

## BULLETIN



**Meeting date:** June 18, 2024  
**Virtual or In-Person:** In person at Oak Bay Rec Centre  
**Visitors / Guests:** Liz Kershaw, Alex Aked

### **Announcements:**

- Joan Peggs reminded us that July 2 is the last day on which we can submit Silent Auction items for the 50th Anniversary celebrations. They will be posted on July 21.

### **Program Overview:**

- Invocation was given by John,
- Chris K. gave the final address of his year as Club President. Chris was honoured to have been chosen to lead the club and thanked the board and club for their support. He then listed the highlights of the year for him:
  - Working with OB Parks and Rec re playground equipment at Henderson,
  - Working with Kiwanis on the installation of the Mobi-Mat at Willows Beach,
  - Bottle drives at OB High that have brought in over \$1,000/month for Threshold Housing and the OB High Track,
  - The Flag Program that has brought in more than \$25,000 per year,
  - Salvation Army Kettle that raised over \$10,000 last Christmas,
  - Our attraction of new members, which Chris is sure will continue under Krista's leadership,
  - Social events such as the "pool evening" in January that provided Chris with an opportunity to celebrate gaining his Canadian citizenship with club members and his son.,
  - Chris has been impressed with the range, quality and enthusiasm of our weekly meeting speakers,
  - The raising of more than \$17,000 towards our goal of \$20,000 for the Rotary Foundation Annual Fund, and the exceedance by \$600 of the goal of \$3,000 for the Polio Plus fund.
  - Special thanks to all of last year's board members and best of luck to Krista in taking things forward in the coming year!

- Chris then handed out bottles of wine to the 2023-24 board members and presented a special gift to the Rotarian of the Year - **Adam Farquharson**.
- **Judy** conducted the installation of the new board and welcomed the 2024-25 Club President, **Krista**.
- Judy also noted that the theme for 2024-25 is "**The Magic of Rotary**".
- New president Krista gave a brief speech and challenged all club members to come up with an "Elevator Talk" that they can use to get people interested in Rotary.
- President Krista also thanked PP Chris for his service to the club over the past year and presented him with gifts from the club.
- Joan F. thanked the Upstairs Lounge staff (Cathy, Kiku and Linda) for their service in the past year and gave them each a gift.
- Krista called up our exchange student Nely to express how much the club has enjoyed getting to know her and having her attend club meetings.

#### **Celebrations Master:**

- **No celebrations master today.**
- **Louise won the 50/50 draw.**

#### **Next Meeting:**

- Will be on July 2 at the Monterey Centre (Bamboo Room).