

BULLETIN



Meeting date: **June 4, 2024**

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

Visitors / Guests:

Anne Nightingale (guest of the club/speaker),

Alexander Ewanchuk – guest of Heather

Announcements:

- President Chris announced our June 11th speaker – Colin Tessier from the Threshold Housing Society – OBR will be presenting a cheque for \$10,000, proceeds from our ongoing Bottle Drive.
- Joan P – noted that we need to mark the date – July 24th is our 50th Anniversary and a reminder that we need items for our Auction
- Joan P also came back from a trip to Turkiye with banners from the Clubs she visited there.

Program Overview:

Eugen introduced our speaker Ann Nightingale from the Rocky Point Bird Observatory who gave a very interesting presentation on birds and migration. Did you know there are 296 varieties of birds here in Victoria? Ann talked to us about bird migration, birds do not necessarily go just North and South and the Chestnut Bank Chickadee doesn't migrate.

Ann talked about how birds are captured and banded noting that birds migrate back to the same place. They recently caught a rufus hummingbird that was caught at the same feeder 8 years later. Ann talked about the American Robin, the Northern SawWhet Owl, Thrushes, Sparrow, Warblers, Wrens and Barn Swallows to name a few.

There's a lot of new technology and Ann's presentation included watching the paths that birds take. Birds can be tracked on weather radar and by transmitters. The Swift doesn't land, they fly continuously for 10 months a year and only land to breed. Terns fly 60,000 miles a year travelling around the world.

Things that impact birds include: weather, lights, glass, pets, shrinking habitat, fewer insects.

Check out racerocks.ca and the ebird app.

Joan Peggs thanked our speaker noting that she taught Ann many years ago at Esquimalt High School.

Celebrations Master:

Our celebrations master Ben kept us opening up our wallets!

Joan P \$10 happy dollars for all the flags installed the May long weekend,;

David M met their Rwanda Rising student in Rwanda for lunch;

Ron C - \$15 happy anniversary dollars;

Heather & Vicky celebrating 27 years in the Club;

Pablo – is now a Canadian citizen!

Ben – happy and sad Something about Japan.

Art won the 50/50

Next Meeting:

June 11th