The Buzz – July 4/2017

1.  **New theme for 2017 -18** is **Making A Difference** Jocelyn S presented new banner and handed out pins.

2.  **DG Visit** - New DG Frank Reitz will be in Vegreville November 6 & 7 Exec mtg Nov 7 10am please keep this date in mind to attend.

3. **Plant a Tree -** RotaryPresident Ian has challenged each Rotarian to do their part to protect the planet and plant one tree for each Rotarian. Everyone thought this would be a good idea. More discussion to come. Please let Jocelyn S know if you have any ideas for trees and location to plant.

4.**Lobsterfest -** There was very positive feed back regarding Lobsterfest 2017, great food and entertainment. No final total yet, but $20k is an estimate.

Kaelyn asked the group to please present any suggestions or ideas asap for 2018.

Brian suggested more lobster pots / burners to help increase speed of cooking lobster.

A huge thank you to the Interact club, St Marys Archery club and all volunteers for their help in making this event such a success. We could not do it without you.

Next one is June 21st 2018

5.  **Interact Donation -** Renee proposed our club to donate $1500 to Interact for their help at Lobsterfest. Jocelyn H made motion to donate $1500 Ann second, all in favor, carried.

St Marys Archery club will receive $600 for helping at Lobsterfest, as previously voted on.

6.  **Soccer Fields -** Dan presented the Vegreville Soccer is going to begin building a 6 field soccer field. Alan has given Rotary first chance to sponsor them and have our Rotary club name on the sign at a cost of $8000 for 5 years they make the sign. Dan suggested $5000, we make the sign and have an extra 5 years.

Much discussion was had with no solution, as we are committed to the bike and skate park, some felt we should keep our money there. There is also 24+ acres adjacent the the soccer fields that perhaps we may want to look at for our park. Blake will present this to the Bike and Skate Park committee, and get back to us.

7.  **Pysanka Fest -** Volunteers needed for gates,  50/ 50 and more, please contact 780 632-2777 if you can help

8. **Rotary International Conference** - This was Daphne,s, Garth's and Jocelyn S's first time at an international convention. Daphne spoke briefly about the excellent presenters, like Bill Gates, Ashton Kucher, Andrew Young and more. They will be presenting some of the videos and more information at a future meeting. Next year is in Toronto...after Lobsterfest, plan to attend!

**Next Meeting - July 11 we will be having a guest speaker**

**Yours in Rotary,**

Jocelyn Svensen

Vegreville Rotary President 2017/ 18

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1.  Ann presented Jocelyn S with a gift and well wishes for her sentence..oops,  term as president. Kidding aside, I am excited for this time, and look forward to working along side such a great bunch of Rotarians

2**. Guest Speaker**  Diane introduced our guest speaker Anne Ruzicka with Beaver Municipal Solutions, Western Canada's biggest, active landfill site. They ensure the environmentally safe disposal of waste and are working to increase recycling efforts.

3. **Soccer fields** Dan updated, regarding advertising at the new soccer fields has been given to RJV

4. **Casino-** Jocelyn H announced we are slotted to work at Ft Mac casino in Jan to Mar 2019 timeframe.

5.  **Help needed- July 19 5:30 pm**Marielle advised the mulch has arrived at the Rendezvous park and weeds need to be cleaned up and mulch needs to be spread. Come to the park next Wednesday at 5:30 to help, it won't take long. Blake is going to speak with our summer student as well,  regarding cleaning up the weeds

6. **Cambodia -** Jody encourage us to consider going to Cambodia for twelve rewarding days, revisiting previous work sites, and new work with  water projects, working on homes and school and much more. Contact Jody or Darryl White for more information.

7. **Speakers-** I'm sure we can each think of one person, that would like to come speak at one of our meetings. Please contact Jocelyn S, Dianne or Jackie with your ideas.

**Next Meeting - July 18**

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Thank you to everyone that came out to the Rendezvous Park on Wednesday, for their back breaking, manicure busting work, to clean up weeds and spread wood chips. It looks great.

Due to some technical problems, the video we were going to watch at Tuesdays meeting, will be presented in the near future.

Jody announced that Garth and Jocelyn have decided to go to Cambodia, with  Rotary members from other clubs, in January 2018. Project work, and exciting sight seeing are in the works. There is still time to sign up! Contact Garth or Jocelyn for more information.

**Skate Park update**- The grounds at the Vegreville Comp High School, look like a favorable location. Letters are being drawn up to be sent to Elk Island School Div and Alberta Infrastructure. Excited to get moving with this community project.

\*\*\*I know it's summer, and we're all busy enjoying the beautiful weather, but we still have to eat, so I encourage everyone to attend **next meeting Tuesday July 25 12:00** at Valid and enjoy the always scrumptious lunch by Jody and her team.

Jocelyn Svensen

President 2017-2018
Vegreville Rotary Club

The Buzz – July 25/2017

1. Ed Wieclaw, a long standing member with Rotary passed away July 21.

      As he was very instrumental in the Rotary Peace and  Rendezvous Parks, we thought it fitting to invite his family to plant a tree, next spring in the Peace Park, in his honour.

- Rhonda made a motion that we donate $75 to St Joseph's General Hospital in Ed's memory. Rick Rutter seconded, all in favor, carried.

2**.  President Elect-** Due to other commitments, Ashley Browning is unable to fulfill commitment for President Elect, if anyone is interested or wants to nominate anyone, please let me know by noon Friday July 28 2017

3. We watched a video of Andrew Young's presentation at the International Rotary Convention in Atlanta.  <http://video.rotary.org/9i7G/andrew-young/>

**Next Meeting - August 1st**

**Yours in Rotary,**

Jocelyn Svensen

Vegreville Rotary President 2017/ 18

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