

ROTARY CLUB KELOWNA OKANANGAN MISSION
MEETING NOTES AND NEWSLETTER
CREEKSIDE PUB AND GRILL
27 MAR 2017

GREETER: Howard PEET ANTHEM: Laurie GAYMER SHERIFF: Ken FIRKINS
ROTARY MOMENT: Lois SERWA

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| ATTENDANCE: | Active Members | 17/20 (85%) |
| | Honourary Members | 02/03 |
| | Guests | 02 |
| | Total | 21 |

GUESTS: Mark AMEERALI – Potential New Member (Referred by James KAY Kelowna Club)
 Josh ZIESKE (Christine's Partner)

DISTRICT CONFERENCE 27/30 APRIL – DELTA GRAND HOTEL

- Tickets still available but limited. Over 450 Rotarians and Spouses registered
- Volunteers for Home Hosting on Friday, April 28th needed. Contact Anne Marie KIRBY telephone 250 878-3467 if you would like host some visiting Rotarians for dinner in your home.
- Volunteers required for Conference Registration Desk. Sign up sheet circulated. APPARENTLY THE SIGN UP SHEET WAS NOT RETURNED TO PRESIDENT IRMA, SO IF YOU VOLUNTEERED PLEASE RE-CONFIRM WITH ASSISTANT DISTRICT GOVERNOR JIM HAWKINS – 250 420-4272

WESTBANK ROTARY CLUB

- The Westbank Rotary Club is holding their annual Okanagan Art Fair on April 9th at the Lions Community Hall in West Kelowna. This one of their main fundraisers and by all accounts is a very worth while event to attend. Raffle tickets were available at the meeting.

GRADE 8 ESSAY CONTEST (9TH Annual)

- Past President Dr. Iain ALLEN is organizing this years contest. Correspondence has been sent out to the Schools. The winners will be announced at our meeting on Monday May 29th. The winners and one parent will be our guests and the winning essays will be presented to the meeting.
- This event is one of the highlights of our Rotary year. It is a Spousal/Partner/Guest event so mark your Calendars.
- Ross thanked Iain for looking after this event and complimented him on the excellent package he put together to send off to the various schools in School District 23 promoting and encouraging Grade 8 Students to participate.

DISTRICT 5060 FOOD DRIVE

- No date has been set. Typically the event was held on the last Sunday in April which would be April 30th. This date conflicts with the District Conference and the Memorial Service for District Governor Vern NIELSEN.

CPR-A TRAINING (Ross)

- Club response was very positive. A total of 24+ members and spouses/partners indicated that they would like to participate. The minimum for a class is 6 persons and the maximum is 18.
- Ross will contact St John's Ambulance and find suitable dates, and if need be we can have two training sessions of 12 each.
- Our meeting room at the Creekside is not large enough, so we would have to use the classrooms at St John's Ambulance on Windsor Road (east of Spall near Quality Greens, T-Bones Cobbs Bakery etc)
- The training sessions go from 0830 to 1230 after which we could retire to the Creekside for Lunch. Cost of training is \$39.00 per person.

ROTARY RADIO DAYS (Steve)

- Steve would like to wrap up Advertisement sales by April 1st (Saturday) so he can take them to Bell Media
- Sales estimated to be similar to last year – approximately 30 ads

ROTARY FOUNDATION

- 2017 marks the 100th Anniversary of the Rotary Foundation. In addition to Every Rotarian Every Year, Rotarians are being asked to donate an additional \$26.50 to the Foundation. Why \$26.50? It is a symbolic gesture. In 1917, Rotary International President Arch C KLUMPH suggested in a speech at the Rotary Conference in Atlanta that Rotary should start an endowment fund for the purpose of doing good in the world. It was a brief reference but the idea caught on and the first contribution was made by the Rotary Club of Kansas City Missouri. The donation was \$26.50. The fund was officially named the Rotary Foundation in 1928. The Foundation has grown to over \$1 Billion USD.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

- Heads Up. Monika will start collecting dues in May for the 2017/2018 Rotary Year. In order to remain a Member of the Club in good standing your dues will have to be paid in full no later than 15 JUN 2017. We can then in turn provide RI with our Membership List and be invoiced accordingly. It is anticipated that annual dues should around the same as last year (\$220.00). The final decision will be made by the Board of Directors on April 24th.

HONOURARY MEMBER

- President Irma welcomed Cliff SERWA as an Honourary Member to the Club. He was presented with his Name Badge and Rotary Pin. Cliff will represent our Club on the Rotary Rails and Trails Committee.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Okanagan College Foundation – Kelowna Trades Expansion Program. Thank You Letter financial support.
- Shelter Box – Request for Funding *
- Kelowna District and Safety Council – Request for Funding*
- H.O.P.E. Outreach (Helping Out People Exploited) – Request for Funding*
- Autism Society of B.C. – Request for Funding*
- Canadian Pony Club – Request for Assistance marking exams etc October 7/9 (Thanksgiving). Secretary will brief Club on 24 APR 2017.

*Requests for funding are referred to the Directors through the Ways and Means Chair (Lois SERWA) for evaluation and recommendation.

SPRING ROUND UP – Summerland 27 MAY 2017

- Further to President Irma's email 27 MAR 2017. If you are planning on attending this training meeting please RSVP by April 17th.
- Some of the planned topics include, Club Leadership, Club Secretary, Membership, Community Service to name just a few.
- Spring Round Up is in the early planning stages and will only proceed if there is enough interest.

AND NOW FOR THE LIGHTER SIDE

A visitor from out of town is shopping in a local grocery store, when he suddenly collapses from a heart attack. The store manager calls 911 and he is rushed to the hospital where he has to under emergency triple bypass surgery.

He awakes from his surgery somewhat confused and finds himself at the Catholic Hospital. A nun is seated next to him holding a clip board with several forms. She asks him how is planning to pay for his hospital care.

"Do you have health insurance?" she asks

He replies in a weak raspy voice "No Health Insurance"

The nun then asks "Do you have money in the bank?"

He replies "No money in the bank"

"Do you have any relatives who could help you with the payments?" asks the irritated nun

He replies, "I only have one spinster sister, and she is a nun".

The nun becomes very agitated and lectures the patient. "Nuns are not spinsters! Nuns are married to God"

The patient responds "Perfect. Send the bill to my Brother-in-Law."

UPCOMING EVENTS

10 APR 2017

Next Meeting

DON'T FORGET THE MEAT DRAW EVERY SATURDAY CREEKSIDE 2PM TO 4PM

OKM SECRETARY

02 APR 2017

