



CAPRI ECHO

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Newsletter for the Rotary Club of Kelowna Capri
Website: <https://caprirotary.ca/>

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Mar 10 – Regular meeting
Mar 17 - Regular meeting
Mar 24 – Regular meeting
Mar 31 – Regular Meeting

No birthdays in March.
No anniversaries in March.

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





The Sheriff sailed into North American marine disasters this week. It wasn't a cheerful topic but he wanted his loot plus possible bonuses.

April 15, 1912, the **RMS Titanic** sank. Much is known about this disaster, but did you know class played a significant role in casualties? In this case it was the class of the passengers.

Total passenger fatalities – 832

39% - 1st class passenger

58% - 2nd class passengers

76% - 3rd class passengers

Of the 860 members of the crew, 696 perished (81%).

May 29, 1914, the **RMS Empress** of Island sank near the mouth of the St. Lawrence River due to a collision in fog with the Norwegian collier Storstad. She went down in 14 minutes and took 1,012 people of 1,477 people aboard to their death.

July 24, 1915, the **SS Eastland** was going to take 2500 passengers to a picnic at Michigan City, Indiana. While still tied to the dock she developed a list and then rolled onto her side in 20 feet of water. Four crew members and 848 passengers perished due to the weight of people and equipment that fell on them as well as flooding.

Jan 22, 1906, SS Valencia was wrecked off Cape Beale (southwest Vancouver Island) killing 100 passengers including all the women and children aboard. This is considered by some as the worst disaster in the "Graveyard of the Pacific".



2025 Rotary International Congress



The following is an active link to the convention website:

[Rotary Convention](#)

District Conference 2025

Cancelled due to Calgary event.

Rotary Day Planning Committee

Friday February 21, 2025 meeting

The Rotary Clubs of the Kelowna area are organizing a kick of summer festival with Rotary Day on 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.

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.

BBQ donations and sponsorship are being sought for the event. Meanwhile other events are in the planning along with a out sourced beer garden.

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. We will share your organization name, type, and activity description to educate and inspire other groups.

For more information contact
Communications@esrag.org

Kelowna Seedy Sunday

Sunday, March 9, 2025

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

Admission: \$2.00 per adult, children under 12 free

Parking: Free

For more information:

www.facebook.com/KelownaSeedySunday

Kind Regards, Carola Spek

HUMOUR





Photographer tried to take a photo of a cute couple having a romantic dinner, but it didn't turn out the breast, er, best.

GUEST SPEAKER

No guest speaker this evening.

GALLERY



The Path to the Sun by Nurrpu (Ukn)



Brandy You're a Fine Girl by Hollang (Australia) – does this remind you of a certain 1972 pop hit by Looking Glass?



A Cord's Worth by Chelutau (Canada)



Beautiful Lobo by Maverick55s (USA)