

ROTARY CLUB OF KELOWNA -OKANAGAN MISSION
MEETING NOTES AND NEWS LETTER
CREEKSIDE PUB AND GRILL



13 August 2018 Meeting called to order at 1800 Hrs. President Ken presiding

Duties for the meeting:

Greeter – Lyal Shoemaker
Anthem – Lois Serwa
Rotary Moment – Christine Boisseau
Sherriff - Iain Allan

ATTENDANCE: Active Members 15/21 (71%) , 1 Honorary Member Cliff Serwa

GUESTS: Gayle Voyer - Guest Speaker (Canadian Blood Services)

CLUB BUSINESS:

President's Message:

- Thank you to all the members who were there for the fellowship on the 5th. It was a great night with a dozen in attendance.
- District governor will be here on August 27th for a private club meeting.
- There will be a BBQ with the district governor on the following Wednesday. Please come and meet the district Governor
- RibFest August 24-26. They are still looking for volunteers. Please reach out if you are interested.
- PR Event this Wednesday at 1pm at Centebh
- Electronic Scavenger Hunt, 55\$ per person, teams between 4-10 on September 22. Charitable donation receipt can be provided for a portion of the registration cost.
- Rotary Cruise next year. 7 day cruise in the Netherlands May 11-18 to help end Polio.

Foundation Report:

We have committed to a target of \$2100, or \$100 per member, on a voluntary basis. Donations to foundation go towards earning your Paul Harris.

GUEST SPEAKER: Gayle Voyer, Canadian Blood Services

Gayle Voyer was born in Kamloops, and has been in Kelowna since she was 6 years old. She left for a few years to pursue school in Vancouver and then returned to Kelowna.

She has owned and operated Total Event, an event-planning firm, for 7 years.

5 years ago she became the territory manager for Canadian blood services in the Okanagan.

Presentation:

- Canadian Blood services has managed the blood system for 20 years
- They took over from Red Cross at that time. There was a need for change and they wanted to offer a safer system to ensure both the donor's and receiver's safety.
- Every year there is a need 100,000 new donors in Canada. Canadian Blood Services tries to encourage people to donate more.
- Every minute of every day someone needs blood.
- They have some high school programs: Give Life Champion High school program, to bring in new donors and train the students to be champions.
- 1 in 2 Canadians could donate, but only 1 in 60 actually do.
- Requirements to donate: 17 or older, up to 71 (as a first time donor) , Donor safety is very important and the screening process reflects this.
- Donating takes approximately 1 hour.
- Females can donate every 84 days, males every 56 days.

- No one is immune from it, blood can save lives and you never know when it may be someone you know
- Canadian Blood services is also actively involved in stem cell research (they run the one match program in Canada) and the organ, eye and tissue registry as well as ongoing research
- The Adopt a Clinic program let's an organization or group take over a clinic for a day and find people to donate on behalf of the group.
- They are always looking for volunteers
- The Kelowna clinic is the one they struggle the most with from Vernon to Penticton, possibly due to the public not feeling a sense of urgency since it is not a mobile clinic.

President Ken has proposed we take part in the Adopt A Clinic program on December 19th 2018. This will be discussed further at subsequent meetings.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 19h30

Next Meeting August 27 2018

Christine Boisseau, OKM Secretary