

Meeting date: 1 August 2023

In Person – Monterey Centre Pine Room and Virtual

Guests:

Dorian Neufeld – Youth Exchange Student bound for Germany

Isla Sproule -Guest of Atam – Outbound Rotary Youth Exchange bound for Japan

Kristie Kruger – Guest of Atam – Harbourside Rotary

President's Welcome:

President Chris acknowledged our presence on unceded First Nations Land

Announcements:

Colin, Emily and Margaret were welcomed as new Rotary members.

President Chris gave a cheque in the amount of \$524 to Mustard Seed.

Joan Peggs: Reminded us of the bottle drive at Oak Bay High on Saturday morning 5 August. Joan called for help on 9th August, to set up the Oak Bay Night Market.

Krista – reminded us of Bleed and Feed on October 18. It involves lunch followed by blood donation. Sign up with Krista.

Heather – Reminded us of the Club in a Pub at Penny Farthing on the 5th Tuesday of August.

Atam – called for Youth Counsellors for incoming exchange students.

Rotary Exchange Students:

Isla and Dorian gave a brief talk about their destinations with both commencing in the middle of the school year. Both students had mothers who had been exchange students.

Vocational Talks:

Sonnet Force covered her life from the time she was born. She has travelled extensively in the U.S. and Canada. In Grade 6 she went to Sacramento, CA, where she participated in many activities including volleyball and chess. She travelled extensively overseas with her father, Jim Force, who was a member of our Rotary Club until he moved to Alberta. She considered going into the military or into teaching. She moved to Calgary and did a degree in education and phys. Ed. Once her first son was born, she did in-home daycare for 10 years. She moved to Vancouver and decided to do distant editing courses and joined writing groups. While still running a daycare, she was offered an editing job with Specialty Technical Publishers, which she has done for 16 years. She still wants to be a writer with the goal of writing murder mysteries.

Bryan Crockford described himself as a global adventurer. He said he was not suited to post-secondary education but later completed several degrees. He lost his first girlfriend on a glacier.

He was very consumed with outdoor education and music education to honour his girlfriend. He also taught First Nations groups, and in 1997 began training adventure guides, initially at Camosun College and then privately. He taught at Pearson College for 2 years, where he met his Brazilian wife. He is busy 7 days a week in various sports and music. The birth of his nephew with Downes Syndrome in 1981, inspired him to join a relevant charity. He retired in 2018 from sailing and teaching. Both of his parents are/were in Rotary. Bryan has been involved in numerous activities related to sports of all kinds.

Celebrations Master: Bryan Crockford

Birthdays: Bryan, Joan P, Carol W and Jacqueline

Anniversaries: Jennifer 6 years

Wedding anniversaries: Clair and Carol

Happy/Sad: Joan P, President Chris, Clair, Jack P because of upcoming Blues Fest, Renate, Heather, Atam

50/50 won by Joan F.

Next Meeting: 8 August, via Zoom.