

Meeting date: September 17, 2024

Virtual or In-Person: In-person

Visitors / Guests: None

Announcements:

Next meeting – Oct 1st at the Marriott Hotel. This is a joint meeting with Harbourside & Victoria Saanich clubs. Please register by next Tuesday, Sept 24th so that we can give the hotel the numbers.

- Social evening Sept 28th music by Last Night In Vegas Pro Patria Legion, 411 Gorge Road
 East. This will be a fun group get together, \$15 per person or \$10 for Legion members at the
 door.
- Beer & Burger night Oct 29th at Spinnakers. This is a fundraiser in support of literacy

Program Overview: Susan Shepherd, Junior Achievement of British Columbia (JABC)

- Junior Achievement (JA) has been a global leader in youth business education for over 100 years when it was established in the U.S. to help educate young people moving from rural areas to the cities about the means of manufacturing and free enterprise.
- JA is now in over 100 countries worldwide where free business education programs in financial literacy, work readiness & entrepreneurship skills are provided to youth in Grades 4 to 12
- JA partners with EDUCATORS that request their programs as they align with the BC provincial school curriculum. This creates the demand. VOLUNTEERS deliver the program content and bring their real-world experiences to the students. DONORS cover the program costs so all students can participate in the programs free of charge which removes socio economic barriers.
- The long-term impact of not teaching financial education holds back entire communities. For example: Credit card debt rises and consumers have less money to spend at local restaurants and shops. Default on a car loan could mean that an employee can't get to and from work. Recent graduates have massive student loans and have a harder time putting a down payment on their first home.
- If you are interested in becoming a JA volunteer (typically a 4-hour commitment), please see opportunities and register here: https://jabc.org/volunteer/ OR contact Tam Dinh at 604-345-1639 / t.dinh@jabc.org for more details.

Celebrations Master: Joan Peggs

- Oak Bay Night Market Thanks to Bryan who was the main stay of helping to install and dismantle the tent for the 4 markets. Thanks to everyone that helped out with the booth – Vicky, Chris, Atam, Ed, Susan, Howard, Lorna, Krista, Louise, Heather, Clair, Joan(s) F and P.
- Beer & Burger night in support of literacy, Oct 29th at Spinnakers. You can register in advance using the link provided at the tables.
- Wedding Anniversary Andrew Bekes (Sept 21) and Jason Ko (Sept 19)
- Louise McGee 1st Anniversary with Rotary (Sept 19)
- Rob Reed 3rd Anniversary with Rotary (Sept 21)
- Thanks to Chris for covering for Joan last week.
- Peter Lawrie won the 50/50

Next Meeting:

Tuesday Oct 1st at the Marriott Hotel on Humboldt St. \$30 Register by Sept 24th, please! This is a special meeting with Harbourside & Victoria Saanich clubs. Speaker is District 5020 Literacy Chair Anita Wotschel. Register here:

https://www.ismyrotaryclub.org/Register/Index.cfm?EventID=77785943