

BULLETIN



Meeting date: September 3, 2024

Virtual or In-Person:

Visitors / Guests:

Speaker - Mic McDaniel (Tacoma South Rotary Club)

Guests: Guenter's wife, Janice

Announcements:

There is a plan afoot to hold the October 1, 2024 meeting at the Marriott and to have it as a joint meeting with Harbourside/Victoria. Let us know if you will be willing to attend.

Flags – John J asked installers to look over their flags when they come down and let him know if replacement or repairs are needed

Watch for a link for a zoom meeting among Rotarians about: Peace in the World on Sept 7th at 8:30 am

Program Overview:

Global Grants and the "Unplugged Hub" in Nepal and India.

- a) This project provides training and computers outside Katmandu
- b) It addresses both literacy and sex trafficking and is intentionally placed in an area where sex trafficking is a large problem
- c) Most kids who are sold are sold by a relative due to financial hardship
- d) Nepal has a reverse dowery system (i.e. the bride's family pays). If the family has a lot of daughters, it will go into debt to provide doweries
- e) If the girl has an income, it changes everything
- f) This project uses a mini computer (the unplugged hub (UPH) that can be held in your hand, is battery operated, can link up to 50 computers and does not require WIFI
- g) Jan 1st the program started in Nepal, it targets girls age 10 to college age
- h) To launch this type of project requires: teachers, classroom space, 7 laptops and the UPH device and about \$12,500. There is no cost to the student
- i) \$3,000 is needed to complete covering the cost of the project now underway, his club is willing to partner
- j) They are looking to start another project in a more remote area

k) The empowerment of women is the key to development

Celebrations Master: Joan Peggs – get out your toonies and loonies

- 1) Flag installers
- 2) Do you have a special event in the summer time
- 3) DO you have a special event coming up
- 4) Are you enjoying lunch at the OBBH
- 5) Club are passengers and the bus drivers are the board – congrats to VP who is now Club Admin

Margaret was the phantom handshaker

N Birthdays

Ron Cooley had a club anniversary (28 years!)

Heather is happy because she is off to Italy on Saturday for three weeks (\$10)

Jeanette is off to Southern India until mid Oct (\$10)

Louise put in \$20 because she is now an empty nester and it feels sad

Ron donated \$100 to TRF for his anniversary

Bryan Crockford put in \$15 because his kids have secured jobs in their field of music

Vicky won the 50/50

Next Meeting:

Club assembly – The heads of committees will talk about their goals for the year.