

**ROTARY CLUB KELOWNA OKANAGAN MISSION**

**MEETING NOTES AND NEWSLETTER  
22 FEB 2016  
CREEKSIDE PUB AND GRILL**

**ATTENDANCE:** Active Members      14/21 (66%)  
                  Honourary Members    1  
                  Spouses                        5  
                  Guests                             1

**GUESTS:**            Bruce FALKINS Sunrise Rotary Club (Associate Member/Mentor)

**REPORTS:**

**ROTARY RADIO DAYS (Steve)**

- Cheques received for \$7K (28 ads) with a potential of 7 more which could bring our total up to \$8.75K. Total potential if we can sell 40 ads would be \$10K
- Ads should be in by the end of February or the first week in March at the latest

**OKANAGAN COLLEGE TRADES CENTRE (Iain)**

- Joint submission with the Ogopogo Club for a matching grant has been prepared and submitted.
- If successful we could receive \$14K

**KELOWNA FOOD BANK (Iain)**

- Discussions at the Area 4 Presidents meeting regarding the feasibility of having all of the Clubs in West Kelowna and Kelowna help the Food Bank by picking up donations from residences during a major food drive.

**MEMBERS DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES FOR MEETINGS (Laurie)**

- Laurie has distributed a duty roster designating member responsibilities (Sheriff, Rotary Moment, etc). If you cannot fulfil your assigned duty then the onus is on you to find a replacement and advise the President accordingly.

**FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS (Ross)**

- BC Safety has requested a meeting with Parks Kelowna to further discuss the electrical compliance issues/variances which may make it legally possible for us to run the display. The issue of costs to upgrade the display and find sponsors are still outstanding. More to follow

## SECRETARY (Ross)

- The large presentation cheque has been ordered and will be “unveiled” on 14MAR2016
- Effective 01 JUL 2016, as a result of a re-organization of District 5060 our club will no longer be in Area 4. (Kelowna, Capri, Morningside, Ogoopogo, Mission, Sunrise, Lake Country, West Kelowna Daybreak, Westbank, and Lake Country). We will be part of Area 5 along with Kelowna, Morningside, Ogoopogo, and Lake Clountry. I believe that Jim Hawkins (Ogoopogo) will be our Assistant District Governor. Sunrise, Capri, Peachland, Westbank and West Kelowna Daybreak will be in Area 6. Marjolein Lloyd will be the ADG.

## MEMBERSHIP

President Iain introduced Bruce Falkins to our Club as an “associate member”. Bruce is a member of the Sunrise Club and he will remain so. When our Club found itself in a position with no succession to President after Irma’s year (2016/2017) we approached Bruce with the idea of him becoming President in 2017/2018. In the interim he will help us build our Club and mentor some of the newer members to succeed to leadership positions within our Club. Bruce is a Past District Governor (2014/2015), Past Assistant District Governor (2010/2012), Past Club President Sunrise Rotary Club (2004/2005). In addition Bruce is a Paul Harris +9, Major Donor, etc. We are indeed very fortunate to have Bruce on board to help our club grow and flourish. Welcome Bruce.

PDG Bruce and President Iain welcomed and inducted Neil McKay as the 21<sup>st</sup> Active Member into our Club, bringing our membership up to 24. Neil was proposed by Steve Wolfenden. Neil hails from Edmonton and attended the University of Alberta. He started his professional career in 1957 as an engineer and then pursued a law degree. Neil practised law in Edmonton for 44 years. Neil and his wife Barb retired to Kelowna 2007. Neil is active in the community and is currently the Vice President of the Kelowna Senior Mens Slow Pitch/Fastball Association. Welcome Neil and Barb. We all look forward to getting to know you better. Thanks for choosing our Club and thanks Steve for introducing Neil and Barb.

## SAD NEWS

While out shopping earlier today Monika and I met Portia Dove. Sadly she is very ill. Last spring (about the same time as she was in the process of re-joining our Club) she was under going tests and in August she was diagnosed with cancer. She told us that she was in total denial and chose not to share her illness with anyone including her family. By November the cancer had rapidly spread throughout her entire body, including her lungs, liver and bones. The prognosis is not good and the cancer is inoperable and un-treatable. Portia is very up beat and positive. She would very much like to hear from our Club Members.

OKM Secretary

