

ROTARY CLUB KELOWNA OKANAGAN MISSION
MEETING NOTES AND NEWSLETTER
CREEKSIDE PUB
25 APR 2016

ATTENDANCE: Active Members: 10/21 (47%)
Guests: Christine Ross (Speaker)
Visiting Rotarians: ADG Jim Hawkins (Ogopogo)
Total Attendance: 12

Past President Ashton (Laurie) presided over the meeting

SPRING ASSEMBLY (Osoyoos) (PE Irma)

- Approximately 40 people in attendance
- A number of issues were covered over a 4 hour period. Membership (Bruce Falkins) and raising the public image were paramount on the agenda. District 5060 has appointed a Public Relations/Image Co-ordinator (Andrea INWARDS? Kamloops). Andrea has a budget to help clubs in the District promote their events.
- District Grants are still not being used to potential. Efforts will continue to help simplify the process to help clubs ramp their grants into global grants thereby increasing the amounts four fold. Clubs are encouraged to work together and obtain grants for joint initiatives.

STARBRIGHT CHILDRENS DEVELOPMENT CENTRE (New Generations Committee)

- Irma was presented with a cheque for \$1000.00. The money will be used to purchase an iPod and Aps to help with the autism spectrum disorder program. (Meeting 23 NOV 2015 Karina Fisque)
- Special thanks to Steve for purchasing and delivering the equipment to Starbright.

SHELTER BOX (Ashton)

- A pledge sheet was circulated and cheques collected. Laurie will forward the funds to Shelter Box Canada once all the pledges are collected. Tax receipts will be forward to donor direct.

ROTARY FOOD BANK FOOD DRIVE – 30 APR 2016

- Save-On Foods in the Mission, as of 27 APR 2016, will be participating. Volunteers are needed. For more information please refer to President Iain's message from ADG Marjolein Lloyd 27 APR 2016.

INSTALLATION AND AWARDS NIGHT DINNER

- The dinner will be held on Monday 27 JUN 2016 at the Creekside Pub and Grill. This is a spousal/partner and friends event. Menu to be determined but it will probably be a steak and salads buffet. Option would be chicken breast. More to follow, but please mark your calendar now. We will be limited to approximately 38 people.

CLUB ELECTIONS 09 MAY 2016

- All of the current directors and club officers have agreed to let their names stand for re-election. However, this is a formal process required by the Societies Act and our Club Constitution and Bylaws, therefore nominations will be accepted from the floor.
- If you are interested in serving as a Director or Club Officer (Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer or Sgt at Arms) please advise PE Irma.

GUEST SPEAKER – The Venerable Christine Ross – Caring for the Homeless

- Deacon Christine Ross is the Minister of Community Outreach for St Andrews. She has been at St Andrews Parish for more than 20 years. She gave us a down to earth overview of the homeless situation in Kelowna and how St Andrews Parish is partnering with other agencies in Kelowna to transition and help the homeless.
- There are approximately 447 legitimate homeless persons living in Kelowna (transients excluded) who survive by “couch surfing” and living on the streets. It is estimated that 33% suffer from addictions, 34% are homeless for economic reasons and the remaining 33% are on the streets by choice, abusive relationships and family conflict (kicked out the home)
- St Andrews Parish works closely with NOW (New Opportunities for Woman) whose original mandate was to help sex trade workers and has now expanded to provide safe accommodations for women who have/are suffering in abusive relationships. Canadian Mental Health Association who operate Willowbidge Transition House for men and the Boys and Girls Club who assist in emergency care for youth who have left home for various reasons.
- The main focus of the Parish and the partnering organizations is to assist the people at risk transition productively back into the community and provide accommodation until such time as they can venture out on their own and become fully independent.
- They provide “start up kits” containing basic essentials for women and their children who find themselves kicked out of their homes with little else but clothing on their backs. Similar for men.
- In addition they provide a container with home furnishings and small appliances to help people in transition re-establish into new accommodations. All items are brand new and the approximate costs is \$900.00.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 09 MAY 2016 Regular Meeting and Club Elections (PE Irma will preside)
- 24 MAY 2016 Regular Meeting (**PLEASE NOTE THIS A TUESDAY** in lieu of Monday May 23rd which is a stat holiday). Creekside Pub and Grill
- 30 MAY 2016 Fifth Monday of the Month. Inter Club with Westbank has been proposed. Laurie will arrange and advise.

DUTIES FOR MAY

GREETER: Howard PEET

SHERIFF: Chris DeHART

ROTARY MOMENT: Ken KILCULLEN

OKM Secretary
01 MAY 2016

