



# THE WHIP

# **SPECIAL CORONAVIRUS #10**

May 27, 2020

Newsletter for the Rotary Club of Kelowna Capri Edited by John Mullock

President Jack Degruchy President Elect Ron Becker
Secretary Carola Spek Treasurer Lockie Bracken



All in-person meetings cancelled until further notice due pandemic

Jun 18 Installation Night (being replanned)

Nov 26 Cottonwoods Christmas Party

Dec 17 RC Capri Christmas Party at Kelowna Golf and Country Club



If you or a loved one need help, know that your Rotary friends are here to help you.

# **ZOOM MEETING - May 21, 2020**

## In Attendance



A good group

What occurred will be reported in Club News. Peter has also been making a video of the entire meeting.

May 21th meeting

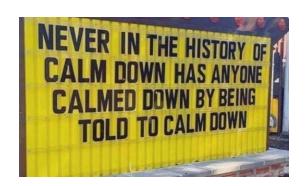
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# SIGNS SIGNS EVERYWHERE THERE'S SIGNS







Did you know on the Canary Islands there is not one canary?
And on the Virgin Isles?
Same thing - not one canary there either!

**DISTRICT VIDEO SITE** - The District has a Vimeo Pro subscription with many videos for training and inspiration.

https://vimeo.com/rotary5060

### **NEXT WEEK'S MEETING**



Thursday May 28, 2020 at 7 pm

A meeting URL will be sent out.

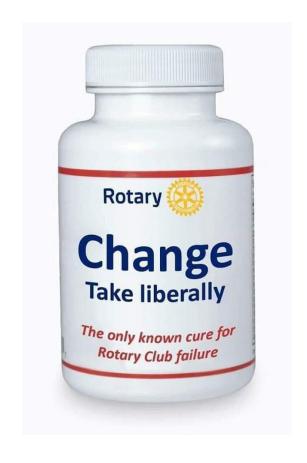


**East Kelowna Hall Project—** Bob reported that he has talked to Kathy and they were able to find a contractor to do the drywalling.

**Peace Park** – Lockie and Jack were able to have a meeting set up by Melanie Steppuhn executive assistant to Parks Director Rob Parlane about Bluebird Park or possible other locations

**Christmas in a Bottle –** still looking for a volunteer to assist and eventually replace Glenna on this project.

**Installation Night –** Ron reported that it won't be occurring at the golf course this year. We might hold the Installation by ZOOM with each member looking after their own dinner.





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#### CONFIDENTIAL

Carola Spek Rotary Club - Kelowna/Capri Award Box 20188 RPO Towne Centre Kelowna BC V1Y 9H2

Dear Donor:

RE: Dave, Kritika - OKM - 2020 Recipient

Rotary Club - Kelowna/Capri Award Account #4546

The above-named recipient has been selected for the award you have generously provided.

Let me begin by thanking each of you for allowing COBSS volunteers to allocate the vast majority of your scholarships, bursaries and awards. Four dedicated and invested members of our Executive Board read, reread and allocated over 560 awards this year, from their home offices. What a year to have grown and helped so many Okanagan high school graduates.

We are unsure what Graduation Ceremonies will look like for this year's graduates. What we are sure of is that donors will not be able to present their awards. COBSS volunteers will ensure that your Certificates of Award will be delivered to each high school, and the school's administration team will take over from there. The school will distribute the awards, ensuring the safety of students and staff.

On the bright side, we anticipate that post secondary institutions will be going ahead in the fall, and that tuition will still need to be paid. Please know that your scholarships, bursaries and awards have never been more valuable to students, as job opportunities for summer work will not go as planned.

To further assist students in this unprecedented year, COBSS has extended the expiry date of awards to October 1 2021 (from our usual Dec 1 2020). This information may be valuable to you as you do your accounting.

The *confidential* recipient's profile is enclosed so that you may familiarize yourself with the background information and future goals of the student.

From the bottom of our hearts, we thank you for continuing to support local graduates. As always, please direct your questions to cobss@shaw.ca.

