

ROTARY CLUB OF KELOWNA -OKANAGAN MISSION MEETING NOTES

CREEKSIDE PUB AND GRILL

Meeting called to order at 6:00PM by Christine Boisseau

October 07, 2019.

Duties for the meeting:

ANTHEM : Christine Boisseau

ROTARY MOMENT : Iain Allen

- Why am I a Rotarian? It's been inspirational; allowed me to make a difference through club services projects and local combined projects
- Our club has done many good things even in being small in size; this is both inspirational as much as a Call to Action to more and to continue seeking to make a positive impact.

SHERIFF : Ken Bernath

GREETER : Lyal Shoemaker

GUESTS: Dawn Charles (Brain Trust); Graham McCauley (Friend of Iain).

Attendance: 08 out of 19 active members

CLUB BUSINESS:

- **World Polio Day** (October 24th)
- **Club Meetings**
 - Next meeting is moved to Oct 28th (avoid the Oct 21st election polling).
 - The following meeting is November 04th (the District Governor Meeting). The meeting will commence at 5:00 pm for Board members and regular meeting to follow
 - November is foundation month – the club will match the donation to incentivize as we did last year.
 - The Club AGM is November 25th, 2019.
- **Remembrance Day** (November 11, 2019)
 - A wreath was purchased last year @ a cost of \$50.
 - The President put forth a motion to purchase one this year; it was seconded. Therefore we will purchase a wreath again this year .

- **Christmas Party** (Dec 08, 2019)
 - Marie-Yvonne is no longer a member of the Club.
 - *Action Item:* A committee needs to be established to organize the party. Pls contact Christine if willing to contribute. Ken Kilcullen has agreed to help out with the organisation of this event.
- **Trivia Night** (March 1, 2020)
 - Information will be forthcoming on planning at a later date. Our theme is Spring Fling and organizing efforts will have to start soon.
- **Club Membership**
 - Membership is declining.
 - The President suggested to have a membership event/motivational speaker in January.
 - *Action Item:* Please send in suggestions for membership building events.

Tabled for next meeting: Presentation of the Paul Harris award.

PRESENTATION by BRAIN TRUST

- Dawn presented on the Brain Trust organization whose passion is to provide support and resources for those with brain injuries;
- Its roots from 1986 were in an incorporated organization called “North & South Okanagan Head Injury Society” and it grew its services and support over the years;
- Dawn heralds is from the private sector as a small business owner; however, due to a family experience, Dawn made the decision to dedicate her life to not-for-profit and is loving working at the local level with the Brain Trust;
- She spoke about society and that it is advancing (slowly) and overall, the understanding about the impacts of brain injury is akin to “the new smoking”;
- Research findings point to an elevated occurrence of: persons incarcerated and those with brain injuries (50-80%); and homeless persons (87%);
- Dawn quizzed the Club and Ken won a helmet!
- Dawn explained that the Trust is committed to fundraising on an ongoing basis. Of its three core events over the year, Oktoberfest will be held on October 11, 2019.
- Tickets to Oktoberfest can be obtained from the Brain Trust website.
<https://braintrustcanada.com/events/oktoberfest/>
- 100% of proceeds will be going directly to the Brain Trust.

Sherriff Happy/Sads

- Ken is partially bionic – his new knee is a welcome addition
- Christine is happy that her parents visited and equally to have her space back

Draw: Ken Bernath won. Congrats!!

Toast and adjourn

Next meeting October 28th at Creekside Pub

A/Secretary Connie Delisle