



## **WestShore Rotary Sunrise January 26, 2017**

**Attending:** Bonnie Keleher, Alex Martin, Lorne Olson, Dave Proudfoot, Lew Pilkington, Russ Lazaruk, Hugh Robertson, Jim tenHove, Doris London, Mike Wedekind

**Guest:** Murray Winlaw – Sidney by the Sea Rotary club

**President:** Lew Pilkington  
O Canada  
Prayer

No birthdays or anniversaries

Welcome to Murray Winlaw (Murray was a past Colwood Rotary member)

### **Reports / Updates**

#### **Search for New Location – Hugh Robertson**

Unfortunately the Pacific Family Services was determined to be not suitable for our meetings, as the room offered did not provide an adult atmosphere (toys, and kids posters, etc), and the kitchen was very small. As we do not know whether the new construction will provide a better space, we would like to thank the Family Services for their offer.

Hugh Robertson reported that the Westshore Seniors Centre is available on Thursday mornings and has a good kitchen, TV and meeting space. The problem at this time is that any group using the space must be Seniors Centres members. Groups must otherwise go through the Westshore Parks and Recreation booking system and pay their booking fees. Hugh Robertson will speak with Bobbi Neal and the Parks and Rec to see if we can get a discount and possibly make an arrangement.

#### **RYLA – Jim tenHove**

Jim spoke with Mike Huck at Royal Bay Secondary, but as this week in January is the exam week, the school has not heard back from any interested students at this time.

#### **Club Strategic Planning – Hugh Robertson**

Unfortunately, Doug Kobiowchi was ill this past weekend and the planning session had to be cancelled. Hugh and Lew will speak with Doug today at coffee to see if there is an alternate date which can be arranged. As it appears to be a challenge to arrange another Sunday, the suggestion is that we arrange for one or two morning meetings for this.

#### **Haiti Update – Russ Lazaruk**

They are raising funds now to help the Divine Hands Orphanage build a bread oven, which would not only help to feed the children but would also help to provide some income from sales.

## **New Business**

### **How to Attract New Members**

Mike Wedekind shared the article in the Rotarian magazine which spoke about the importance of a club building a foundation of volunteers. From this group of volunteers, a few would naturally choose to join Rotary as members. This is a strategy to be considered.

### **Decisions and Motions made by the Club**

As we are such a small club, Mike asked that we all take into consideration that before making any decision or motion be made, that the individual who had done the legwork prior to the decision, be consulted first, especially if they happen to be absent at the time ie. Change of Gaming funds allocations, etc.

### **Sidney by the Sea Rotary – Update and Presentation**

Murray Winlaw presented the Westshore Sunrise Rotary with \$500 to go towards the Haiti Project. Their club has been impressed with the dedication of members to this project.

Murray provided an update on what is happening with their club. Sidney by the Sea is working on their big fundraiser – Monte Carlo Night. Funds go towards the Mercy Ships project. When asked how they attract new members, Murray said that they approach businesses to encourage them to become corporate members. And as they meet at the Seniors Centre, they have signs up there to encourage Seniors to become Rotarians or volunteers.

Murray agreed that the District is making it more challenging to apply for grants with the various restrictions, deadlines, etc. He encouraged that working together as clubs, either through Project Unity or two or three clubs supporting one project will be more effective.

### **Presentation on Camosun College by the Numbers – Russ Lazaruk, chair of the Board of Governors, Camosun College**

Wearing his ``Camosun College hat``, Russ provided members with a presentation and handouts about how Camosun College has grown in the years and how it supports the education and training of our youth in the community. Over 80% of the Camosun College students come from the South Island, and 86% of the graduates stay in the area. Indigenous student numbers have increased substantially in the years to over 1100 from just a couple hundred 10 years ago. Tuition in the Humanities in BC and at Camosun College is much less in comparison to Ontario and the Canadian average.

### **Sergeant of Arms - (Jim tenHove)**

Superdraw: Doris London

Paul Harris: Doris London

Meeting adjourned.