

ROTARY CLUB OKANAGAN MISSION
MEETING NOTES AND NEWSLETTER
24 AUG 2015
CREEKSIDE PUB AND GRILL

ATTENDANCE: 13/18 (72%)

GUESTS: Fred FROESE PDG Bruce FALKINS
Peter SPEK (President Capri)
Dianna GROFFEN Project Literacy

PRESIDENTS REMARKS:

- as a result of feedback from the Preparing Our Club to Grow Survey a Guest Book will be maintained and an Official Greeter will be assigned to every meeting. Past President Laurie will be the Greeter for September. The Greeter's duties and responsibilities can be found on the website or on a sheet with the Guest Book.
- Irma will be attending the Rotary Leadership Training in Salmon Arm. Members are encouraged to go on the Rotary Website and take advantage of the many on line training courses that are offered. The Club will pay for pre-approved tuition fees. Sixty percent of the survey participants felt that the our Club did not adequately encourage on going Rotary Training seminars etc.

TRIVIA NIGHT 17 OCT 2015

- tickets have been distributed
- silent auction items are needed
- there is lots of work to do to make this event successful.
- volunteers are needed for, decorating, clean up, silent auction, obtaining liquor permit and ordering liquor, lottery permit for 50/50 etc.

SHOE BANK CANADA (previous Soles for Soles) PDG Bruce FALKINS

- Shoe Bank Canada was founded by Jim BELSHAW Sunrise Rotary Club
- For a number of years Jim collected "gently used footwear" in Kelowna and personally distributed literally hundreds of thousand pairs of shoes primarily in Haiti. Last year while in Haiti Jim became gravely ill and almost died
- Jim severed his ties with Soles for Soles and formed a tenancy partnership with the Kelowna Food Bank to distribute shoes to people in need in Kelowna. Footwear is distributed to people in need in Kelowna such as construction workers who require safety boots to secure employment; children who require athletic shoes to participate in sports etc
- Shoe Bank Canada is having a fundraiser "Barefoot on the Boardwalk" on 12 SEP 2015. This is a family event. Individual members of our Club made contributions to the cause through pledges. For more information contact Jim BELSHAW at Roy's Shoes in Kelowna.

PROJECT LITERACY Dianna GROFFEN

- Project Literacy is a one on one program that helps people develop and improve reading, writing and math skills to assist them in finding employment
- 30% of their clients are born in Canada and 70% immigrants
- developing skills in digital literacy are now becoming critical to finding jobs in today's markets
- 1% increase in literacy increases our GDP by \$32B
- GROFFEN will provide a list of appropriate books that will be donated to the club on behalf of our guest speakers,
- For more information on Project Literacy there is a link from our Club Website.

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