

BULLETIN



Meeting date: April 16, 2024

Virtual or In-Person: In person

Visitors / Guests: Speaker Stacey Gillespie- Anawim House

Julia Wallace- guest of Vicky Pitt

Eugen did a lovely invocation he found years ago written by First Nations in Ontario.

Announcements:

President Chris announced the grand opening play equipment at Henderson Centre on May 7th at 3:30pm with photo op for our donation.

Lorna & Joan P announced the Club's 50th anniversary celebration will be held at Uplands Golf Course on July 24th. There will be a buffet dinner followed by a live auction, music by the Bald Eagles and fun with the online auction which will start on the 21st and end on the 27th. A good opportunity to celebrate 50 years of club projects in the local and international community. Tickets will be \$90 and go on sale on June 1st on our website.

They have 3 asks:

1. Someone to take the lead for the promotion and ticket sales of the event -Colleen has kindly offered.
2. Decorations, which will include the history of the club.
3. Online and live auction- we all need to get items for this, experiences such as dinner certificates, hotel stays, whale watching as examples are good as well as some merchandise. We are putting together a 'Stay and Play' package for the live auction – we have a hotel, and we are looking for a dinner, maybe golf, limousine, tickets to Butchart's etc. – Ben Smille will get Butchart Gardens tickets possibly with a tea.

A call for auction items, along with a merchant letter will be sent to all members May 1st.

Heather announced our 5th Tuesday of the month activity at Photographer of the Year at the BC Museum and lunch at the Spaghetti Factory.

Krista announced the Feed & Bleed on April 26th, lunch at Browns Social House at Uptown at 11:30, blood donations start at 1:05. we have 3 unused spots that will be taken back on Friday April 19th. Please book asap if you want to join us.

Program Overview:

Ben Smiley formally introduced our speaker Stacey Gillespie of Anawim House.

Anawim House helps those with addictions and homelessness. It is aimed at those who have decided they want to improve their lives and their future. They offer two programs:

Drop-in Program: Homeless people can drop in for showers, lunch and ask for help.

Residential Program: They have 7 bedrooms for those wanting to make a change, no set timeline. Heart of the program is empowering change and helping them sustain this.

Individualized approach to each person, helping them to achieve the life they want.

Stacey answered a few questions from the group.

Atam thanked the speaker.

Celebrations Master: Vicky Pitt

She asked each table about the Rotary's areas of focus.

No Pins pay a buck

Asked what anniversary it is today - Battle of Cullodan

14-year club anniversary for John Jordan

No happy or sad \$

Wendy was the winner of the 50/50.

Next Meeting: 5th Tuesday of the month activity at Photographer of the Year at the BC Museum and lunch at the Spaghetti Factory.

May 7th – Oak Bay Recreation Centre – Speaker Carl Monk, Burundi East Africa Project