



WestShore Rotary Sunrise November 10, 2016

Attending: Lorne Olson, Dave Proudfoot, Heather Ratcliffe Hood, Alex Martin, Lew Pilkington, Bonnie Keleher, Russ Lazaruk

Regrets: Allan Pederson, Sipoli Molia, Bob Beckett, Mike Wedekind, Hugh Robertson, Jim ten Hove, Shahla Zandieh/Maureen Hobbs, Doris London, Jeremy Clare

O Canada and Rotary Grace (Lew et al, Russ)

7am President Lew Pilkington opened with morning greetings for our meeting and also thanked Dave and all for room set up and Alex for cleanup.

Happy Birthday - No birthdays nor Anniversaries this week

Welcome guest, Jim Cambridge, Superintendent of Schools in Sooke School District

Updates:

- **Upcoming Speaker:** Gill Leslie, Chamber of Commerce Nov. 17th
- **Social Activities Club Christmas Dinner on Dec 15th at Royal Colwood Golf Club 5:30pm**
 - Maureen tracking down Ian Fleury for Santa and to report back to Lew progress for next week
 - Entertainment for evening? Games? Sing along? Choir from Secondary School, Santa? Who is working on this? Need a volunteer.
 - Reminder to members to adjust calendar that the morning Dec. 15th is cancelled
 - Email invite to the other Westshore Club? Heather to send E-Invite to Bonnie Keleher to send to other Westshore Club. Everyone RSVP to Maureen Hobbs so she can make arrangements with Royal Colwood.

• **Santa's Breakfast Dec. 8th**

Heather sent out E-Invite Santa Breakfast poster E invite for Santa's Breakfast with RSVP to Russ (Gifts) and Jim ten Hove (Breakfast). Russ looking after the Santa.

NOTE: RSVP by November 24th, 2016 the number and names of family attending as well as children, ages, and gender to Russ Lazaruk rlazaruk@echelonpartners.com and Jim ten Hove jtenhove@shaw.ca so Santa can provide foodies and goodies for all.

What: Rotary Club of Westshore Sunrise

When: Thursday, Dec. 8, 2016 7am-8am

Where: Olympic Rm. Coastal Offices
Holiday Inn, Enter off Wale Rd.

- **Reminder** to have Mike cancel Breakfast sandwiches with BITZ Dec. 8th, 15th, 22nd

• **Gaming Funds: (Alex) Grants in progress.**

- Mom's & Mentors
- Scholarships
- Salvation Army
- Pacific Family & Literacy
- Syrian Refugee

- **Rebels Game Nov. 12 - Jim ten Hove to contact Russ and Dave Proudfoot if they are still needed for Saturday.** Volunteering to assist with Rebels game? It was reported that the other Westshore Club was doing the Rebels Game.

7:30am Sergeant at Arms (Jim)

Super draw: Lorne Olson

Foundation: Lorne Olson

Speaker, Superintendent of Schools in School District No. 62, Jim Cambridge (Heather)

Welcome back to Rotary, Jim Cambridge it's great to see you once again. Jim has worked in Sooke schools for over 30 years as a teacher, principal, District administrator and most recently, as Superintendent. His areas of special interests include an expanding view of student success, the role of arts in public schools, and the development of a district model of distributive leadership with the aim of working it into an appreciative inquiry project. Sooke School District once a small rural one continues to embrace change and innovations of 21st Century learning and has become one of the fastest growing districts in the province. Jim, an avid runner and triathlete strives for a healthy work-life balance between the joy of parenting and managing a world of students and staff in a large organization.

As mentioned there have many changes in SD No. 62 over the past 36 years. I work for a Board of Education in Sooke School District and am responsible for directing and managing it. School Districts are large organizations with over a \$1m operating budget with 1400 to 1500 employees. Currently, SD62 has 25 schools and is the fastest growing school district in the province in student enrolment. SD62 added over 520 new students this year and over 400 last year putting the district at 6.5% growth and having to absorb this growth into the existing school district schools. This fast growth creates new opportunities and with it new challenges. Most of our schools are over capacity and using more portables. Key consideration is that there are over 600 teachers in district and 100 of them have less than two years of experience teaching so important to that continued growth and development is new mentorship programs and support. The municipalities have reported that there is expected residential growth to continue and this will continue to increase the student population. The municipalities continue to develop their neighbourhood capacity in the way of parks, programs, and facilities which is very attractive to families.

So ... Working on earning some "growth asks" from government for new schools, for this school district. Long range facilities plan asks include: expansion, seizure, extension and land e.g. 700+ more seats to RBSS, Middle School needed, 4 more Elementary schools needed. An important design feature of today's new schools are intentionally created social and open working space for students. Also in our two new secondary schools are the Neighbourhood Learning Centres - considering schools as community assets. The two new high schools have spaces for community learning. Royal Bay has a large space that is leased by Westshore Parks & Recreation for the entire year. This includes a Day Care. The new Belmont has an innovative space for Neighbourhood Learning where Belmont has partnered with Camosun College with dual credit programs, University Transfer courses, and trades. Another partner is the Pacific Centre who has one of the most innovative Day Cares. And finally, Highland Health set up in Belmont a Wellness Centre (open daily with 2 Nurses, 2 Healthcare Practitioners, drug and health counsellor, medical reception) and this partnership creates more youth accessibility to Health Care. Best part of this is that it's a clinic that youth access. Thank you!

- Lorne Olson **thanked Jim Cambridge** for his leadership in education and presented Jim with a book to sign for 1000 x 5 in support of Literacy in the community.

Adjourned: 8:00am