



CAPRI ECHO

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Newsletter for the Rotary Club of Kelowna Capri
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May 4 - Regular Meeting

May 11 - Regular Meeting

May 18 - Regular Meeting

May 25 - Regular Meeting: Guest Speaker

Dr. Hilary Pada – infant care for one year old or younger

Jun 1 - Regular Meeting

Jun 8 - Regular Meeting



*“Be thankful for what you have;
you’ll end up having more. If
you concentrate on what you
don’t have, you will never, ever
have enough.”*

- Oprah Winfrey



The Sheriff this week was Peter Spek.

April 27th has several notable connections to Canadian history, culture, and current observances, though it's not a statutory holiday.

Key Historical Events

- ***Battle of York (1813): On April 27, 1813, during the War of 1812, American forces captured York (now Toronto), the capital of Upper Canada. The battle involved British regulars, militia, and Indigenous allies (including Ojibwe and Mississauga warriors). American troops landed west of the town, leading to a British retreat. A major explosion at the fort's magazine killed or wounded hundreds, including American Brigadier General Zebulon Pike. The event highlighted vulnerabilities in early Canadian defenses and is remembered as a significant early clash on what is now Canadian soil.***
- ***Expo 67 Opens (1967): On April 27, 1967, Expo 67 officially opened in Montreal, Quebec (with public access the next day). This world's fair was a massive celebration of Canada's centennial, attracting millions of visitors with innovative pavilions, including the iconic Biosphere by Buckminster Fuller. It symbolized Canada's modern, forward-looking identity on the global stage.***
- ***1942 Conscription Plebiscite: On April 27, 1942, Canadians voted in a national plebiscite on conscription (mandatory military service) during World War II. The "yes" vote won overall (~64%), but it deeply divided the country, with strong opposition in Quebec (~70% "no"). This reflected ongoing tensions between English and French Canada over wartime policies.***

Observances and Awareness Weeks

In 2026, April 27 falls during Canadian Immunization Awareness Week (April 23–30), which promotes the importance of vaccinations. It also overlaps with other weeks like Go Diaper Free Week in some contexts, but no major national holiday lands exactly on this date.

April as a whole includes Sikh Heritage Month and Genocide Remembrance, Condemnation and Prevention Month in Canada, though specific days like Vimy Ridge (April 9) or Armenian Genocide Remembrance (April 24) fall earlier.

Famous Canadians Born on April 27

Notable births include:

- ***Jerry Mercer (1939) — Rock drummer for the band April Wine.***
- ***Alain Caron (1938) — Canadian ice hockey player.***

- **Others like actors or figures in entertainment and sports (e.g., various modern celebrities with Canadian ties).**

Modern Context (2026)

No major nationwide events are fixed for April 27, 2026, but local activities often occur in cities like Ottawa (e.g., sports games, markets, or cultural performances) and Montreal (concerts or spring festivals). It's a typical spring day in much of Canada, with weather varying widely by region—from lingering snow in the north to budding greenery further south.

If you're looking for something specific (like events in a particular city, travel ideas, or more details on any of these), let me know!



Happy Sad

Ron put in a generous donation because he missed the last couple of meetings. Not sure if it was happy or sad and for whom it was happy or sad, but the donation is much appreciated!
John put in 5 dollars because he was asked to do.

Business

Peter went to the Tuesday April 21st Presidents meeting, and the West Kelowna club is looking for a Brazilian youth exchange host, if there is interest, please let Peter know.
October 5th we will receive a visit from DGE Jill Leonard who will be our District Governor upcoming Rotary year. We decided not to have a board meeting including Jill prior our regular meeting. Thursday October 12, there will be a social lead by Jill where all clubs in the area are invited to.

Other important dates:

May 2nd RLI in Kelowna.

Tuesday May 5th- Zoom chat Membership Data, preparing for RI and District Dues.

Thursday May 14th – District Youth Services Virtual Open House.

Guest Speaker Colleen Cornock

Social Development Manager, City of Kelowna



Colleen provided the club an update on the current housing situation in Kelowna and specifically the unhoused people. Colleen works hard to have Federal, Provincial and the city share their data better to have a more effective approach to support the unhoused in our city. She showed us the various initiatives like tiny houses and what is being needed for support. The city has looked even in the US (Seattle) to see how their programs are successful and trying to implement those programs which fit our local needs. It was an interesting insight and what is been done and could be done to support our unhoused people.

Rotary Day June 28th 2026

May 1st will be the deadline for budgeting to see if Rotary Day is a go or not. If we can get enough funding it won't be a go. Wednesday April 29th is the next meeting.

As a club we started with a pamphlet which we will hand out at Rotary. The next 2 pages are a start and we will the upcoming months spend time to tweak it until the final version is ready to hand out June 28th.



Check for Habitat for Humanity

Ready to Join?

Come as a guest to one of our Monday evening meetings at Moxies. No obligation – just good company and great conversation.



Contact us today:

Visit: <https://wwwcaprirotary.ca>

Email: caprirotary@outlook.com



Rotary club of Kelowna Capri
information brochure

**Join the Capri
Rotary Club**



Supporting Joeanna's house

**Making a difference
in Kelowna since
1968**

Service Above Self

Who we are

- We are local business leaders, professionals, and civic-minded people who meet regularly to build friendships, grow as leaders, and take meaningful action in our community.



