



WestShore Rotary Sunrise March 2, 2017

Attending: Bonnie Keleher, Allan Pederson, Alex Martin, Lorne Olson, Dave Proudfoot, Lew Pilkington, Hugh Robertson, Jim ten Hove, Doris London, Russ Lazaruk, Maureen Hobbs, Mike Wedekind

Guest: John Lyall

President: Lew Pilkington
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Prayer

Reports / Updates

Change of Location - Hugh Robertson

Hugh has met with representatives at the Seniors Centre regarding our move to the new location on Apr. 6. The Seniors Centre will give our club a 3 month trial. He perceives no problems, and sees this as a win-win for both organizations. A few details need to be worked out as regards to storage and food order. The Centre has no toaster, so we could purchase one and bring it in, but there is no storage, so it would have to be taken home each week. The tentative cost at this time is \$100 per week for the Centre to provide the food for breakfast and allow us to use their kitchen. The front door at the Centre is locked, so we would have to enter through another secondary door.

Rugby – West Shore Sunris Rotary School Rugby Tournament

John Lyall updated the club on what is happening with rugby in the schools. There will be 2 Westshore Sunrise Rotary School Rugby Tournaments this year. One on March 14 for grades 9 to 12 and the other on April 7 for grade 6 – 8 . There are about 20 teams registered for each tournament for a total of about 300 students for each tournament. This is a total of 600 students. In the five years since this tournament was first sponsored by our club, the participation has doubled. A great success!

Action: Please provide a Rotary sign to John for both the tournaments for photos and publicity.

First Nations Thunders Rugby – They are now running training sessions at Songhees and are helping to kickstart other First Nations Rugby programs. Other organizations such as HSBC have seen the value of this program and are providing sponsorship money. Thank you again to Rotary for helping get this started.

The WestShore Sunrise Rotary club presented \$1000 cheque to John Lyall for the School Rugby program and tournament.

RYLA – Jim tenHove reports that all is now arranged to have Alex Fraser participate in RYLA. Jim will drive the Sooke RYLA student as well. The fees have been mailed.

Strategic Planning Meeting – The meeting has been confirmed for Sunday, March 5th at Jim tenHove's house.

New Westshore Sunrise Rotary Website – Mike Wedekind circulated an example of a new more visual website format and members were all receptive to changing to this format. Mike will move ahead with creating a new look for the website and is currently seeking photos to add to this.

Haiti Update – The \$3925 has been sent to Doris at the Divine Hands Orphanage for the purchase of an oven for the bakery. However, this past week, one of the young children had a serious illness and had to be hospitalized as he was having kidney failure. Doris asked to use some of the funds to pay for his treatment as healthcare is not free, and Russ and Bob approved as this required an immediate decision. Not all of the funds will be used, so they will still, hopefully have sufficient funds for the oven. Bob Becket plans to retire as Fire Chief in June. There will be a fundraising retirement party on June 10th. The funds raised will go to the Divine Hands Orphanage in Haiti. They are also planning a Garage Sale to raise funds in the spring. Dates to be announced.

Beer Festival Plans Update – Mike Wedekind updated members on the plans for holding a beer festival in downtown Langford this summer. The City of Langford requires a budget. City of Langford has tentatively agreed to security costs. Members discussed the need to have the support of other sponsors, grants and partners prior to creating a budget. Need to have sponsors to cover cost of promotion, tents, etc. July might be too short a timeframe to build these connections. Mike will provide members with a summary of what has been discussed and planned to date.

Sergeant of Arms - (Jim tenHove)

Superdraw: Hugh Robertson

Paul Harris: Lew Pilkington

Meeting adjourned.