

ROTARY CLUB OKANAGAN MISSION
MEETING NOTES AND NEWSLETTER
23 NOV 2015
CREEKSIDE PUB AND GRILL

President Elect Irma presided over the meeting

ATTENDANCE: 10/19 (52%)

GUEST(S): Karina FRISQUE - Starbright Child Development Centre (Speaker)

PRESIDENTS REPORT:

- Kelowna Rotaract is holding a Midnight Masquerade at the Mission Hall on 09 JAN 2016. The cost is \$30 per person. All tickets sold in advance. For more information contact Iain or Irma.
- Area 4 Presidents Meeting - Area 4 will be divided into Areas 4A and 4B. Peachland Rotary is now part of Area 4 so each Assistant District Governor (ADG) will have 5 Clubs. The District Governor(DG) and ADG Marjolein Lloyd are actively looking for qualified Rotarians to let their names stand for the new position.
- Rob MELLANDER was welcomed as a new Member of the Club. He will be installed on 14 DEC 2015 at the Christmas Dinner . Congratulations Rob and welcome to the Club. Thanks Warren for introducing Rob to our Rotary Club.

ROTARY RADIO DAYS

- Steve and Howard have volunteered to co-chair this event. Time to start thinking about potential advertisers and the sales campaign will officially kick off in January.

FOUNDATION:

- Club Foundation Chair Steve reminded everyone to get their "Every Rotarian Every Year contributions in asap as he will be sending them in early December so Rotary International (RI) can issue tax receipts

SALVATION ARMY KETTLES

- Tuesday 08 DEC 2015 at Save On Foods Mission from 12 noon until approximately 8:00 PM. We have enough volunteers to cover all of our shifts. Thank you to all who volunteered. Remember we will be "Freezing for a Reason"

FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS (Ross)

- Things are progressing well. If all continues to go well then we will start moving and setting up the display in Kerry Park starting 30 NOV 2015. Opening will be 05 DEC 2015 in concert with the Downtown Official "Light Up". This year we will be featuring local choirs and musical groups as we have the use of the stage.
- Irma advised that we still have some vacant slots for volunteers to "man" the displays. If you have not signed up please contact Irma. Remember you can bring your friends and neighbours to help out...the more the merrier"

CHRISTMAS DINNER 14 DEC 2014 (Ross)

- Dinner is all set for Monday December 14th 5:30 PM for 6:00 PM at the Creekside
- Dinner will be Prime Rib Roast served with vegetables and Yorkshire pudding, soup salad and dessert. Cost will be \$35.00 per person plus tip and tax.
- Lois and Lizanne will be organizing a "gift exchange". More to follow. Also it is requested that everyone bring a toy which we will donate to a local charity, yet to be determined.
- This is a spousal/partner occasion and space is limited to a total of 38 people. (We had 32 last year).
- New Rotarian Rob MELLANDER will be officially installed into the Club by President Iain.
- Please let me know by Wednesday 09 DEC 2015 if you will be attending. If you would like an alternate choice to beef please include this in your response. Remember space is limited so please RSVP asap.

VALENTINES DAY DINNER

- Our regular meeting day should be 08 FEB 2016 which happens to be a Statutory Holiday (Family Day), It was agreed that we would advance our meeting to Monday 15 FEB 2016. Ken Kilcullen has agreed to make the evening interesting by convening a "Newly Wed Game".

ROTARY DISTRICT 5060 CONFERENCE

- This years Conference will be held in Yakima Washington from Thursday 12 MAY 2016 to Sunday 14 MAY 2016.
- If you are planning to attend it is suggested that you book your accommodations asap. The RED LION Yakima Centre is your best choice as it is attached to the Conference Centre. There is a special rate for Rotarians.

SOCIAL GATHERING CHANCES CASINO 30 NOV 2015

- The Casino is on Springfield Road west of Rona. We will meet for cocktails/dinner at 5:30PM for 6:00PM.

STARBRIGHT CHILDREN'S DEVELOPMENT (SRDC) - Karina FRISQUE

- SCDC is a not for profit/fee for service organization providing intervention services to families with children experiencing developmental delays and physical challenges. There are a wide range of programs offered including Autism; Hippotherapy; Therapeutic Horse Back Riding; Occupational Therapy; Speech Therapy etc
- Karina is a Team Leader in the Autism Spectrum Disorder Program. There has been considerable research on "autism" and it has been established that each case is unique, therefore one on one treatment, albeit costly is the best approach to achieving success.
- The SCDC Autism Spectrum Disorder Program is limited to children aged up to six years. The program is focused on increasing the child's ability to function positively within their family and community.
- In the USA 1 in 68 children will be diagnosed with some type of Autism Spectrum Disorder. No statistics for Canada per se but it is believed that the number would be similar. Autism Spectrum Disorder is definitely on the rise however despite numerous unproven theories such as child immunization etc there is nothing concrete to explain why?. The most plausible reason is that more child behaviour problems are now being diagnosed and treated as autism spectrum disorder.
- The SCDC autism program is costly as it is a one on one program. The use of iPods is now an integral part of the program and they are in desperate need of support to purchase new equipment.

OKM Secretary
27 NOV 2015

