

**Rotary**  
Club of Kelowna Capri



# **CAPRI ECHO**

**September 30, 2020**

**Newsletter for the Rotary Club of Kelowna Capri**  
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Sep 24	TBA
Oct 1	Doug Gilchrist – Kelowna City Manager
Oct 8	Vicki Moore and Olivia Massegna from Cottonwoods
Oct 15	Stefan Johansson, Parks and Open Space Planner
Oct 22	Jamie Clerf – Telus – How to Stay Safe Online
Nov 5	Pete Ericksen – Foundation
Nov 19	Chandel Schmidt - Rotary's impact through JoeAnna's House
Nov 26	Cottonwoods Christmas Party
Dec 17	RC Capri Christmas Party at Kelowna Golf and Country Club

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## ZOOM MEETING



All the members in attendance including Past Assistant Governor Bill Hawkins (bottom row, third from left)

An email is going to be sent to each club member as to the status of their \$5 weekly ZOOM meeting fees. Many members made a down payment at the beginning of July and likely it has been used up.

Here is the link to the recording of our Rotary Zoom meeting on September 24<sup>th</sup>.

[www.dropbox.com/t/rxb8iC8d4rcB2DcU](https://www.dropbox.com/t/rxb8iC8d4rcB2DcU)

## SIGNS SIGNS EVERYWHERE THERE'S SIGNS



Sometimes I sit quietly and wonder why I'm not in a mental asylum.

Then I take a good look around at everyone and realize... maybe I am.



### **East Kelowna Hall –**



Bob reported said the kitchen is nearly completed and the new appliances are going in this week. In addition, enough funds remain to pay of the installation of new flooring in a nearby meeting room.



**Peace Club –** Meetings with Jack are ongoing by ZOOM every Tuesday evening at 7 pm. In addition, in-person meetings occur every second Friday in Knowles Park while the good weather holds.

**Remembrance Day –** a motion was passed for Brian to pay \$45 to the Legion for the presentation of our wreath at whatever ceremony is held.

**Christmas Kettles** – Ron just got this note and wanted to share it with you.

*To our AMAZING Bell Ringers...*

*We wanted to touch base with all of you to let you know that the 2020 Christmas Kettle Campaign WILL be happening again this year, and it will start on Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup>.*

*With all the changes in the world right now, we want to make sure that all of you feel safe while volunteering for us. There will be numerous COVID-19 safety protocols in place, including the requirement to wear personal protective equipment (masks, etc.) which will be provided, as well as sanitization materials to clean the Kettle Stand and equipment regularly throughout the day (at the beginning/end of each shift).*

*Furthermore, we will unfortunately not be able to hand-out anything this year (including cards or candy canes) and aprons will not be available (as we will not be able to sanitize them between uses).*

*We understand that the world feels like it flipped upside down this year, and we cannot stress the urgency we feel as we move forward in this time of uncertainty. Here in Kelowna, we have seen an 61% increase in the number of individuals and families accessing our services since March of this year... and 47% of those households had NEVER come to us asking for support before. This is a CRITICAL fundraising season for us to ensure that we can continue to provide help and hope to our community for the coming year. We simply cannot thank you enough for your service.*

*This year we will be including a "Tip Tap" machine with each kettle, where anyone can donate simply by tapping their card on one of the three pre-set donation amounts (this is a great option for those who don't carry cash!). These machines are extremely easy to use, and no training is needed to operate.*

*We will be reaching out to you shortly (via email and phone calls) with schedules and locations for our 2020 Christmas Kettle Campaign (locations will be finalized in the*

*next week or so, and a schedule will be built after that)*

*If you are not able to volunteer this year as a bell ringer, we totally understand and we still have opportunities for you to be involved!*

**Would you consider hosting a "virtual kettle"?**

*We would like to encourage you to consider hosting a virtual kettle by going to the website [www.FillTheKettle.com](http://www.FillTheKettle.com) (this will launch in a few weeks) and sign up. You can promote this kettle on your website and/or social media where you can ask your friends and family members to support your local Salvation Army. Start a challenge with a friend/family/colleague to see who can raise the most funds! This is an easy way to make a great difference and support those in need in OUR community.*

*Please feel free to email us at [kettles@kelsa.ca](mailto:kettles@kelsa.ca) if you have any questions and we will be in touch with you all shortly!*

*Regards,  
The 2020 Kettle Team.*

**JoeAnna's House** – we received a short letter and report from Chandel Schmidt about JoeAnna's House.

*Hello,*

*I hope you and your fellow Capri Club Rotarians are keeping well.*

*I wanted to reach out and extend our thanks for your support and share the impact of your gifts to JoeAnna's House with the attached Impact Report. Inside you'll find words of thanks from guests, photos of the home & Rotary's recognition, a breakdown of Rotary's support, and statistics about who has benefitted from the home to date. Feel free to forward to your members and pass along our sincerest thanks for your Club's involvement in this very meaningful project.*



