



Rotary Club of Westshore Sunrise



Minutes WestShore Rotary Sunrise Meeting Thurs. Nov 17, 2016

Attending: Bonnie Keleher, Allan Pederson, Lorne Olson, Dave Proudfoot, Lew Pilkington, Russ Lazaruk, Hugh Robertson, Jim tenHove, Alex Martin

President: Lew Pilkington
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Prayer

Guest: Jill Leslie

No celebrations

Reports / Updates

- **Rotary Christmas Breakfast on Dec. 8** – Russ and Jim currently have 4 kids on their list. You MUST let them know by next week (Thur, Nov 24) the names and ages of any other children who will be attending so they can be sure to have gifts purchased. **We also need to know how much food to order, so ALL members should let Bonnie know if they plan to attend the Christmas breakfast, and how many guests. Email Bonnie at mbkeleher@shaw.ca**
- **Westshore Rotary's Christmas Party on Dec. 15 at Royal Colwood.** *Maureen: Do we have a Santa or other entertainment?*
- **Treasurer's Report:** We currently have \$10,497 in the General account and \$1284 in the Gaming Account. The total revenues after expenses from Hoopfest was \$2680. Good for our first year. \$1000 of the 2016 Gaming funds needs to be donated.
- **Motion:** WestShore Sunrise Rotary donate \$500 of the Gaming funds to the DARE program and the other \$500 of the Gaming funds to the Goldstream Food Bank. **Motion carried.**
- Jim tenHove will check with Sipili on whether they have a schedule for our members to work the Salvation Army kettles this Christmas.

Sergeant of Arms - (Jim tenHove)
Superdraw: Dave Proudfoot
Paul Harris: Allan Pederson

Speaker: Jill Leslie

Jill spoke about the Canadian Women for Women in Afghanistan program. Afghanistan is one of the worst countries in the world. The Canadian Women for Women in Afghanistan wants to advance women's rights, and they do that through education. Their organization is connected to Rotary clubs throughout Canada and there are even 2 Rotary clubs now in Afghanistan.

They have 3 main programs:

- Adult Literacy
- Teaching Teachers
- Online learning library materials

Adult literacy – They have 40 to 50 students in rural communities. Connect with the men for permission and the senior women for support by having them host the classes. Teach numeracy, health, home care. Educating the women is the first step to educating the children.

Teaching the teachers – They go only to areas they are wanted. They provide a library kit and a science kit to each teacher. They equip over 50 schools in a year.

Online Learning materials - There are so few resources available in the schools, the online helps to supplement these. They are more accessible for children in the cities. However, it is designed so that in rural areas they can set up a local area network, and not require Internet. They are making it more accessible through the cell phone network. Working to get more computers in the girls schools as well.

Meeting adjourned.