

Bulletin of...

ROTARY CLUB OF OAK BAY MEETING TUESDAY OCTOBER 8<sup>TH</sup>.

At the Oak Bay Rec Centre.

President Krista called the 'magical' meeting in order and Jack led all in Oh Canada with he and Janette harmonizing on the last refrain. Vicky delivered a very thoughtful Invocation and then a couple of cool twists. Our guests (see below) were introduced BEFORE lunch. Good move. The other twist thanks to Joan Firkins was that the tables were moved in closer to the podium which added to the 'closeness' of our meeting. Kudos to Joan.

After a scrumptious lunch of salad, meat pie, and crispy French Fries (Yum!), the parade of important announcements began.

Terry reminded us of World Polio Day October 24<sup>th</sup> and further, that he has a special opportunity for us next week that will be in support of Polio Plus.

Pete invited others to volunteer at Lansdowne School, early morning breakfast-for-the-kids program which is a truly fun hour to be part of. This writer and his wife thoroughly enjoy seeing young people interacting with each other. You can too

Wendy briefed us on the Mobile Clinic in Ukraine which is so needed and which our club supports. The war continues. The Global Clinic mercifully remains open and active.

Jacqueline spoke about MIG, the Mid-Island-Group and how these Rotarians are involved in securing grants for their projects and how they help each other with the steps involved to be successful at the applications.

Ed highlighted our Club Facebook Page and led an interesting exercise that showed 80% of us are on this Social Media site, and he strongly encouraged us to visit...and LIKE...our page, so that our Club Profile increases awareness. We are all tasked with supporting it!

Prez Krista told us that in her recent meetings with our Rotaract Students she learned that they are keen to join us in upcoming meetings and organized fund-raising events. Great News!

Joan Peggs led a quick seminar on using the DACdb App, which opens a hand-held door into the workings of our club and of others, with the touch of our fingertips. More to come on that front for sure as we all become proficient at it.

Joan P highlighted the results of the Saturday Bottle Drives, thanking those who pitch in, and then sharing the amazing financial results; \$11,640 has been raised this year...\$33,983 over the past 3 years. What a remarkable initiative this is thanks to Joan. Who knew a simple

community-minded idea like this could bear such results? It is also a team-building exercise and one that raises the profile of our club with each bottle-filled car that drives up.

And about our Flag program, Joan P continued. We can use more volunteers to distribute flags and make more patriotic friends in our neighborhoods. Oh Canada!!!!

Joan P and Heather urged us to pay attention to the upcoming 'Beer n' Burger' night on October 29<sup>th</sup>. Here's a tip; If you can't attend, you can still donate (to the 1000 x 5 campaign) by googling Canada Helps...finding the Rotary Club of Oak Bay...the 1000 x 5 link..and tapping DONATE. A friend of Joans donated \$500. Such kind generosity.

Ben was a humorous and tricky Celebrations Master, asking us questions from several eras of history and music. Some smarty-pant members got correct answers while most others flunked and paid dearly with loonies and toonies. Much laughter ensued.

Ron Cooley won the 50/50 draw. He ignored the outcries of 'Audit, Audit'.

What a busy Rotary Club we are, with lots to do and more to enjoy.

Writer Jack Petrie

Welcomed Guests of the Club.

David Jack, neighbour of Atam's

Jessica Robinson and Dev Devanyash, Oak Bay Bank of Nova Scotia, escorted by Rod Sim

David, Jessica, and Dev are potential members. Kudos to our 'introducing' clubmates

Peach, our exchange Student from Thailand, escorted by Heather