positive conduct and focus on the theme, "...can one person make a difference, and how...". Let's embrace the spirit of Rotary with a warm Valley welcome. Please join your Rotary friends from the area and register for this event!

As a result of the District Governor's visit, there will be no regular meeting on Monday, September 25th.

Social Committee - The Club is looking for a person or persons to serve as Chair of the Social committee, responsible for organizing the monthly social events. Please let President Andrew know of your interest ASAP!

Visioning Project – PE Karen announced that she now has the team for the visioning project, to take place (half-day) on Saturday, October 21. Joining Karen on the visioning team are:

Andrew Dowsett Nora Dowsett Jim Cosh Joel Perry
Derek Gullmes Patrick McGuire Ron Minks Bob Cairns
Anna-Maria Korell Tek Manhas Bea Fulton Jo Bodard
Barry Remus

The survey has been finalized and will be sent out in the coming days. All club members are encouraged to complete and submit the survey, providing the visioning team with a sound understanding of your concerns, priorities and ideas for the Club's future direction.

Upcoming Events

- September 25 – **No meeting**
- September 27 – DG Summerfelt's visit; Duncan Curling Club; 5:00-7:00pm
- October 9 – Thanksgiving; no meeting.
- October 21 – Visioning; Details to follow.



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 Mellestrand
Youth Protection Officer



Doyle Childs
Assistant Governor

Birthdays this month

Jo Madeline Velu Bodard
September 26th

Tek S Manhas
October 5th

Gregg Perry
October 11th

Bernard Dinter
October 11th

Robert Graham Cairns



Cowichan Valley Youth Services - September 14

On September 14th, Duncan Rotary Club members manned the BBQ grills to support the Cowichan Valley Youth Services Society (CVYS) in celebrating its 50th anniversary. The Society (previously known as Community Options Society) provides free counselling and various outreach and support services for youth ages 13-18 and their families in the Cowichan Valley. Its goal is to provide clients a safe, non-judgmental environment – one where clients can discover their strengths and learn to make healthy choices. Counsellors are there for youth and their families to talk, to deal with overwhelming emotions, to learn new skills and to facilitate change. The Society takes referrals from teens, parents, community agencies, social workers, government, school counsellors and a variety of other sources, but no referral is necessary. All services are free and confidential. For more information, go to <https://cvyouth.ca>.



Coming up...

NO MEETING on Monday, September 25 due to District Governor's visit on Wednesday.

An Evening with District Governor Caleb Summerfelt When: Wednesday, September 27

Time: 5:00-7:00pm

Where: Duncan Curling Club, 3191 Sherman Road, Duncan

Cost: \$10 collected at door



Come join your fellow members, and members from the other clubs within Area 50 (Daybreak, South Cowichan, Chemainus, Shawnigan Eco-club, etc.) for an evening with our DG Caleb Summerfelt. 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

October 17th

Wedding anniversaries this month

John Howatt
October 2nd

Robert William Fenske
October 9th

spirit of Rotary and revel in the shared triumphs that lie ahead!

Cost is \$10 per person collected at the door which includes hot and cold appetizers. There will also be a cash bar. Please register so that we will have enough food and proper setup for the event.

Next regular lunch meeting - Cowichan Golf and Country Club - Monday, October 2.

Join your fellow members for lunch and to hear from Kathy Robertson of Community Futures 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.

Also, we are in need of a new Social Coordinator as Susanne Atagi, who has done a magnificent job in organizing these events over the past year, needs to step away to concentrate on other activities. Our club aims to have a social evening or event on the third (3rd) Monday of every month, but someone needs to organize the venue, food/appies, and perhaps a fun game or activity now and then. Contact President Andrew Dowsett (madowsett@gmail.com) if you are interested.

Don't forget to follow us on:

