

BULLETIN



Meeting date: October 15th 2024

In person meeting

Visitors / Guests at today's meeting

Mathew Kemshaw – Speaker

Anna DeVries – guest from Interact

Bobbi Jackson – guest of Joan Peggs

Katie Lindsay – guest of Pete Lawrie

Kim McGowan – Visiting Rotarian from Victoria - Saanich

Proceedings :

-The meeting called to order promptly at 12.15pm by President Krista who welcomed everyone to the "magical" meeting with a confident wave of her wand and with the help of Susan welcomed our visitors and guests listed above, and Pete introduced the Interact students.

-The National Anthem followed, and at times the voices in the room, had to catch up with the video but this was sung with great gusto.

-The invocation was delivered by Clair, who assured us all was well in all levels of government and reminded us we have much to be thankful for.

-Katie Lindsay, an Oak Bay High School Interact member, gave an excellent short presentation sharing her learning experiences from attending the Adventures in Citizenship program in Ottawa earlier this summer. Empowerment, Connections and Appreciation were the 3 key themes covered in her talk.

-Terry reminded the meeting that World Polio Day falls later this month and shared some updates on the current excellent RI progress in our fight to eradicate this terrible and preventable disease. He encouraged us to dig deep in our pockets and support the cause!

-Guest Speaker - Mathew Kemshaw

Mathew gave an excellent presentation on his organizations work in developing and operating the Flourish School Food Program in Greater Victoria, and in particular, his success with the Sooke School District. He educated us on their work and challenges to date, and went on to

explain the three main themes of the nourishing school's initiative. He reminded us of the link between a healthy diet learning and optimal learning conditions for youth.

- Kitchen Program
- Grocery Program
- Food Literacy Program

A short Q & A followed this really interesting presentation and Louise then gave the vote of thanks and presented him with the customary Oak Bay Rotary mug.

Announcements:

President Krista invited announcements from the floor

-Terry once again spoke to the PolioPlus campaign and shared that RI has provided \$500,000 to support efforts this year and encouraged us all to donate via the foundation.

- Joan, who described herself as the "Halloween Wicked Witch" this week made a request for members to please remember to register their intention to attend future meetings, as a failure to do so can really negatively impact our catering arrangements. She very kindly did not name the delinquents this week, but may do so next time !!! Perhaps she might consider doing so in future with a modest fine, which of course would go to club funds. Joan also asked if anyone had surplus rotary gear to please donate to the club for a fundraising silent auction to be held November 12th, the day we have our Annual Foundation Auction (more particulars to follow).

Celebrations Master:

Ben engaged the room with celebrations of club anniversaries and birthdays and acknowledged the following members :

Rod – 30 years with the club and October 29th is his birthday, Pablo -22 years with the club

Birthdays for David Sheppard and Sandy.

Ben also challenged the room with trivia questions to each table on the subjects of Hockey, Nobel peace prize winners, Anatomy, and Halloween. No one seemed to stand out as a likely future winner of Jeopardy. Except David who knew that our human bodies have 208 bones. Clearly insider knowledge - from an accomplished health care professional - Great job Ben, who also raised a few more dollars along the way

Happy Sad

David Sheppard was happy he had been given surplus seeds to take to Guatemala in the near future and Joan P shared the good news that all but 2 flag sales customers had renewed this year.

Winning raffle number was 8598 , and this news was greeted with huge sighs of disappointment by the room except for Victoria who was the lucky winner of \$67, and then graciously donated this back to the Foundation for Polio.

Flower silent auction winners were Janette, Joan F and Joan P

Meeting closed by President Krista at 1.29pm

Next Meetings Dates :

Oct 22 Board meeting

Oct 29 Burgers & Beers at Spinnakers – a literacy fundraiser!

Nov 5 Speaker Lynn Pearson, who is the Vancouver Island Foundation Fundraising Chair for the District – she will kick off Foundation Month!