



CAPRI ECHO

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Newsletter for the Rotary Club of Kelowna Capri

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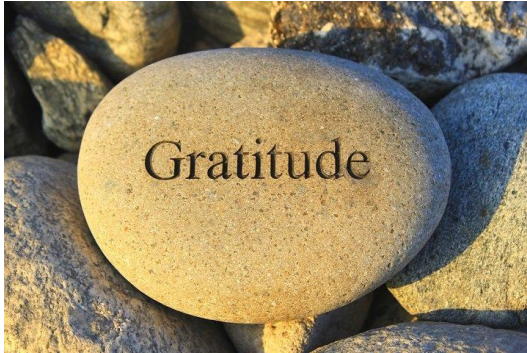


Mar 3 – Regular meeting

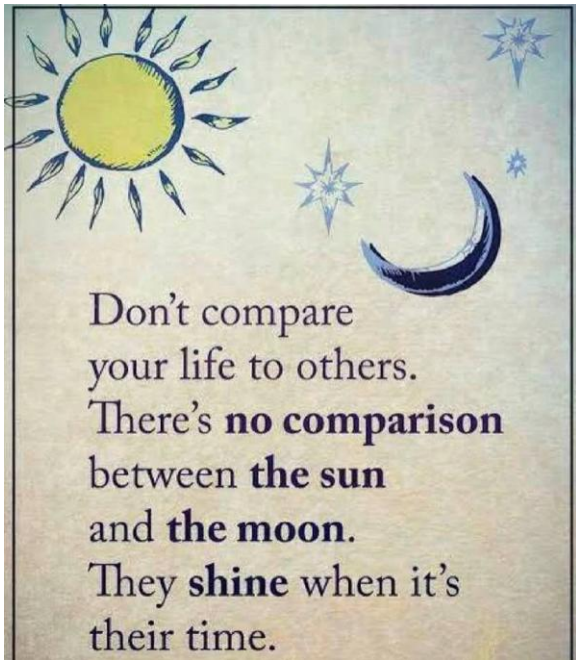
Mar 10 - Regular meeting

Mar 17 – Regular meeting

The meeting begins at 5:30 pm at Moxie's Restaurant after a social period from 5 – 5:30 pm.



SIGNS SIGNS EVERYWHERE
THERE'S SIGNS



Thanks to Glenna Gillan for this thought.



SARCASM:
just one of the many services I offer



With winter coming to an end, the sheriff provided for the low cost of \$5 his thoughts on late season snowfall.

While shovelling snow, chant the following mantra "We don't have hurricanes and very few severe thunderstorms". It won't make the job easier but will amuse your neighbours.

Recognize that the weather gods are giving you a chance to assess the condition of your snow shovel while the sales are on.

Don't forget to have your cell phone handy. You might get a chance to take a picture of a city snowplow at work just as you finish clearing your driveway.

Believe it or not your dog doesn't want to take a walk in the snow. All it wants is to go out and take a dump in its favourite location then come back in for food and a nap.

It is safer for us older Rotarians to shovel snow when it is not too deep. This allows you to enjoy a second snow workout later in the day.



2025 Rotary International Congress



The following is an active link to the convention website:

[Rotary Convention](#)

District Conference 2025

Cancelled due to Calgary event.

Salvation Army Recognition

Club members attended a thank breakfast for the effort on the Salvation Armt Christmas kettles.



Rotary Day Planning Committee

Friday February 21, 2025 meeting

We are organizing a Rotary kick of summer festival. We are not set on a name yet.

Date Saturday June 14, 2025

Event Location: We are set on Parkinson Rec Centre as the venue, offering both indoor and outdoor space for food and entertainment.

The city requires the event application at least 60 days prior, but our goal is to submit it 90 days prior giving us about one month to finalize it.

Clubs are donating between \$250.- and \$2000.- So far Rotary club of Kelowna (downtown club), Sunrise, Mission and the Capri club have confirmed their amount. Next step is asking for a matching grant. This means we spend the money first and get reimbursed later.

We had a member of the Peachland club, and he will discuss in his club if they are able to contribute.

Committee members reached out for a stage, barbecues, and kid's games.

We have BBQ from the Sunrise club. The Strong Neighbourhood Block program might provide us with a free stage, sound equipment, and kids' games. President Eric from the Mission Club has a contact who rents bouncy castles and similar equipment. He will check availability for June 14 and whether any items can be donated.

BBQ Donations: Norm has been in discussions with Save-On-Foods, T bones and will ask Costco about the possibility of donating burgers, buns and condiments for the BBQ. He is also in contact with Montana's about sponsoring.

Crank giving event.

