



CAPRI ECHO

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Newsletter for the Rotary Club of Kelowna Capri

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May 25 - Regular Meeting

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

Jun 1 - Regular Meeting

Jun 8 - Regular Meeting

Jun 15 - Regular Meeting

Jun 22 – Installation night light

Jun 29 – Regular Meeting





The Sheriff this week was Peter Spek.

May 18, 2026, is Victoria Day in Canada — the long weekend that unofficially kicks off summer.

Here are some of the funniest, most Canadian things about it:

1. It's officially for Queen Victoria... but nobody really cares

It's a federal holiday to honour Queen Victoria's birthday (May 24), and she's even called the "Mother of Confederation." But most people treat it as the first excuse to drink outside, open the cottage, and set off fireworks. The monarchy angle is mostly just a polite backstory for the real festivities.

2. "May Two-Four" (the best Canadian double entendre)

Canadians lovingly call the Victoria Day long weekend "May Two-Four" (or "May 2-4"). It sounds like it refers to the date around May 24, but it's really a nod to a "two-four" — slang for a 24-pack/case of beer. The tradition is basically: grab a two-four, head to the lake or cottage, and "give'r." Beer companies even see sales spikes. It's peak Canadian.

Other nicknames include:

- ***May Long***
- ***May Run***
- ***Firecracker Day (especially in Ontario)***

3. The weather betrayal is legendary

It's supposed to be the start of summer... but in true Canadian fashion, it often rains, it's freezing, or there's surprise snow in some parts. People still bravely fire up the BBQ in hoodies while pretending it's tropical. The memes write themselves every year.

4. Cottage chaos and highway hell

A massive migration to cottage country happens. Expect traffic jams, overloaded cars with kayaks and coolers, and dogs losing their minds. It's basically a national tradition of optimistic packing followed by regret.

5. Bonus quirky facts

- ***There's an old kids' rhyme: "The twenty-fourth of May / Is the Queen's birthday; / If they don't give us a holiday / We'll all run away!"***
- ***In some places it's still tied to fireworks (though rules vary by province/municipality).***
- ***It's one of the few holidays where the official reason (a dead British queen) and the real reason (beer + camping) are hilariously far apart.***

In short, May 18th (2026) is less about royal history and more about that beautiful moment when Canadians collectively decide winter is finally over... and crack open a cold one to celebrate. CA 🍷



Happy Sad

Mike put in some sad dollars since he won't be joining the meeting for a couple weeks.

John added happy dollars because Shelly is back home.

Ron added in sad dollars because at his flight someone ate too many beans. More sad because Irene is visiting family in Winnipeg without Ron and some happy dollars because Ron is back from a visit to his mom.

Business

Next meeting we go through the 2026/2027 budget.

We established next years membership fees, which will continue to be 300 CAD.

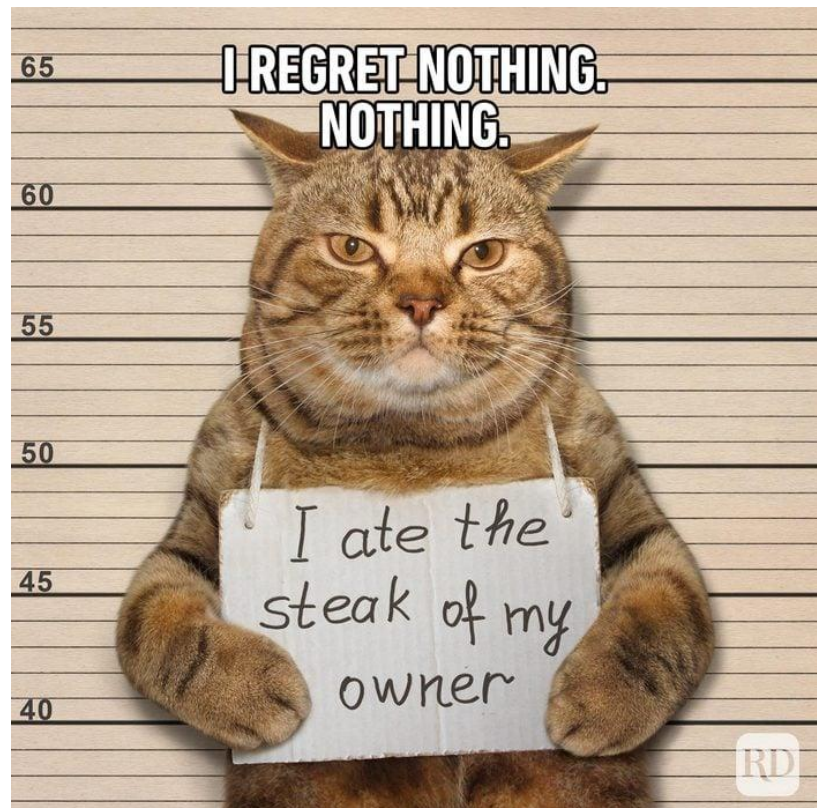
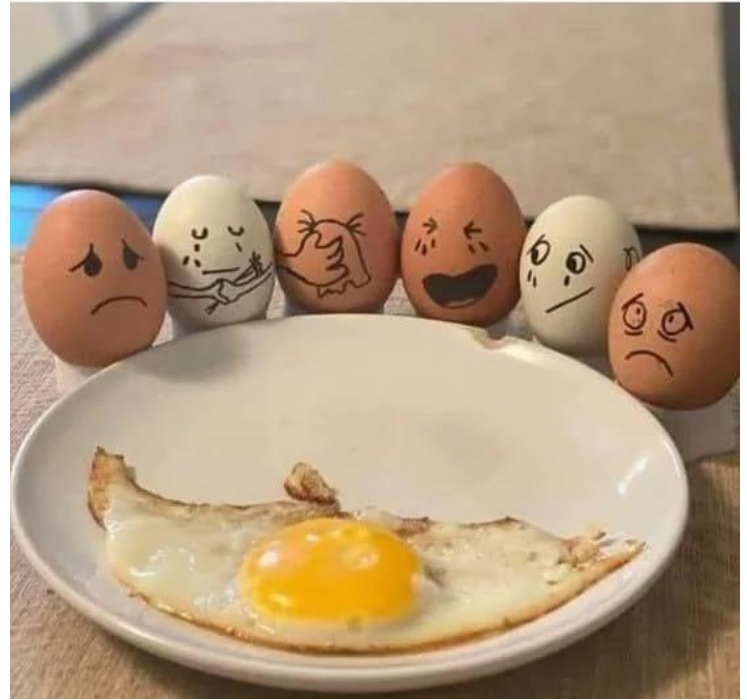
A cheque has been sent to Rotary World Help to contribute to the shipping of a container filled with medical equipment to the Ukraine.

Rotary Day June 28th 2026

We are continuing to work on the pamphlet until it reaches perfection. Close to Rotary Day we will update our website as well to reflect the latest information of our club.

HUMOUR

He died last fry day. Thank God he wasn't beaten. Don't worry, he went over easy. He's now on the sunny side. He's definitely in a better plate.



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.