

ROTARY CLUB OF KELOWNA -OKANAGAN MISSION MEETING NOTES

CREEKSIDE PUB AND GRILL

Meeting called to order at 6:00PM by Christine Boisseau

October 28, 2019.

Duties for the meeting:

ANTHEM : Connie Delisle

ROTARY MOMENT : Ken Kilcullen

SHERIFF : Howard Peet

GREETER : None

GUESTS: Nathan Luundgard, Seymore Zidle

ATTENDANCE: 7 of 19 ; one honorary member (Lois), her guest; and Presenter

CLUB BUSINESS:

- **Economic and Community Development Month is Oct.**
 - Within this is “Polio Day”. The 2.5B children in 122 countries have been vaccinated. 1.8 B has been contributed. Polio is only in Afghanistan, Pakistan and Nigeria. Fewer than 40 cases world-wide annually.
 - Bill and Melinda Gates have contributed significantly; they do recognize Rotary as initiating and carrying it forward.
- Welcome Presenters
 - Nathan Luundgard
 - Seymour Zidle – Seymore is a friend of Lois. Seymore is interested in becoming a member. Laurie will arrange the usual Fireside Meeting with him, complete the paperwork and make appropriate recommendations to the Board.
- **Club Business**
 - Christmas Party (Dec 09) - Monika is organizing it, details to follow.
 - Monika will advise ‘team’ members for room decorations and for the present swapping game in due course.

- Meet Draw (last weekend)-\$510 raised.
- Who is coming for dinner – Monica sent an email. Details need to be confirmed.
- Wreath for Nov 11– Ross has ordered the wreath and he and Laurie will act for the club at the ceremony. All members are very welcome to attend.
- Kettle Bells to raise funds– have space Dec 06, between 2-4pm . Please let Ken know if you can help. Ken will send out the schedule next week in order to fill the spaces.
- Penticton Club – Reached out to order swag to see if our club would like to order something. Members agree that there is no need for it.
- Next Meeting – Directors meeting @ 5pm, followed by District Governor (reports); nothing to prepare ahead for the member meeting.
- Next Meetings
 - The Club AGM is November 25th, 2019.
- **Club Membership**
 - Membership is declining.
 - As per Action Item to come up with ideas, Ross did some research and offered a solution which Christine read at the meeting.
- **Foundation Month**
 - It is “2 for 1”.
- **Rotary Centre**
 - Iain raised a concern (that some others have also noted) about the management/operations of the Rotary Centre. This includes: dirty bathroom facilities; messy space, non-inviting ambiance, questionable policy re revenue sharing for art shows; and recently, locking of doors due to issues with keeping out street transients in Kelowna
 - The Centre was funded with Rotary dollars; however, the organization managing it is not accountable day to day to the Rotary as an organization.
 - ACTION ITEM: Chris to get “intel” and report back to the Club on what could be done.

PRESENTATION by HAPPIPAD

- Nathan runs several non-profits: a) Kelowna Salsa Community (each Tues in the summer); Culture Community Dancing (using the Rotary Centre), and working with HappiPad
- HappiPad is about ‘home sharing’ and its goal is to offer a sustainable option
- The issue is approx. doubling of the size of a home (to ~1700 square foot) with fewer people (no 2.5 vs. 3-4). More people are reported to be living alone – moving from 7% to 28%.

- There is an estimated 92,000 “spare bedrooms” in Kelowna District/West Kelowna (in BC, 1.7M and Canada 12.2 M).
- By Population, people who own houses are on average, baby-boomers. Those requiring house are those on the tail ends of the bell curve – youth (Millennials) or Seniors).
- What is the solution: A sustainable way to “home share”. This entails sharing common space but each retains their separate space (i.e. bedroom).
- Sharing a kitchen or bathroom, then this is not covered under the residential tenancy act.
- *Example 1:* 92 yr. old man whose wife went into a care facility; he wanted to share his space/experience with others. He was ‘paired’ with a few students – they share chores, and have breakfast together on Sunday. Social benefits: social interaction, happiness, and lower cost than a traditional arrangement.
- *Example 2:* Senior with a home that they cannot afford or feel they cannot take care of it – with HappiPad, there is help from the renter and economic benefit as well.
- Average price of a one bedroom in Kelowna (1,184 which is upwards of 35% of one’s income. With home sharing, average price is \$675.
- What are the barriers and arguments for not home sharing:
 - Privacy
 - Security
 - Compatibility
- Home sharing is not a new idea; it’s really that this is being re-visited not only in Kelowna, but around the world (Humanitas (Dutch); Homes that Fit (Finland); Homeshare (Vermont); and Silvernest (Nesterly).
- HappiPad has an online platform that matches people that are ‘compatible’ and a fit for rental costs. Each “referral” earns you some \$.
- The company also attends to the cultural aspects of the business to see how home sharing is taking root, and to address issues as they arise.
- The “Call to Action” is to consider being a host or to refer someone who could
 - Seasonal pressures can be helped (influx in summer /winter)
- **Questions:**
 - How do you vet someone? The onboarding form is detailed. The host and renter are screened – public records. Can request RCMP / credit check (50\$).
 - How is the compatibility determined – criteria are compared via profile.
 - If not a good fit – Happipad will help them be ‘rehomed’ – worst case 21 days.
 - Can call the police to get the person(s) to leave.
 - Operational model – 5% service fee added to the rent/deposit it direct.

- Can use 'security' deposit to pay for unpaid rent /skip outs.
- Gray area is for 'snow birds' away for months on end – is it home sharing?
 - But for 2 weeks or so, could be home sharing and offers a way to share the chores, pet sitting.
- Do not have to change insurance policy unless you are renting to 3+ people.

Happy/Sads

- Chris (19\$ of Happies):

- United Way did a Roast for Maxine last Thurs. It was phenomenal; raised over 52K.
- Friday was the Bridge (Youth Society) who did a musical tribute which was phenomenal
- Sunday was Skate Canada. The Canadian and Japanese skaters were amazing.
- Dragon Tail resto (hot pot) was unbelievable (don't tell Daniel).

- Howard (5\$ of Happy):

- Visted a Rotary sponsored person (in Chequ Republic)

- Christine (5\$ of Happy):

- She attended her parents 50th in Quebec. Drove back here in 3 days!

- Lois (5\$ of Happy):

- Going to Palm Springs

- Stephen

- Three weeks of holidays was magical !

Draw: Iian won. Congrats!! And he generously will give it to the foundation.

Toast and adjourn

Next meeting Nov 4th at Creekside Pub

A/Secretary Connie Delisle