

## BULLETIN



**Meeting date:** May 7, 2024

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

**Visitors / Guests:**

Carl Monk (Speaker)

Carlton Monk (Guest of John Jordan and father of speaker)

Barb Currie (Sandy's wife)

**Announcements: (lots!)**

- Paul Harris presentation to Renate (4 Sapphires)
- Join President Chris and other club members 3:30PM this afternoon for the official opening of accessible playground equipment that we helped fund at Henderson Rec Centre at 2291 Cedar Hill X Road. All members are invited.
- 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Rotary Club of Oak Bay
  - 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Dinner on Wednesday, July 24<sup>th</sup> at Uplands -- Tickets are \$90 and go on sale June 1 on the Club's website (Bald Eagles are playing!)
  - In conjunction with this celebration, the club plans to hold an online auction – July 21<sup>st</sup> through July 27<sup>th</sup>
    - See email from Lorna (May 1, 2024)
    - To be successful we need each and every club member to solicit auction items
    - Once you have a donation, please drop it off to Joan Peggs, which you can do by bringing to the club on meeting days. All auction items **MUST** be dropped off to Joan Peggs by July 9<sup>th</sup>. Please note we cannot take items that we don't know about after this date as all items need to be input into the online auction system along with photos.
- Flag Program Fundraiser
  - John Jordan reminded us of how important our role is when installing Canada flags. The last few years, the truckers convoy absconded the Canadian Flag and our club is helping to repair that damage done.
  - First flag installation of the year is for the May long weekend. Looking forward to seeing all the flags flying!
- Reminder from Colleen:

- o Freshening up of the Carnarvon Rotary Waterpark  
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM on Saturday May 11.  
2801 Henderson Road.  
Arrive prepared to scrub, paint and whatever else is necessary to freshen up the Waterpark. Please wear your work clothes and bring your gloves. Once the warm weather sets in, this place is 'in demand'!
- Next feed and bleed is July 19
- Reminder that Terry Toone will accept cheques for your donation to the Rotary Foundation.

### **Program Overview:**

After lunch, Carl Monk CEO of Transform International Canada ([Projects | Transform International Canada](#)), shared with us his incredible story: Street Business School in Burundi

Through his organization, Carl and team are bringing business skills to Burundi. They have been teaching business skills to small entrepreneurs from 2021. Like any project, it was initially hard to find participants, but now they are so successful that it is hard to keep up with the demand.

Cohorts range between 20 – 30 students. Cohort 5 and 6 are starting in May/June.

This initiative is incredibly successful. Program graduates are seeing between a 150% to 300% in the daily earning capacity. An unexpected benefit is that program graduates are creating multiple businesses and employing others in their communities. Expanding the good works of the program beyond just its participants.

John Jordan thanked Carl for sharing with the club

### **Celebrations Master:**

Claire paid homage to Star Wars (May the 4<sup>th</sup> be with you) and the second world war with trivia

Birthdays – Claire, Neil and Howard

Club anniversaries – Guenter Weckerle 27 years, Joan Firkins (32 years), Neil Rawnsley (36 years)

Happy/Sad and failure to participate dollars were awarded!

50/50 Winner was Heather!

### **Next Meeting:**

Tuesday May 14, 2024 – Club Day