

ROTARY CLUB OKANAGAN MISSION

MEETING NOTES AND NEWSLETTER

29 MAR 2016

CREEKSIDE PUB AND GRILL

ATTENDANCE: Active Members

Guests: (Ron SMITH) Potential New Member (Neil)

Visiting Rotarian: Linda FRANSDEN (Sunrise)

Spouses: Lizann ALLEN

Chris CLEAVER

ROTARY RADIO DAYS (Steve)

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| • 31 Ads @ \$250.00 | \$7750.00 |
| • 2 cash donations @\$100 each | \$ 200.00 |
| TOTAL | \$7950.00 |

SHELTER BOX FIJI (Howard)

- Donations would go to replacing inventory and not necessarily to Fiji. Shelter box donations can be tracked if Club/Club Members wish to know destination of their donation.
- Club members to donate individually if they so wish. Shelter Boxes are not included in our current Club Budget.

FOOD DRIVE 30 APR 2016 (Iain and Irma)

- This is an Area initiative that is currently being discussed at the Club Presidents Meetings.
- It is in the early planning stages and it is hoped that the 10 local clubs in Areas 5 & 6 would volunteer to pick up donations from various neighbourhoods. It has not been confirmed where the donated food would be distributed and how. (Kamloops? Kelowna? Lake Country?)
- Valley First has committed \$3K to purchase bags which will advertise Valley First and Rotary. The Capital News will promote the initiative and distribute the bags in their circulation probably on Wednesday April 27th.
- Considerable discussion. The majority of the Members felt that more information is required before we commit as a Club. It appears to be a massive undertaking with a number of logistical issues that need to be addressed.

ROTARY SPRING ASSEMBLY (Ross)

- The assembly will be held on Saturday 23 APR 2016 in Osoyoos from 1100 to 1500
- New members and Club Officers are urged to attend
- President Elect Irma will be attending

DAYS FOR GIRLS (Linda FRANSDEN)

- Days for Girls was founded in 2008
- The program strives to promote awareness to the vulnerability millions of woman and girls in developing countries face due to a natural monthly biological function.
- These girls and woman suffer in silence and isolation due to cultural beliefs, humiliation, fear, rejection and taboos
- The end result is far to often dropping out of school, avoiding social inter-action and sexual exploitation
- Days For Girls provides and distributes washable, quality feminine hygiene kits and accompanying education to help promote awareness and raise self esteem.
- Days For Girls hygiene kits cost \$12.00 and are being distributed in over 100 countries world wide through over 500 chapters.
- Kelowna Sunrise Rotary has partnered with ISEE Solutions (Erika van Oyen) and applied for a District Grant to make and distribute 2,000 kits in Uganda in July 2017

Marie-Yvonne CLEAVER – Classification Talk

- Marie-Yvonne, dressed in colourful customary Haitian Clothing, with technical assistance from her media personality husband Chris gave a brief overview and slide presentation of her life in Haiti and Canada
- Marie-Yvonne was born in Haiti and when her Mother moved to Montreal to establish a better life for herself and her children, Marie and her brother remained in Haiti for a short period of time living with relatives and then coming to Montreal to be reunited with her Mother.
- Her early education was institutional as she lived in convents and orphanages in Haiti and Canada
- She moved to Vancouver for one year where she completed a Business Leadership Course however the lack of job opportunities and the weather lured her back to Montreal; and then Kelowna
- Marie-Yvonne worked in a number of different jobs, which include teaching French both in the Boys and Girls Club and School System, various positions in Government before finally pursuing her passion for ladies fashion. Marie is the owner of La Belle Boutique and Mystere Lingerie in the Town Centre Mall
- Marie-Yvonne and Chris met at a Motley Crew concert and were married in 1996
- Marie has a son from a previous marriage and one Grandson. Both are actively involved in football. Her son played for the CFL BC Lions and retired because of injury and is now a professional trainer. Her grandson is a fourth year player with the University of Calgary Dinosaurs
- Marie's brother is a Doctor in Montreal. He recently returned to Haiti and was an unsuccessful candidate in the Presidential elections.
- Marie-Yvonne has recently completed the Rotary Leadership Institute sessions. She is highly motivated to become a good Rotarian and aspires to a leadership position in the Club.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 11 APR 2016 Next Meeting Creekside
- 14 APR 2016 When Women Empower Women Incredible Things Happen (Sunrise Rotary Club)
Laurel Packing House 1700 to 1930
Tickets \$100 per person (100 tickets available)
Key Note Speaker Erika van Oyen
For more info, contact Linda Fransden Sunrise Rotary Club
Phone: 250 764-7283 or 778 214-4863 (Cell)
- 16 APR 2016 “Road Kill” (Road Clean Up Lakeshore Road – Dehart to Barnaby)
Gather at Mission Hall at 0900 followed by breakfast at Creekside Pub

DUTIES FOR APRIL

GREETER: Ken Bernath SHERIFF: Dennis Gablehouse ROTARY MOMENT: Lois Serwa

AND NOW FOR THE LIGHTER SIDE

Teacher: How old is your Father? Johnny: He is six years old. Teacher: What? How can that be? Johnny: He became a father when I was born.

Teacher: What do you call a person who keeps on talking when people are no longer interested?
Harold: A teacher

I went to the confessional box after many years being absent from the Church. Inside I found a fully equipped bar with Guinness on tap. On one wall was a row of decanters with fine Irish Whiskey, Waterford crystal glasses. On the other wall a dazzling array of Cuban cigars and Swiss Chocolates

Then the Priest came in. I said to him “Father it has been a long time since I have been to confession, and I must admit that the confessional box is much more inviting than it used to be”

He replied “You are on my side”.

That’s All Folks

OKM Secretary
06 APR 2016

