

ROTARY CLUB KELOWNA OKANAGAN MISSION
MEETING NOTES AND NEWSLETTER
CREEKSIDE PUB AND GRILL
09 JAN 2017 AND 23 JAN 2017

On behalf of all our Club Members I would like to extend our heartfelt condolences to President Irma whose mother passed away on January 24th, 2017

09 JAN 2017

Compiled from notes taken by Laurie Gaymer

ATTENDANCE:	ACTIVE MEMBERS:	7/19 (36%)
	HONOURARY MEMBERS:	01/03
	GUESTS:	Christine BOISSEAU (New Member) Steve BUCEK (Ken Kilcullen)
	SPOUSES:	Berna SHOEMAKER

NB: The lower than usual attendance is directly attributed to illness and winter vacations.

PRESIDENT REMARKS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OKANAGAN COLLEGE (Kelowna Campus) TRADES COMPLEX

- Coffee Morning on 24 JAN 2017 at 0915 to promote literacy for apprentices attending the various programs. Competencies to be addressed are basic English skills, coding, and accepted “trades jargon” ETC
- The College is looking to attract volunteers to assist

SALVATION ARMY KETTLE CAMPAIGN

- Thank you letter from SA. Campaign was a success with over \$80K raised

ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE (RLI) PENTICTON

- The training is made up of three separate sessions which will be held on Saturday February 4th, Saturday February 18th and Saturday March 4th in Penticton
- To date no one from our Club has registered.
- The Club has agreed to pay the Registration Costs (\$120) for anyone who wishes to attend.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE

- Reminder that the District Conference will be held at the Okanagan Grand Hotel starting April 27th and ending Sunday April 30th.
- For more information and complete program of events and speakers go to www.rotary5060.org and follow the prompts.
- So far 8 members from our Club have registered

23 JAN 2017

ATTENDANCE: ACTIVE MEMBERS: 11/19 (57%)
 HONOURARY MEMBERS 00/03
 GUESTS: Reto GEBERT – President Elect Kelowna Rotaract Club

VP Rita presided over the meeting as President Irma's mother suddenly became critically ill and was not expected to survive the next 24 hours.

BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ROTARY RADIO DAYS (Steve WOLFENDEN)

- Bell Media has again agreed, as part of their Public Service Announcement commitment to sponsor Rotary Radio Days. This is one of our major fundraisers (last year over \$8K raised).
- For details, as to how the fundraiser works please refer to the email that Irma sent to our Membership on 24 JAN 2017. In case you have deleted this message, I will forward it again.
- It is important that we start selling ads asap as the campaign will end on March 31st, 2017.
- In the past, we have been limited to 40 ads, however there could be a possibility that we could increase to 50.

ROTARACT FUNDRAISER – Masquerade of Hearts (Reto GEBERT)

- Kelowna Rotaract Club is holding their annual fundraiser on Saturday February 11th, at the Okanagan Mission Hall. The event starts at 7PM. Tickets are \$35.00 per person and are available on Okanagan.snapd.com.
- Appies; Mask Painting; Cash Bar; Silent Auction; 50/50 Draw; Door Prizes et.
- Costumes are optional – Theme Alice in Wonderland?
- For more information contact Reto Gebert at reto.gebert@hotmail.ca or 250 575-7888

BUDGET (Monika GRIMMER)

- The Clubs Budget for 2016/2017 was sent to the Membership on 08 JAN 2017 for review and comments.
- The budget as sent on the 08 JAN 2017 was unanimously approved.

MEAT DRAW (Ross and Monika GRIMMER)

- The Club applied for and obtained the Gaming Licence to run the Meat Draw which is held at the Creekside Pub and Grill every Saturday between 2PM and 4PM.
- Member commitment is minimal other than maybe attending the Pub with friends etc, and participating in the meat draws. There are four draws, with 3 choices of a variety of meats per draw.
- Potential to be an excellent fundraiser.

MEMBERSHIP

- Christine BOISSEAU's Membership application has been approved and fully processed. She will be inducted as a Member of our Club asap and possibly at our next meeting contingent on her availability to attend. Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday February 6th, 2017 at the Creekside in lieu of Monday February 13th (Family Day – Long Weekend).

DISTRICT CONFERENCE – Thursday April 27th to Sunday April 30th

- One of the highlights of District Conferences is “Home Hosting”, which typically takes place on the Friday evening.
- In broad brief and general terms taking into account the large influx of Rotarians attending the Conference, local Rotarians invite the visitors to their homes for dinner. Usually 2 couples would come to your home (more if you can accommodate a larger group) for dinner and social evening.
- If you are interested in hosting some visiting Rotarians, the contact person is Anne Marie KIRBY (Kelowna Club). Anne Marie can be reached at 250 878-3467 or Annemarie.Kirby@corehealth.global.

CASORSO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL “READ TEAM” – John McMAHON Principal Casorso Elementary School

- On 11 JAN 2016 McMAHON made a passionate and compelling presentation to our Club outlining a new remedial reading program that he was introducing to primarily Grade 3 students who have reading difficulties. The program involved volunteers (mainly parents) who dedicate one hour per week (Monday to Friday 8:30AM to 2:30PM to work with students to help them improve their reading skills using a structured reading program. During the one hour period, each volunteer will spend 15 minutes with one student, and then another 15 minutes with a second student and so on.
- Six members from our Club volunteered to take the training and participate. Unfortunately, there were some internal problems regarding organization and the program did not reach its full potential and “died on the vine”.
- The school is anxious to rejuvenate the Read Team and has made contact with our Club through Lizann and Iain ALLAN.
- If you are interested in volunteering with the very worthwhile program the contact person is Thea ANTHONY, Teacher at Casorso Elementary School. Thea can be reached at 250 897-5135 or Thea.Anthony@sd23.bc.ca.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

06 FEB 2017 Regular Meeting at Creekside.

NOTE: We are having the meeting on the First Monday of the Month as our regular date

13 FEB 2017 is a BC Holiday (Family Day)

27 FEB 2017 Regular Meeting at Creekside.

MEAT DRAW EVERY SATURDAY BETWEEN 2PM AND 4PM AT THE CREEKSIDE.

OKM SECRETARY (29 JAN 2017)