

BULLETIN



Meeting date: April 2, 2024

Virtual or In-Person: In Person – Oak Bay Rec

Visitors / Guests:

Sarah Rebitt- 2022-23 Rotaract President

Hugh Stephens- Guest Speaker

Howard Waldner- Soon to be new member. Former Harbourside Club Rotarian

Art and Guenter's two granddaughters also had lunch with their grandpa's!

President's Welcome:

President Chris acknowledged our presence on unceded First Nations Land

Butter Chicken Served for Lunch!

Program Overview:

1. New Member induction:

Renate Inducted Howard Waldner as a new Oak Bay Member. Sponsored by Joan Firkins.

2. Hugh Stephens Presentation-Pirates, Poets and Publishers.

Author Hugh Stephens presented his thoughts around Copyrights, their history, current place in our society and the future of AI and Copyrights. His book "In Defence of Copyright" is available online-\$20.

Copyright is one of the cornerstones of western civilization; it is as relevant today, if not more so, than it was when the first formal copyright laws were enacted in the eighteenth century.

With the rise of the Digital Age, new challenges have been brought to the frontlines of the copyright battle. Online piracy, extensive unauthorized use of copyrighted works by educational institutions, and artificial intelligence are testing the ability of copyright laws to protect creators and their intellectual property.

Canada's copyright laws are out of step with other western democracies and are overdue for updating. They need to be resilient and adaptive to the digital age to promote the production of new work and ideas. Their impact is felt in Music, writing, Education and in Indigenous Cultural expression.

Pete Lawrie thanked Hugh.

Announcements:

1. Go to the Rotaract concert this Friday! 7pm Lambrick Park Church. Silent auction etc.!! All proceeds to the Rainbow Kitchen- \$17!!
2. Joan Peggs has tickets for the CCPA production of Anne of Green Gables and well as their Raffle. She will have tickets for the next 2 meetings.

Celebrations Master:

Vicky extracted money from every table based on our knowledge of the 7 Areas of Rotary Focus. The latest area of focus is the Environment.

Anniversaries – Joan and Donna since 1977.

Club Anniversaries- Lorna.

Happy and Sad- PE Krista getting a new Knee in May! Thanks to Terry Toone for the new badge box and badges.

Heather announced an upcoming social event- Lunch at the Old Spaghetti factory followed by a visit to the Wildlife photography awards at the BC museum-Stay tuned.

50-50 \$38 won by Margaret!

Next Meeting:

April 9th – Club Day where we will hear about our Clubs projects in Guatemala and Mexico!