

## BULLETIN



**Meeting date: January 2, 2024. HAPPY NEW YEAR**

**Virtual or In-Person: In Person**

**Visiting Rotarian: Karen Voisin (Sean Cote's Mom)**

**Guests: Finn McInally- Guest of Margaret Black,**

**Torie and Lizzie Weckerle-Joyce- Guests of Art and Guenter**

### **President's Welcome:**

President Chris acknowledged our presence on unceded First Nations Land

Chris thanked all of the Club Members who were involved in projects around our community.

There were lots, including Salvation Army Kettles, Mustard Seed Hampers, Soap for Hope, Lansdowne Middle School Breakfast Program.

### **Announcements:**

**Lorna:** Mark Feb 10 in your calendar for "Guess who's coming to Dinner". We need hosts and guests to sign up!! Stay tuned for email to come.

**Joan P:** Bottle drive this Saturday Oak Bay High!!. Joan also drew 2 names from early bird flag subscribers for two lucky winners of gift certificates from the Oak Bay Beach Hotel.

**Renate:** Drew our Attention to the upcoming trip to Mexico by some of our members. In addition to the retirement home project in Bucerias, money and supplies are also needed for the Yocoya Community Centre. Renate is accepting donations of money or supplies such as backpacks, colored paper, scissors, pencils, pencil crayons, pens etc.

### **Program Overview:**

**Speakers today were Jacqueline Sheppard and John Jordan and their 2 projects**

1. Jacqueline gave us a great summary of her project in Guatemala. Some club members and other Rotarians will be heading down in January to once again help with nutrition,

healthcare, education, and literacy projects! We can donate directly to Jacqueline for her project.

2. John updated us on the great body of work he has amassed in Rwanda over the past 14 years. What started as helping single moms and kids with a roof and basic education has evolved into building primary and elementary school programs, new latrines, houses, food programs, stove project, sewing machines, helping pregnant single girls and supporting high school and university students.

John will be going to Rwanda again in April for the first time in 4 years. We can donate to his project through our Clubs Foundation. Current needs for students are covering 1 year tuition for high school for 300\$ or 1 year of University for \$1,000

### **Celebrations Master:**

**Heather:** Lots for all of us to celebrate in 2023 and into 2024!. She asked us to reflect on our good fortune and our year and make a contribution! Art carried the money pot!!

Perry and Jason have birthdays this week and Judy celebrated 25 years in Rotary.

50-50 won by Eugen - \$39!

**Next Meeting: Coleen said the next meeting is a club day where we will break into groups and look at strategic directions over the next year. No guests please this week! We really need to see as many members contribute to our clubs direction with regards to fundraising and projects for 2024.**

**January 9, 2024 at the Oak Bay Rec Centre- NO Hybrid will be available**