

ROTARY CLUB KELOWNA – OKANAGAN MISSION BRITISH COLUMBIA CANADA
MEETING NOTES AND NEWSLETTER
CREEKSIDE PUB AND GRILL
22 JAN 2018

ATTENDANCE: Active Members 12/21 (57%) Quorum 7 Active Members
Guests: Faye WOLFENDEN
Candace CHISHOLM – Mamas for Mamas (Guest Speaker)

GREETER: Neil McKAY ANTHEM: Christine BOISSEAU ROTARY MOMENT: Laurie GAYMER

PRESIDENT IRMA

Provided an overview of some of the discussions from the Presidents Meeting including some of the fundraisers planned by other clubs in Area's 5&6

- KELOWNA CLUB – Goff Tournament 15 MAY 2018
- SUNRISE CLUB – Ribfest 24/26 AUG 2018.
- WEST KELOWNA - Taste of India 07 APR 2018
- ROTARACT – Denim and Dance 25 JAN 18 – OK Corral
- PEACHLAND – Gala Night 12 MAY 2018
- LAKE COUNTRY – Beans and Jeans – OK Centre Community Hall;
- OGOPOGO – Scotch Whisky Tasting 23 FEB 2018; Lobster Fest May or June TBA

ROTARY RADIO DAYS (Ken KILCULLEN)

- It is time to start selling the radio ads. Steve has packages available.
- We will sell ads until the middle of March which will subsequently aired in April
- Ken has provided “talking points” to use when approaching potential donors.

MEAT DRAW (Ross GRIMMER)

- Monika has applied for Licence.

Laurie, Trixi, Monika and Ross attended Creekside on Saturday 27th January to observe and assess just how the Meat Draw works. There was a small crowd in attendance. Notwithstanding, we made a profit of \$75. The cost of the meat is definitely too high (\$20 per package X 12 for a total of \$240 per week). Steve has agreed to contact Lakeview Market to determine if they can reduce our costs by \$40 per week. If so, then we would increase our profits by approximately \$1600 per year.

Lakeview Market has always supported our Club Fundraisers.

Laurie and Trixi were lucky enough to win 3 packages of meat.

GUEST SPEAKER – Candace CHISHOLM, Chief Community Officer MAMAS for MAMAS

- MAMAS for MAMAS was started in Kelowna April 2014 by Shannon CHRISTENSEN. In the beginning their activities were centred around social media.
- It is a 100% volunteer organization and a registered Not for Profit as of December 2017
- Their goal is to reduce the effects of poverty on mothers and children to allow them to thrive regardless of their socio-economic status
- They are located at 1735 Dolphin Avenue
- The organization has successfully expanded over the past 3 years and now offers 6 Programs to help young mothers, namely:
 1. BASIC DONATION PROGRAM
 2. COMPREHENSIVE DONATION PROGRAM which is focused towards low income at risk mothers who are starting over or preparing for a first baby.
 3. MAMA'S MENTAL WELLNESS AND CLINICAL COUNSELLING
 4. MINDFUL MAMAS is a drop in support group
 5. SUSTAINABLE NOURISHMENT PROGRAM – Maintaining community garden plots and volunteers raising laying hens (100 birds). It is planned that surplus eggs and produce can be sold at the Farmer's Market.
 6. WHOLE MAMA PROGRAM - This is an 8 week course that teaches and encourages how to live a healthy lifestyle, through nutrition, exercise etc.

Candace's presentation was very well received by the members in attendance. If you would like to learn more about Mamas for Mamas I suggest that you go on their website – it is excellent.

SPRING FLING – TRIVIAL PURSUIT ETC

- To be held at the Creekside Pub on Sunday April 15th, 2018.
- Monika and Irma agreed to start the organizing process.
- Tickets will be available soon
- Time to start thinking about silent auction items and selling tickets.

Heartfelt condolences to Cliff SERWA and the rest of SERWA family on the recent passing of Cliff's Mother Helen. Helen passed away on January 22nd, 2018 at the age of 106. Although her physical presence will be greatly missed, her energy and amazing spirit will forever surround the family and all those who knew and loved her.

NEXT MEETING:

MONDAY FEBRUARY 5TH, CREEKSIDE PUB AND GRILL

That's All Folks
RAG
OKM Secretary
28 JAN 2018