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**The Daybreak for Tuesday November 26, 2024**

Roles for the meeting at the Hume Hotel at 7 am on Tuesday November 26, 2024:

Chair - Sheila Hart. Greeter – Ian Comishin. Inspirational Message – Peggy Devries. Toast – Pat Dooley

**Our speaker will be Evan Dupont speaking about the Rural Pre-Medicine Program**.

**Please Confirm Your Meeting Attendance on Nov. 26 by Saturday November 23**

Did you know that the Hume Hotel needs 12 of our members to be in attendance for us to use the Hume Room. We are privileged to be able to use this room, the AV equipment and to have a storage locker at the Hume Hotel. Please, please go into DACdb BY FRIDAY and confirm your attendance at the meeting ON THE FOLLOWING TUESDAY. It is simple to do:

1. Log In to DACdb
2. Click on My Club
3. Click on Calendar
4. Click on the date of the meeting eg October 22
5. Click on RSVP
6. Confirm whether you will be attending or not

**Please Confirm Your Attendance at the Club’s Christmas Social on DACdb**

**Sunday December 8 at Kootenay Christian Fellowship from 5-9pm**

**Pot Luck - appies and desserts. Please list what item(s) you will bring in your confirmation response in the Comments section.**  
**Bring your own plates, cutlery, and favourite beverage- wine or drink of choice permitted.**  
**Spouses and significant others welcome, family friendly.**  
**Please add name of guest(s) in the Comments section.**  
**OPTIONAL: bring $20 gift for gift exchange, those who bring a gift will be in the draw for random anonymous gift pick.**

**A special call out of thanks to Peggy Devries for organizing this event and to Jim Reimer for making arrangements so that we can use the Christmas theme decorated room at Kootenay Christian Fellowship.**

**Board Makes Major Financial Decisions**

**At the November 19, 2024, Board meeting, the decision was made to utilize club funds to support those organizations that have traditionally been supported by International Dinner proceeds. This will include the following donations which will be made prior to the end of December:**

**Food Security Programs:**

**Our Daily Bread - $5000**

**Nelson Food Centre - $2500**

**Anglican Church Food Cupboard - $750**

**Salvation Army Food Cupboard - $750**

**TRF Polio Plus Program - $1000**

**Teacher at Haiti Arise - $4000**

**Community Services & International Services Support**

**The Board approved financial support for several community services:**

**Nelson Hospice - $200 to support expenses related to increase staffing requirements due to increased workload.**

**Gifts for Lonely Seniors - $300 to support the Gifts for Lonely Seniors project. These funds will be used for gifts at Valentines Day.**

**ShelterBox - $1200 donation to ShelterBox Canada to purchase one ShelterBox. The need is great as a ShelterBox camp was bombed in Gaza.**

A destroyed building with a few rubble

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**Annual General Meeting to be held on Tuesday December 10**

The Annual General Meeting of the Rotary Club of Nelson Daybreak will be held on Tuesday December 10 at 7 am at the Hume Hotel.

Past President Andy Leathwood and DG Lorne Westnedge will serve as the Nominating Committee to present a slate of officers for President 2026-27, and Secretary. Allison Alder will serve as President in 2025-26.

Assistant Governor Mayumi van der Pol and husband PDG Kees van der Pol will be in attendance. Mayumi is a Peace Committee Member, an Advocate for Peace Literacy Institute, and an Advocate for International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons. Mayumi will present about the Peace Literacy Program that the D5080 Peace Committee has been working on.

**Joan Exley thanks club members who have supported literacy by purchasing CBAL Socks**

Socks are still available at the CBAL office.

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**Club Members Respond to Calls for Assistance**

**Salvation Army Christmas Kettles – Alan Inkster Needs Volunteers** – this was the very first Community Service Project of the Rotary Club of Nelson Daybreak in 1993 and we hope members will help again this year. Alan Inkster is the Coordinator for our club and is scheduling volunteers to man the Kettle outside Save-on Foods on two dates in December: Dec 3rd and Dec. 10th. We need volunteers, solo or doubles, for three 2-hour shifts, from 11:00 - 1:00, 1:00 - 3:00, and 3:00 - 5:00. Please let Alan know by return e-mail at [inkster.alan@gmail.com](mailto:inkster.alan@gmail.com) or phone 250-551-6516 if you are available and your time preference. Thanks.

**Salvation Army Christmas Hampers –** The need has never been greater. They expect to surpass the 157 hampers that they did last year at Xmas, especially for an increase in numbers for seniors that they are already routinely delivering food hampers to because of a lack of funds to deal with grocery price inflation.  They need to have lots and lots of cookies by Dec. 16. Please start baking. Marilyn is arranging for some help from the Interactors and retired teacher Kathi Knapik is going to inspire the high school students to do some baking. By Special Motion, the Board approved a grant of $500 towards this project. Please keep in touch with Marilyn.

**Home Stay and Hospitality Dinner at the D5080 Conference**

Open your hearts and your homes and reap the benefit of relationships with Rotarians from throughout D5080. Sheila Hart is seeking Nelson Rotarians willing to host a Home Hospitality Dinner on Friday May 2, 2025. Members can work together to prepare and host a meal. An alternative to this dinner that Ainslie Mackie is organizing is a Pub Crawl on the same night.

