

ROTARY CLUB OKANAGAN MISSION
MEETING NOTES AND NEWSLETTER
CREEKSIDE PUB AND GRILL
24 APR 2017

ATTENDANCE: Active Members 17/20 (85%)
 Honourary Members 01/03
 Guests 02
 TOTAL 20

GUESTS: Sonja BOISSEAU (Christine's Sister)
 Dwayne THOMPSON – Guest Speaker (Cliff SERWA)

PRESIDENTS REMARKS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. ROTARY FOOD DRIVE 13 MAY 2017 – Volunteers from our Club will be assigned to Rutland to pick up food donations.
2. INSTALLATION DINNER WESTBANK ROTARY CLUB – 15 MAY 2017 at the Westbank Yacht Club. Rotarians and Guests are welcome. Contact Westbank Rotary Club for more information and tickets (I assume it would be John or Linda EDWARDS at 250 768-4093)
3. OGOPOGO CLUB LOBSTER DINNER 03 JUN 2016 – Tickets \$60.00 per person. Contact Club President Cindy ANDERSON (250 769-2874) for more information
The Ogoopogo Club recently held a Scotch Tasting as a fundraiser and they raised \$8K.
4. EVENTS CALENDAR – The District is currently developing an Events Calendar so the Clubs can plan and co-ordinate fundraisers etc.

TREASURER REPORT

1. Club dues will be collected between now and 15 JUN 2017. Dues are \$220.00. If for some reason you cannot pay your dues prior to 30 JUN 2016 it is important that you advise the Club President in writing of your intentions to remain in or leave the Club prior to 15 JUN 2017. Our Rotary Invoices are set based on reported membership as of 01 JUL 2017.

SECRETARY REPORT

1. CPR TRAINING – 11 People have signed up for the Course to be held on Saturday 24 JUN 2017 from 0830 to 1330. After the course is completed we will adjourn to the Creekside for lunch and the Meat Draw. There is room for 7 more people. The list will be finalized at the meeting on 08 MAY 2017 so if you are interested and have not signed up let me know before 09 MAY 2017.
2. SPRING ROUND UP (One Day District Training Seminar and Social) Saturday 27 MAY 2017 in Summerland. For more information and Registration (\$20.00) go to the District Website.

GUEST SPEAKER – RAILS AND TRAILS – Dwayne THOMPSON

Dwayne presented the Club with an update and overview of the Rails and Trails initiative.

- The original asking price to purchase the old CPR right of way was \$50M. The final price was \$20M
- Phase one (Currently under development) is 7.86 KM with an estimated cost of \$7.6M. Almost half the amount has been secured. The Okanagan Foundation is coordinating the fund raising.
- The total length of the trail when completed will be 48.5 KM. 17.8 KM are in Kelowna, 2.3 KM Okanagan Indian Band; 16.3 KM Lake Country; 12.1 KM Regional District Lake Okanagan.
- Future plans include expanding the trail from Armstrong to Sicamous and from the Bennett Bridge to Osoyoos.
- The average grade is 1.3%
- 24KM are along the Lake Shore. The resident population from the communities along the trail is approximately 212K. It is estimated that by 2022 there will be 588K annual users of the trail.
- There are 43 cultural points of interest along the Trail. Lots of opportunity for Rotary to become involved sponsoring signs, picnic shelters, washroom facilities, lighting, information kiosks etc
- To date there are over 3353 Individual Donors; 35 Trail Ambassadors; 15 companion partners; and 39 business sponsors.
- The Provincial Government has committed \$1.3M. No commitment from the Federal Government, but it anticipated some funding will be available the Infrastructure Program.

Monika and I were both honoured and privileged to receive the Rotary District 5060 District Governors Friendship and Fellowship award at the recent District Conference. The award is given to a Club Member who has demonstrated through their actions the kind of Fellowship that causes people not only to become a member of a Rotary Club, but also to stay as long term Members. Thank you. Your support throughout the years and your acknowledgment is greatly appreciated

AN HOUR FOR THE LIGHTER SIDE

My sister took going to jail very badly. She refused food and drink. She swore at everyone who came near her or tried to talk to her. She started throwing things everywhere.

Now we will NEVER play Monopoly again.

NEXT MEETING

08 MAY 2017 Creekside Pub and Grill

GREETER: Rita HENDERSON SHERIFF: Laurie GAYMER ROTARY MOMENT: Dr Iain ALLAN

THAT'S ALL FOLKS

OKM Secretary
07 MAY 2017

