



# CAPRI ECHO

## June 8, 2026

Newsletter for the Rotary Club of Kelowna Capri  
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Jun 15 – Regular Meeting

Jun 22 - Installation night light

Jun 29 - Regular Meeting

Jul 6 - Regular Meeting

Jul 13 – Regular Meeting

Jul 20 – Regular Meeting





The Sheriff this week was Peter Spek.

***June 8th in Canada has a delightfully quirky side, blending pioneering invention with classic Canadian politeness and a dash of absurdity.***

#### ***The Laundry Legend: Canada's First Patent***

***The standout "remarkable" event from before is also pretty funny in hindsight. On June 8, 1824, in Quebec, American-born inventor Noah Cushing was granted Canada's very first patent (Patent No. 1) for a "washing and fulling machine."***

***This crank-operated contraption was meant to clean and strengthen cloth—basically an early mechanical washer in an era when laundry was brutal, back-breaking work. Imagine the excitement: the birth of Canadian intellectual property law... centered on dirty socks and linens. Cushing followed it up with patents for threshing machines, but the laundry pioneer remains the icon. It's peak Canadian practicality: innovate to make chores slightly less terrible.***

#### ***World Oceans Day Shenanigans (June 8)***

***June 8 is World Oceans Day, and Canada—with the world's longest coastline—leans into it hard. Expect beach cleanups, marine celebrations, and plenty of ocean puns. Classics include:***

- ***"What did the ocean say to the beach? Nothing, it just waved!"***
- ***"Why did the lobster blush? Because it saw the sea-weed!"***

***Canadian ocean humor often mixes in politeness ("Sorry, Mr. Shark, please don't bite") or wildlife encounters. Think polite bear videos but underwater.***

#### ***Bonus Canadian Funny Vibes Tied to the Date***

- ***The Whisky War (Hans Island dispute with Denmark): Not exactly June 8, but this decades-long "conflict" over a tiny Arctic rock involved troops planting flags and leaving bottles of Canadian whisky or Danish schnapps for the "enemy." It ended amicably in 2022 with more liquor exchanges. Pure Canadian "sorry, eh, but this rock is ours... cheers!" energy.***
- ***General June Canadian absurdity: Polite RCMP crashing parties with chips and salsa, goats wandering into Tim Hortons, or folks politely asking bears to leave their yard. June 8 might not have its own dedicated meme day, but it fits right into the "only in Canada" hall of fame.***

***If you want jokes about the washing machine, ocean puns, comedy show ideas for June 8, or something more specific (like tying it to hockey pups or modern events), just say the word!***

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## Happy Sad

Ron added in happy dollars because he is proud to be a Rotarian.

## Business

No business discussed this time.

## Guest Speaker – Mark Dixon about homelessness

Mark has a long history with Inn from the Cold and provided us a great inside in the past and current situation with the unhoused people in Kelowna. He and his lovely partner Trish McLeod who joined the meeting are both part of the Ogoopogo Rotary club.



## Rotary Day June 28<sup>th</sup> 2026

We reached the point that our pamphlet has been finished and will be attached in the email send with the newsletter. We will now work on updating our website to reflect the latest information of our club.

The Rotary Day meetings are now weekly which Peter and Carola attend and it's in the finalizing stage.

Below is the first batch of Marketing posts that can be put on Facebook to announce the event. Only current confirmed sponsors are on here. Feel free to post or share the post at your social media.

🌟 **\*\*SUMMER KICKOFF FESTIVAL - JUNE 28th @ City Park\*\*** 🌟

**\*\*Featuring Freeze The Fall, Leif David Magical Entertainment, Giant Inflatables for the kids, \$7 burgers, a local vendor market & community partner village and FREE admission.\*\***

Join the Rotary Clubs of the Central Okanagan on **\*\*Sunday, June 28th\*\*** as City Park transforms into Kelowna's ultimate summer celebration.

🎸 **\*\*Freeze the Fall\*\*** headlines the festival at **\*\*4 PM\*\***

🌟 **\*\*Leif David Magical Entertainment\*\*** takes the stage at **\*\*1 PM\*\***

📻 **\*\*99.9 Sun FM\*\*** broadcasting LIVE on location all day

**\*\*\*\*KIDS GAMES\*\*\*\*** 11am-12pm

And we're not done yet... **\*\*more bands, performers, and exciting announcements are coming soon!\*\***

Bring the whole family and enjoy:

🍔 \$7 Burgers

🎪 Massive Inflatable Kids Zone

🛒 Local Vendor Market

🎪 Family Entertainment All Day

🎟️ FREE Admission


Get there early for some classic summer fun as we kick things off with **\*\*old-school kids games from 11 AM – 12 PM\*\***, featuring potato sack races, egg-and-spoon races, and other timeless favourites.

This community event wouldn't be possible without the support of our amazing sponsors and partners, including **\*\*Save-On-Foods, New Monaco, City Furniture, BigSteelBox, SW Event Technology, Creative Okanagan, the City of Kelowna, and 99.9 Sun FM\*\***, with more sponsors joining every week.

Interested in getting involved?


👉 **\*\*Sponsorship opportunities are still available for businesses looking to connect with thousands of**

local families and community members.\*\*

 \*\*Vendor applications are also open\*\*, but spots are filling quickly.

Send us a message to learn more about sponsorship packages, vendor opportunities, or how you can be part of Kelowna's biggest community celebration to kick off the summer.

 City Park, Kelowna

 Sunday, June 28

 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Mark your calendars, invite your friends, and get ready to kick off summer with us!



**Rotary**  
Clubs of the  
Central Okanagan

# Summer KICKOFF FESTIVAL

**FREE ENTRY**

**JUNE 28TH, 2026 11AM-5PM @ CITY PARK**

**FOOD • MUSIC • MARKET**

**\$7 Burgers**      **Kids Zone!!** Bouncy Castles & Games

**PERFORMANCES BY:**

*Leif David*  
"Magical Entertainment"

*And More*

**FREEZE the FALL**



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# HUMOUR



"Have a good vacation. I've decided not to give you your bad news until you get back."

# 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.