Bike event organized by Ogoopogo club. Bikers get a map of the city with grocery stores they must visit to get a stamp. While in the store they can purchase food items and donate those to the foodbank. There will be prizes for most donated, best dressed etc. The participants will have visible Rotary Logo and number. The foodbank will come at the end of event to pick up the donated items.

•• Beer Garden: This may be back on the table, but we would look to outsource it to a local brewery, allowing them to handle licensing while possibly donating a portion of proceeds toward the event.

Central Okanagan Performing Arts Festival



Festival Schedule 2025

Dance

March 30th – April 4th, 2025
Rotary Centre for the Arts 421
Cawston Avenue

Piano

April 7th – 11th, 2025
St. Andrews Church 4619
Lakeshore

Strings & Chamber Orchestra

April 22nd – 25th, 2025
St. Andrews Church 4619
Lakeshore

Voice

April 28th – May 2nd, 2025
St. Andrews Church 4619
Lakeshore

Gala & Reception

Friday, May 16th, 2025
Rotary Centre for the Arts 421
Cawston Avenue

There is a finer detailed schedule for each venue (dance, music and voice) on their website:

<https://copafestival.com/>

Volunteers are needed:

Please contact:

Julie Mulligan

Volunteer Coordinator

jmulligan2011@gmail.com

Pollinator Activity Pledge

As president, I signed the following pledge and resolution to support initiatives around pollination in our area.

Jack Degruchy

After completing the [Pollinator Resolution](#), this form records that your organization is taking action to support pollinators. ESRAG, the Environmental Sustainability Rotary Action Group, will not share your contact information without your approval. ([Privacy Policy](#)) We will share your organization name, type, and activity description to educate and inspire other groups.(v. Aug 2022)

For more information contact
Communications@esrag.org

Kelowna Seedy Sunday

Sunday, March 9, 2025 10:00 AM

Parkinson Recreation Centre, [1800 Parkinson Way, Kelowna](#)

This event, organized by the non-profit Okanagan Master Gardeners, brings together local organic farmers, gardening organizations, and garden-related seed and plant-based businesses to encourage the preservation of endangered seeds and promote seed diversity. There will be numerous exhibitors and vendors, and Master Gardeners will be on hand to provide advice and free workshops for both adults and children, along with a Seed Swap table which everyone is invited to, whether they have seeds to trade or not. Food trucks will also be on site. Seedy Saturday on Sunday, Sunday March 9, 2025

Time: 10:00am to 3:00pm

Location: Parkinson Recreation Centre, [1800 Parkinson Way, Kelowna, BC](#) Admission: \$2.00 per adult, children under 12 free

Parking: Free

For more information: Facebook page:

KelownaSeedySunday and mgabc.org

Contact us: kelownaseedysunday@gmail.com

<https://www.facebook.com/KelownaSeedySunday>

Kind Regards,

Carola Spek

HUMOUR



And you thought dogs were a pain!



Interesting doorknob and door pull.

GUEST SPEAKER

The guest speaker this evening was Julie Milligan who came visited us to speak on the Central Okanagan Performing Arts Festival.

Julie briefly went over the four components of the festival (Dance, piano, strings and voice), the fact that adjudicators were available and the pressing need for volunteers. A lot of the volunteers are needed in the green room but must be female, but some male volunteers are need to act as reception and as an adjudicator clerk (noting what the adjudicator says to each participant). Although not mentioned there is probably the need for general helping hands.

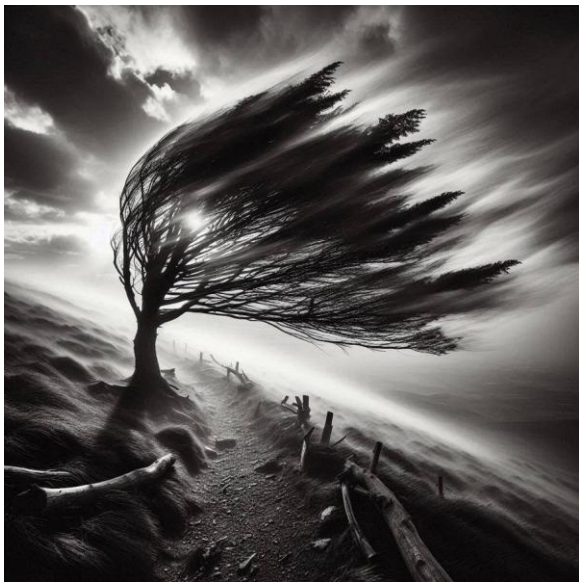
Julie's contact information is available in a previous news piece on the Festival.



Carola Spek presents our club speakers gift to Julie Mulligan

GALLERY

Artwork about windy conditions...



Wind by Gayamoony (Ukn)



Windy by Horacio999 (India)



Tempest of Creativity by Mark Van Jaarsveld (Spain)



Windy by Gritcity (Kenya)