

BULLETIN



Meeting date: September 10, 2024

Virtual or In-Person: In person – 22 attending

Visitors / Guests: Lisa Vassiliadis – guest of Louse McGee

Program Overview:

CLUB ASSEMBLY – OVERVIEW OF CLUB COMMITTEE GOALS

YOUTH SERVICES: Paul and Liz Lecavalier for Heather Aked

Mission: Search out and develop extraordinary young leaders. Support and mentor youth initiatives consistent with Rotary principles to improve the world through leading and delivering high impact projects locally, nationally and/or internationally.

Initiatives:

- Interact Club at Oak Bay High School encouraging them to help with bottle drive
- Lansdowne Breakfast Program – work towards nutritious breakfast selection for students
- Youth Exchange – inbound student is from Thailand. On October 8th last year's outbound student will talk about her year. Currently looking for next year's outbound student.
- Mentorship program for UVIC students. Create a list of Rotary member expertise.
- Adventures in Citizenship – send a student to Ottawa to participate in the program each year.
- RYLA – Rotary Youth Leadership Awards – with two other clubs send 3 students to this leadership event.
- Literacy – Anita Wotschel, District Literacy Chair – will attend the October 1st meeting to be held at the Marriot Hotel. Victoria Harbourside and Victoria/Saanich members have been invited.

Support 1000x 5 program

October 29th Beer and Burger night at Spinnakers – watch for ticket sales

Looking for one more literacy project for this Rotary year.

Goal to have most club members do criminal record checks in order to interact with youth.

INTERNATIONAL – Jacqueline Sheppard and John Jordan Co-chairs

Projects for 2025 – San Antonio Palopo, Guatemala and Rwanda Rising

Guatemala: Working with Mayan community council of San Antonio Palopo and partnering with Qualicum Rotary club to fund projects in computer education, nutrition and potable water for 14 schools. Total cost of project is \$8,000US, (\$4,000 is from district grant, \$2,000 from Qualicum Rotary and \$2,000 Oak Bay Rotary)

Committee members will be going to Guatemala and will be involved in collecting materials for distribution among the population. If you might be interested, contact Jacqueline.

Rwanda – partner with a school to provide clean water and hygiene facilities for girls at a cost of \$4,000USD (\$3,000 district grant, \$1,000 Oak Bay Rotary)

MEMBERSHIP - Ben Smille and Louise McGee Co Chairs

Goals:

Net 5 new members (committee will discuss strategies) *Every member bring a guest, *Target young professionals

How to engage current members – survey

Work on mentorship program for new members

Distribute business cards to members to invite potential members to a club meeting – lunch is on us for their first meeting.

COMMUNITY SERVICE – Lorna Curtis

-Committee will meet September 18th

-Support Threshold Housing Educational Fund (Threshold Housing supports youth 15-25 years who have aged out of care or who are not able to live in their home. Threshold Housing provides housing and counselling support to these youth and helps them achieve a grade 12 education but cannot provide funding for post-secondary education). The \$10,000 Rotary Educational Fund provides financial support for post-secondary education for these youth so they can have an opportunity to earn an income above minimum wage. Funds come from bottle drive, and we will be applying for a district grant.

-Apply for \$20,000 gaming grant. The committee will decide where these funds will be designated. Must be a non-profit.

-\$5,000 club budget to be distributed as funding requests are received

-December – staff Salvation Army Kettles on Oak Bay Avenue

-December – other volunteer requests will be considered as they arise

-Ongoing – volunteers needed for monthly bottle drive

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION – Joan Firkins for Joan and Terry Toone

Annual Fund Goal \$20,000

Polio Plus Goal \$3,000

Several club projects are supported by funds from the Rotary Foundation which is why it is important we support the Rotary Foundation. All it takes is \$35 per year from each club members and we become Every Rotarian Every Year club, and we are supporting the Rotary Foundation and our club projects.

The easiest way to support the Rotary Foundation is through Rotary Direct. You can sign up for Rotary Direct on the RI website and make a monthly or annual donation. Only 9 members out of 50 in our club have signed up for Rotary Direct. Joan will bring her computer to a future meeting and help people sign up for Rotary Direct if they wish to do so.

PUBLIC IMAGE – Ed Vanstone

SMART Goals

Membership 10% growth

Support fundraising goal

Engage in social media presence

Network at events to promote Rotary

Enhance membership

CLUB ADMINISTRATION – Vicky Pitt

Responsibilities – Roster, room setup, socials, speakers, committee assignments. If you have not already replied to her which committee you would like to be on – you will be hearing from Vicky soon!

Speakers are set to December 2024. Do you have speaker ideas for 2025? – send them to Vicky.

October 1st – meeting downtown at the Marriott with Harbourside and Victoria/Saanich clubs re a District Literacy presentation

Announcements:

Lorna asked the group if they would be interested in an auction of Rotary gear that might be hanging around the house. Most people have some kind of Rotary clothing they no longer wear. Let's have some fun, donate and then auction off our no longer used Rotary clothing. Funds realized will go either to the Rotary Foundation or PolioPlus – to be determined!

The concept was well received by the group present. Lorna and Joan F. will organize.

Celebrations Master:

Chris Kershaw filled in for Joan Peggs thanking the bottle drive volunteers. The September bottle drive filled 21 bins and raised \$1457.30. Chris asked who listened to the Mega Meeting of the RIVP. No birthdays, no anniversaries and no club anniversaries. Everyone was asked to donate a toonie or a Loonie!

Next Meeting:

September 17, 2024 at Oak Bay Recreation Centre - Tam Dinh from Junior Achievement will be the speaker.