



CAPRI ECHO

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Newsletter for the Rotary Club of Kelowna Capri

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Dec 16 Jamie Walsh and Romany Runalls; Okanagan Humane Society
Dec 23 Club Christmas Party
Dec 30 Cancelled
Jan 6 George Staley; Vintage cars
Jan 13 Angela Stadnyk, Volunteer Coordinator Salvation Army Kettles
Jan 20 Brian Street; Student travel
Jan 27 Rita Miller; Chute Lake Elementary School

LAST WEEK'S ZOOM MEETING

The last meeting occurred on December 2nd

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Peacebuilding in 5060

The Kelowna Capri Rotary Club are leaping into the future to promote PEACE in our homes ,schools and the World.

What kind of Peace Pole or Monument would you like in your Community?

It all started with a request to City Parks to establish a Peace Park in a prominent area that would attract the public .This would encourage them to contemplate how creating Peace in their family and community could improve their lives. Just a few benches , a garden, maybe a gazebo and a small Peace Pole to remind us of it's purpose would help to change the World.

This was met with enthusiasm, too much enthusiasm ,as the city Planners proceeded to turn that idea into a major tourist attraction.No small Peace poles or gazebos ,instead a Beacon of Light high enough to be seen for miles around that would attract the locals and tourists alike to visit and help make Kelowna the most Peaceful city around.

The City could provide some land in a downtown area called the Art Walk and our Rotary Club was given the task of raising the funds to build it. At an estimated \$250,000 ,that would take a major level of support from the Community. Where do we start??





Kelowna Capri Rotary started by forming a Peacebuilding Club.

What is a Peacebuilding Club?

RAGfp is an ACTION GROUP for peace formed by Rotarians and others interested in promoting peace in the World. They, in turn, ask clubs to form a peace building committee to encourage members to develop projects for peace. By doing that, we can become a Peace building Club. Go to RAGfp.org for info.

Our project is making small 10 inch and larger 6ft poles with the words MAY PEACE PREVAIL ON EARTH on the poles. We market these to raise funds and build awareness of the need for Peace in the World.

These Peace Poles have been given to High School Grads, elementary schools, churches and community Gardens in the area. Members of other clubs have purchased poles to help us raise funds.

worldpeace.org is a site for another group promoting Peace. They encourage planting Peace Poles in every country and have succeeded in over 200 countries with over 250,000 planted so far.

What more can Rotarians do?

1. Plant Peace Poles in school and church yards in your town.
2. Encourage Peace and Kindness programs in your schools and reward them with Thanks when that happens.
3. Encourage your community to build a peace Park.
4. Encourage your District to become proactive in promoting Peacebuilding Clubs and Projects .
5. Encourage Rotary Foundation and donors to fund Peace and Conflict resolution projects at higher levels in the World.

HOW CAN WE BEST PROMOTE AND
CREATE PEACE IN OUR WORLD !!



Polio Eradication

2021 has been a great year for polio eradication. At this point, we can count the cases of wild polio virus this year on one hand. The global number of vaccine-derived cases which are found in unvaccinated children is about 1/3rd of what we saw a year ago. It has been the unceasing focus of Rotarians around the world working with our partners to end polio once and for all and we have never been closer.

The polio eradication effort is now focused on the two endemic countries, Pakistan and Afghanistan, and on 12 high-risk countries in Africa where we have seen outbreaks of the vaccine derived cases. 100% of your PolioPlus contributions are paying for vaccines, for stipends for local community members to deliver vaccines, for logistical support for immunization activities, for surveillance to ensure we find the virus before it spreads and for encouraging parents to get their kids vaccinated. 400 million times a year we provide polio vaccines to children under five.

Club Christmas Party – this year's Christmas Party will be held on December 23rd at Yanni's. It is a spousal events and cost will be \$30 per person.



Joint Meeting – a joint meeting with the RC Okanagan -Mission Club has been arranged for Monday, January 10th at the Creekside Pub. Social time is at 5:30 pm with the meeting starting at 6 pm.

Rotary District 5060 Websites –

District

<https://portal.clubrunner.ca/50005>

Videos

<https://vimeo.com/rotary5060>

THIS WEEK'S REGULAR MEETING



Thursday, December 16, 2021 at 7 pm.
Meeting will be in person at Yanni's Grill and by Zoom.



A rotary Christmas card

HUMOUR



GUEST SPEAKER



This week's speakers were President John Logel and Vice-President Anne Pistawka of the 2021-2022 Board of Directors for the Central Okanagan Bursary and Scholarship Society (COBBS).

They spoke on the history of COBBS and their growth over the last fifty years. Consider, when they started, they gave out just seven awards and now they give out some five hundred awards annually. In the last fourteen years they have handed out 5.7 million dollars to students and all of this done using volunteers and one paid employee. All the money donated to them is handed out with the average award being \$1,000 and they cover their overhead from administration fees only.

It was a very interesting presentation, and I was particularly struck by their statement on "Supporting Human Potential Through Education".

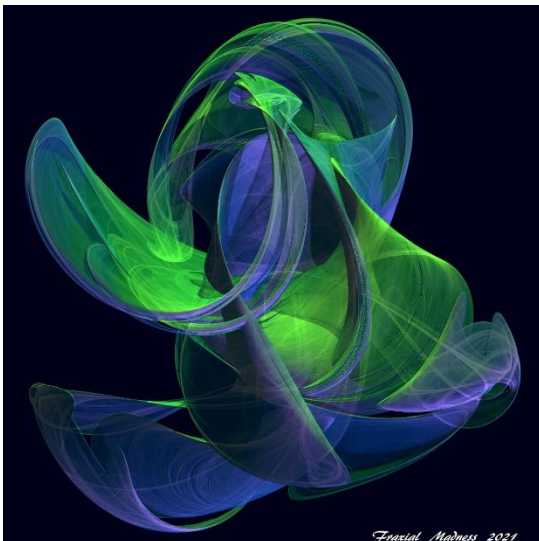
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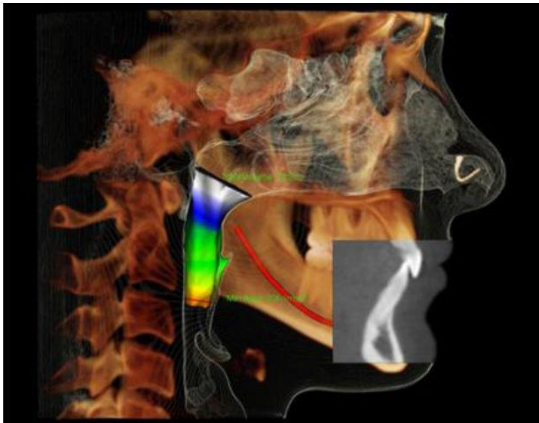
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