

ROTARY CLUB OF KELOWNA -OKANAGAN MISSION



MEETING NOTES AND NEWS LETTER

CREEKSIDE PUB AND GRILL

22 July 2019 Meeting called to order at 1800 Hrs. Christine Boisseau Presiding.

Duties for the meeting:

- ANTHEM : Marie Yvonne Cleaver
- ROTARY MOMENT : Irma Lux
- SHERIFF :Chris Dehart
- GREETER :Laurie Gaymer

ATTENDANCE: Active Members 14/23

GUESTS: Mandy Glinsbockel, Chris Murphy, Tessa Vincato, Stewart, Colin Pritchard

CLUB BUSINESS:

- Trivia: November 17 (to be confirmed by Daniel). Committee to be led by Laurie, silent auction items can start being asked for.
- New sergeant at arms. Ken Firkins. Thank You for stepping up.
- Meat draw: we need more volunteers. This is a great fundraiser. It was voted that we will make up a schedule sheet and assign members to dates. If you cannot make your shift it is your responsibility to trade.
- Fellowship on the 5th next Monday. Creekside pub at 6. Please confirm attendance
- **Chris Murphy:** Sunrise rotary. Ribfest August 23-25. Family event. They are looking for volunteers to work the event and the bar. They proceeds go to Joanna's house. VIP table are \$450 for 8, includes ribs and 2 drinks per person.

SPEAKER: Mandy Glinsbockel – Board Director for Her International

- Mission: empowering women and girls through education.

- Mandy spent 6 months working in Nepal and when she returned she was seeking local charities that empowered women. She has now been on the board for over 2 years
- Her International has been chartered in Canada for 13 Years. Founded in 2005
- Charity models are starting to shift and Her International empowers the women in their programs to also give back their time and mentor others which empowers them even further.
- They partner with local organizations on the ground in Nepal that are very knowledgeable about the specific needs of the local people. This helps integrate and assures that the monitoring is done properly.
- The partner with Hope Outreach and Karis here in Kelowna.
- They have a few different programs: Empowerment through education (primary girls scholarships), Bicycle program , Hero Girls (adolescent girls leadership course) , Microfinance and life skills group.
- The life skills groups teach skills around domestic violence awareness, micro finance, literacy, numeracy, etc.
- Illiteracy rate is very high in Nepal. Teaching them to read and write increases their self-confidence and self-worth.
- They also have a social enterprise called UNAKO , which means HER in Nepalese. They sell scarves and jewelry at local markets etc. They teach women how to make them and then sell them. All proceeds go back into the program.
- The Local Canada programs: the run local empowering workshops for adolescent girls. They also run an event called Hope In Her Eyes, a gala at the Laurel Packing house.
- Upcoming event: Nine Wine and Pie, a golf tournament at Sunset Ranch on September 20th. 9 holes of golf followed by wine tasting. They have a \$25,000 goal for this year. This would send 83 girls to school. Contact kevin@edgeconbuilders.com

- Education in Nepal not free even in government schools. Governments schools do not teach English which then limits the opportunities. Cost of government school is about \$500 per year per student.

Christine won the 50/50. Congrats!

Laurie Gaymer: Toast and Adjourn

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 19h 15

Next Meeting: August 12, 2019

Christine Boisseau, OKM Secretary