

Tuesday, May 16, 2017

Karen Flavelle – The Purdy’s Story, since 1907

John Bathurst, President

Milton Kiang, Secretary



Many different experiences have provided the tool box for Karen to successfully lead Purdys, the largest Chocolatier in Canada – a B.Comm from Queen's, living in Japan and Asia for 2 years, speaking fluent French, being trained in classic packaged goods marketing at General Mills for 6 years, developing innovative new products at Product Development Partnership in the UK for 1 year, and growing a popular chain of 140 restaurants (Swiss Chalet) for 6 years.

Sport, particularly endurance sports like running, road biking, roller blading and skiing, give Karen the high energy she is known for.

Karen's personal mission is to help people connect, to strengthen existing relationships and build new ones.

Over the years Purdys and Karen have won a number of awards: 50 Best Employers in Canada (7 times!), one of Canada's Best Managed Companies, one of Top 10 Most Admired Cultures....and Karen has been the recipient of WXN Hall of Fame, BIV's Women of Influence, EY Entrepreneur of the Year for Family Business, Henry Singer Award, Queen's U. KBH Award, YWCA Women of Distinction.

With a desire to ensure a good living for cocoa farmers and their families in Africa, Purdys now uses only 100% Sustainable Cocoa, sourced through Callebaut's (from Belgium) Cocoa Horizons program. Purdys participates in farmer education in the Ivory Coast to help them increase their incomes through growing more productive quality beans.

Coming Events & Meetings

Young Professionals Summit	May 13	SFU downtown campus
Food on the Corner	May 20	11 am @ 222 Main Street
Membership Committee Meeting	May 23	8:15 am @ Franz Gehrig's office
Alison MacLean – Burkas 2 Bullets	May 23	12 noon @TCC
Rotarians' Investment Club	May 25	5:30 pm @ RVYC
Ann Webb & Rob Brown - Vancouver Art Gallery	May 30	12 noon @TCC
Don Evans' installation as District Governor	June 24	1:30-4 pm @ Law Courts Inn
Bike-a-Thon	July 9	Brentwood to Harrison

Last Meeting, May 9, 2017

President John Bathurst chaired the meeting and gave invocation. O Canada was accompanied by Kayo Otake. Bill Schulz, Acting Sergeant-at-Arms, introduced visitors and guests.

Chair's announcements (John Bathurst)

- District Conference May 4-7 highlights:
 - Ralph Towsley received a lifetime achievement award for his work with Rotary World Help
 - Don Evans becomes District Governor on June 24
 - Verona Edelstein summarized ISC projects and Global Grants
 - Our club received recognition for the club with the lowest member turnover and most members under 40
 - Past President Ken Weaver was remembered
- Wolfgang Degemann has given a 4th donation to End Polio Now on behalf of a friend who passed away
- Peace Scholarship applications deadline end May
- Don Evans' installation as District Governor on June 24

Secretary's announcements (Milton Kiang)

- See page 1 for upcoming meetings and events

Birthdays

- Robert Dueck May 9
- Anne Lippert May 15

Club anniversaries

- Gordon Esau 35 years
- Don McPhee 25 years
- Diego Centanni 4 years

Wedding anniversary

- Jack & Donna Lee Zaleski 29 years

Special announcements, presentations and members' moments

- Franz Gehriger introduced 3 new members and John Bathurst inducted them: Alison Howard, Amber de Souza and Jocelyn Vieth with Tapestry Retirement (corporate membership).
- Charles Flavelle noted that Ingledew's Shoes is closing its doors.
- Michael Woolnough announced that Aldo Brussoni organized a container to Montevideo, Uruguay. The container loading is May 13.
- Don Kavanagh's health has taken a turn and he is having major tests on May 15.

Program

Terry Miller introduced Ken McLeod, who presented 'Canada at Vimy'. To view the entire presentation, visit our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/VancRotary/>

John adjourned the meeting with a toast to democracy.

Doug Kellough

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CALENDAR of EVENTS (see also Page 1)
 May/June 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
14	15	16 Karen Flavelle – Purdy’s Chocolatier	17	18	19	20 Food on the Corner
21	22 	23 Membership Committee meeting Alison MacLean – Tomboy Productions	24	25 Rotarians’ Investment Club	26	27
28	29	30 Ann Webb & Rob Brown - Vancouver Art Gallery	31	JUNE 1 Board meeting	2	3
4	5	6 John Bathurst – outgoing President’s message	7	8	9	10

Membership

Welcome our newest members!

Amber de Souza

Tapestry Retirement

Proposed by Phil Webber

Seconded by Franz Gehriger

Alison Howard

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Seconded by Franz Gehriger

Jocelyn Vieth

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Correction: In last week’s Rotor, it was inadvertently noted that Ed Fisk created the Hearing Foundation. It should have noted that Ed Fisk created the Bike-a-Thon.