Support renovation East Kelowna Hall

Weekly meetings:

- Every Monday at 5:30 PM at Moxies. (Great food, inspiring speakers, great conversations)
- Hands-on and local projects that improve Kelowna
- Global impact through Rotary's worldwide network (including polio eradication and international humanitarian work.)

Why Join the Rotary Club of Kelowna Capri?

- **Build lifelong Friendships.**
Connect with positive, like-minded leaders in a fun, welcoming environment.
- **Expand your network**
Meet Kelowna's business owners, executives, and professionals who get things done.
- **Develop Leadership skills**
Gain experience in public speaking, project management, and team leadership.
- **Make a real impact**
 - ✓ Support local initiatives in youth, health, environment, and community needs.



- ✓ Contribute to global causes that change lives.
- ✓ Fundraise and volunteer together (past projects include Community lighting, Salvation Army support, and more)

Have fun while giving back

- Enjoy knowing that you help building a better world.

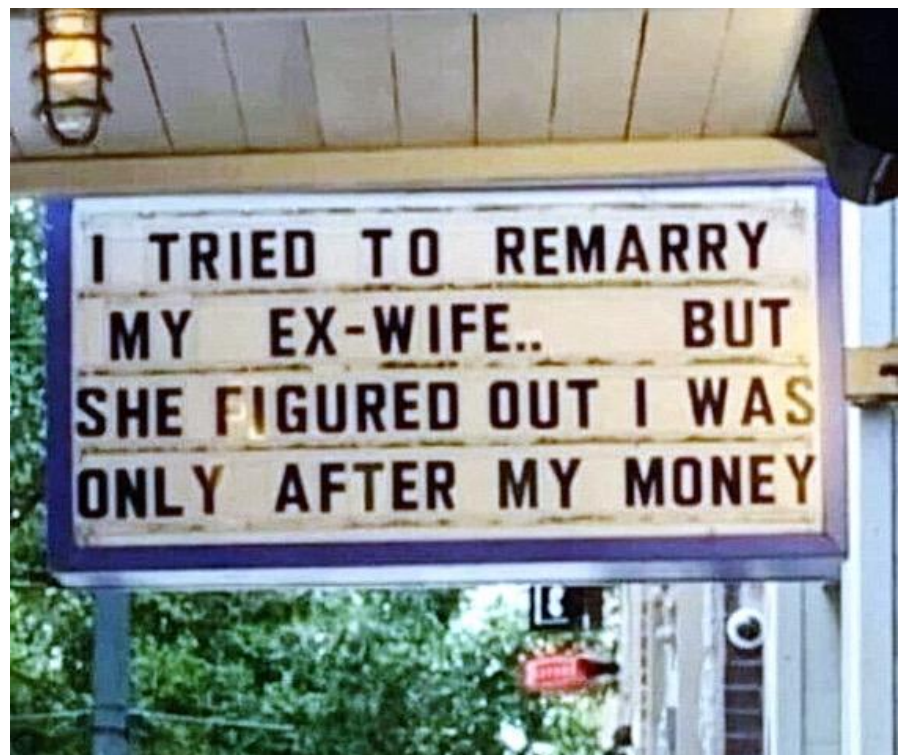
What Members say

"Rotary has given me incredible friendships, new leadership skills, and the chance to make a positive difference right here in Kelowna." Carola



Christmas party for residents Cottonwoods

HUMOUR



Safety Kit Fundraising

We still have some safety kits available for sale. If you or know someone who wants the Family First Aid Kit or the Auto Safety Kit, please mention at the upcoming in person meeting or email me an order.

At this moment we have at least 12 vehicle kits and 18 Family First-aid kits for sale.



FR302 Family First Aid Kit

[10] Adhesive junior bandages, [2] Fingertip adhesive bandages, [1] Adhesive tape, [1] Hand sanitizer wipes, [1] Tweezer, [1] Triangular bandage, [1] Instant cold compress, [2] Knuckle adhesive bandages, [5] Alcohol prep pads, [15] Adhesive bandages, [5] Antiseptic towelettes, [1] Scissor, [3] Gauze pads 2"x2", [3] Gauze pads 3"x3", [2] Povidone-iodine prep pads, [2] Adhesive patch bandages, [1] Trauma dressing, [1] Pair of examination gloves, [1] First aid instructions, [1] Nylon case

Dimensions: 6.5"(W) x 5"(H) x 2"(D) **Weight:** 0.65 lbs.



FR301 Auto Safety Kit

[1] Poncho, [1] Flashlight with handle charger, [1] Seat belt cutter, [1] Thermal rescue blanket, [1] Nitrile dipped gloves (pair), [1] Plastic whistle, [1] SOS signaling flag, [1] Emergency tub candle, [1] Pack of matches, [1] Hand warmer 8HR (pair), [2] Antiseptic towelettes, [1] Povidone-iodine prep pad, [5] Adhesive bandages, [2] Knuckle adhesive bandages, [2] Fingertip adhesive bandages, [5] Adhesive junior strips, [2] Alcohol prep pads, [2] Hand cleansing wipes, [1] Nylon zipper case with velcro back

Dimensions: 7"(W) x 3"(H) x 6.5"(D) **Weight:** 0.85 lbs.