Sheila has also put a call out to all Nelson Rotarians to volunteer to be Home Stay Host on the nights of Thursday May 1, Friday May 2 and Saturday May 3.

Please let Sheila know about your decision as soon as possible. If you have questions, give her a call. Please forward your completed forms to her as soon as possible. Everything needs to be organized before registration opens in early January 2025.

**Notice to be sent about International Dinner**

In the forthcoming weeks, a note will be sent to all the people who attended the International Dinner held earlier this year in order to explain why the event is cancelled for this year and encourage them to donate to the projects that we usually support.

**Peace Pole Project**

The Joint Club Peace Pole Project Committee has been working hard to make decisions about the design for the pole, materials and who will construct the pole. Marilyn Miller reports, “Our pole is well into the design and decision point and we are building it on mainly free supplies ( Spearhead and the City), free creativity (Interactors, Rotarians, Architect David Dolby, Sandra), free engineering(Spearhead, Shop teachers LVR).

A construction workers working on a foundation

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**Update about Haiti Arise from Jim Reimer**

I spoke with Marc Honorat to get an update. He informs me that in Grand Goave things are going well. The schools are functioning as normal. The medical clinic is functioning, and the tech school is functioning, and the children’s village is doing great. They have food because the locals are growing food. The difficulty they have is with fuel. But Haiti Arise compound is completely outfitted with solar now and so they have electrical power and they have Internet thank to Elon Musk. This helps them a lot as they’re able to connect with their staff on a daily basis, and even though they cannot get into the country, they can still communicate with their leaders.  However, things are worse in Port au Prince.  You may have heard that the rebels have been shooting at airplanes. As a result, there are no commercial flights flying into Haiti now for the next 30 days. We are rejoicing, however, that in Grand Guave people are safe and the ministry continues to go forward. This is great testimony of how well Marc Honorat has trained the locals to do the job.

**Plan to attend the Rotary International Convention in Calgary**



Registration is now open for RICON Calgary. It is anticipated that over 23,000 Rotarians will attend this event, so don’t delay in getting organized to attend. Hotels etc. can be booked through RI Housing. It is anticipated that 100 D5080 Rotarians will attend. The official program will not be released until closer to the event. Visit the website to learn more and register.

**Another Literacy Program to Support**

For many years Rotary Nelson Daybreak and/or its members have supported the Tegucigalpa Market Children Project of Help Honduras. In 2024 Help Honduras was able to provide the gift of schooling to 387 children and youth in Honduras. These young people would not have had access to schooling without this support. Rates to sponsor individual students for 2025 are:

Primary Student - $300 per year

Secondary Students in grade 7-11 - $420 per year

University Student - $585 per year.

If you are interested in sponsoring a child go to: [Empowering Honduran Communities Through Charity](https://www.helphonduras.ca/become-a-sponsor)

**Committees for Rotary year 2024-25 Confirmed to Date at July 1, 2024**

**President:** Sheila Hart

**President-Elect for 2025-26:** Allison Alder

**Past President:**  Andy Leathwood

**Secretary:** Sandra England

**Treasurer:** John Stegman

**Programs:** Chair Sandra England

**Club Administration Committee:** Chair Dave Simpson

**Membership Committee:** Chair Allison Alder

**PR Committee including Facebook**: Sheila Hart, Pat Dooley

**Youth Services including Trafalgar School Interact:** ChairMarilyn Miller, Ezra Foy, Dave Douglas

**Youth Protection Officer:** Chair **Marilyn** Miller

**Foundation Committee**: Chair Peter Chipman

**Community Services Committee:**

**International Services Committee:** Chair John Stegman

**WaCanId Reps** – Dave Simpson and Alan Inkster

**Conference Committee for 2025 District Conference. Note: More will be added in the next weeks and months**

**Co-Chairs:** Andy Leathwood and Ainslie Mackie.

**Treasurer**: Jeanette McCarvell

**Program Chair:** Allison Alder

**Home Hospitality and Home Stay:** Sheila Hart and June Nuyens

**Co-Masters of Ceremony:** Pat Dooley and John Dooley

**Registration:** Kees van der Pol

**Merchandise:** Dave Simpson

**Outdoor Activities**: Ian Comishin

**Logo:** Jen Cowan

**Peace Pole**: Tom Schneider

**Memorial Service:** PDG Doreen Kelsey and Maria Kliavkoff

**Facilities Space:** John Ferguson

**Chief of Staff:** Peggy Devries

**Future District 5080 Conferences**

**May 2-4, 2025, in Nelson at the Prestige Lakeside Resort**

**Future RI Conventions  
2025- Calgary – June 21-25 Lorne’s DG Year (Calgary conventions are always late in June as earlier dates might be impacted by Stanley Cup play-offs)**

**2026 – Taipei, Taiwan -June 13-17**

**2027 – Hawaii – June 5-9**

**Special Notes for 2024**

Sunday December 8 – Club Festive Season Social

**2025 – this is going to be a very busy year**

February 20-22, 2025 – PNWPETS for President-Elect Allison Alder

Monday March 17-March 28 – Spring Break 2025

Saturday April 20, 2025 – Easter Egg Hunt

Friday May 2 – Sunday May 4 – District Conference in Nelson at the Prestige Lakeside Resort

June 21-25 – Rotary International Convention in Calgary