Sincerely,

Lorraine Miller

Lorraine Miller COBSS President



# 40 Under 40: Navjot Takhar

The Kelowna Chamber of Commerce has launched its "40 Under Forty" for 2020

• May. 20, 2020 6:00 a.m.

As a visible minority, Navjot acknowledged that she was different and set out from a young age to inspire other youth to have confidence. Navjot feels very fortunate that her parents chose Kelowna to settle down and begin a family, where she was born and raised.

Navjot's parents began the family business of Evergreen Building Maintenance Inc. over thirty years ago. Evergreen operates in various municipalities throughout B.C. and Alberta and employs 234 individuals. Navjot is proud to be furthering their vision as an accounts manager and oversees client relations within the corporation. She has seen her parents go through a great deal of struggle to build the foundation of this company, and later saw her brother play a significant part in growing their vision. After graduation Navjot became more involved with her parent's company and is grateful to be a part of a company that contributes to the community and local charities.

As a previous Miss Kelowna Lady of the Lake and British Columbia Ambassador, Navjot has had the opportunity to truly immerse herself in community service and learn from people from all walks of life. Through these platforms she was able to use her charisma to inspire the youth demographic to pursue post-secondary education and set their goals into plans. Navjot was proud to be the first BC Ambassador from Kelowna to take home this provincial title. Navjot played in both indoor and outdoor field hockey leagues during high school and wanted to give back as a leader. She was a volunteer field hockey coach and taught the Grade 7 girls team at Chute Lake Elementary School. The importance of teamwork and working cooperatively are skills that she was happy to teach young athletes

Navjot began volunteering at the age of 15 at Kelowna General Hospital, where she has documented over 550 hours working in several departments. The closest to her heart was the "patient tea and delivery cart". This was a service implemented in the dementia ward. It was heart breaking to experience how the aging demographic is neglected, often the patients' only social activity in the day would be seeing the volunteers drop in with tea and a newspaper. Because of her hard work and dedication, Navjot was selected to be in the promotional KGH Auxiliary video and recruited many peers to give back. The roles of Miss Kelowna and BC Ambassador entailed extensive volunteer work in various charities including helping out at fundraisers, walks and retirement homes.

Since high-school, Najot has been a math tutor, field hockey coach, science kids camp leader and orientation leader at UBCO to give back her time. Being a part of Evergreen has also allowed her to give back. Evergreen provides numerous scholarships to several different universities through COBBS. They are also proud to financially support several charities each quarter, including the BC Cancer Foundation, United Way, and the BC Children's Hospital to name a few.

Navjot has a Bachelor of Science from UBC Okanagan, where she majored in Microbiology and Immunology. Navjot received the Chancellor's Scholar Designation and the Deputy Vice Chancellors Scholarship during her four years of studies. Navjot hopes to further her education by obtaining her Doctor of Dental Medicine.

Navjot has received various awards; the British Columbia Ambassador where she was the first to win from Kelowna, the Civic Community Leader Awards for Top Youth Honour, Miss Kelowna Lady of the Lake and the Rotary Youth Leadership Award.

# **HUMOUR**









"MY ROTARY MEETING HASN'T STARTED. WE HAVE BEEN TRYING TO GET HARRY TO UNMUTE FOR THE LAST 10 MINUTES. NOW HIS VIDEO IS OFF."

## **GUEST SPEAKER**



We were fortunate to Vicky Wallace join us to explain about the Nourish Families Initiative. Essentially the idea is for you to order a dinner for two or four from their menu (typically \$40) which is provided by a local restaurant and a second set of dinners is provided to volunteer drivers to deliver them to clients in need.

As I understand it, this happens one day a week (so the restaurants can prepare) and you will be informed when the food will be delivered to you, usually on Thursday.

So not only do you support local restaurants, but you help those in need. I've also been assured by Art and Glenna Gillan that the food is delicious.

Why not check them out and their weekly menu at:

https://nourishfamilies.com/

### **GALLERY**



Desert Bloom by Tassanee (USA)



An Industrial Past by Lawrence Cornell Photo (UK) - Cathedral Quarry in Little Langdale in the Lake District in North West England. There are some connecting tunnels, and this is the main chamber also known as Cathedral Cave.

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