*If you are interested in receiving a mailed copy, or setting up a Zoom presentation to hear more about the home, please just let me know. Also, if you would prefer that we just send our e-mail communications to one person/position with your Club, we can easily arrange to do so – just let me know who would be the best contact.*

*Your Club has been a real leader for JoeAnna's House and we truly appreciate your fundraising efforts as well as your contribution to the District Grant.*

*Thank you again for helping to keep families together when they need it most.*

*Warm regards,*

*Chandel*

**CHANDEL SCHMIDT, CFRE** | Director of Annual Programs

**District Video Site** - The District has a Vimeo Pro subscription with many videos for training and inspiration.

<https://vimeo.com/rotary5060>

## THIS WEEK'S MEETING



Thursday October 1<sup>st</sup> at 7 pm

A meeting URL will be sent out however, the web address should be added to your links.





# JoeAnna's House

Better together.



## Rotary



## Impact Report

September 28, 2020



Dear Rotarians,

As committed members of your communities, Rotary Clubs have made countless contributions to create lasting change. JoeAnna's House is a beaming example of that dedication. We are fortunate enough to see firsthand every day how your partnership with the KGH Foundation has impacted the 213 families we have served in the ten months since opening on November 25, 2019.

The world is not the same as when our doors first opened but, through diligent policies, we quickly adapted to a new normal. We stayed open, providing a safe, compassionate and reliable home away from home for the families we support.

We are honoured to share the impact you have had on families in your community when they needed it the most. Through your continued support, those living in the Interior region can be **better together**.



Even through rescheduled surgeries and procedures, KGH remains an acute care hospital and JoeAnna's House remained committed to support the families of those patients receiving care.



Thanks to you, we have served the following number of families since opening:

**213**

total families

**2047**

total nights stay for those families

### TOP 5 REASONS FOR STAY

**30%** Cardiac

**20%** NICU/Maternity

**10%** Cancer

**8%** Trauma

**5%** Respiratory



# IN THEIR OWN WORDS

"We were here for 6 1/5 weeks. Our daughter Sophie was in the NICU with respiratory issues and feeding issues. Staying at JAH improved our quality of life by a huge margin. Staying here made an already tough experience more bearable and less overwhelming. We are truly lucky to have had access to this place."

- parents of newborn, Summerland

"I'm eternally grateful to JoeAnna's House for reducing my stress due to hubby's crucial stay in the hospital. Thank you for the affordability and the wonderful staff and the connection I had with other visitors. Thank you isn't really enough."

- wife, Grand Forks

"My stay here was 10 days and everyone was awesome and the house was beautiful. My hubby was here for heart surgery and it meant the world to me to be able to stay in such a nice, calm environment and be able to de-stress in a lovely room."

- wife, 100 Mile House



**"To not have the anxiety as to where you will sleep or if you will have something to eat, the worry and the space in your heart can be saved for your loved one or ones in the hospital."**

- mother of premature twins, East Kootenay region

We are honoured to call you one of our founding donors of JoeAnna's House, and to share the beauty of your generosity for all to see through the Peace Garden. Through your leadership in philanthropy, JoeAnna's House can continue to provide a place to rest and relax within steps of the loved ones' bedside; a place to be in community with others who are navigating a similar, difficult path. We also know that patients heal better when surrounded by their loved ones. They get better when together. With you, **giving changes everything.**

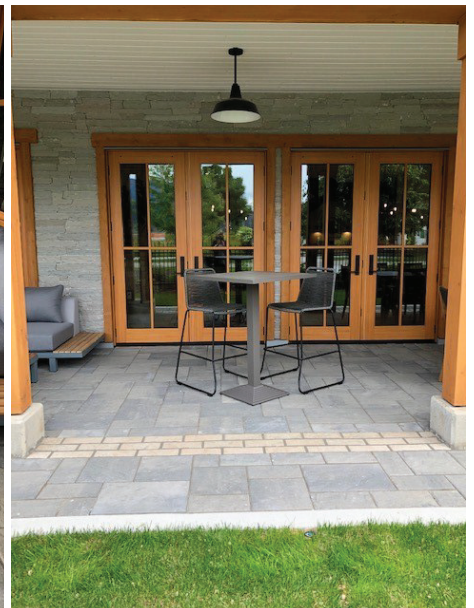
In gratitude,

Darlene Haslock  
Manager, JoeAnna's House

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# THE PEACE GARDEN





# YOUR RECOGNITION

Clubs who provided a gift of \$5,000+ are listed individually on the recognition wall on the feature stairwell within the home's main living area. The collective support of all Rotary Clubs has been recognized through the naming of the Peace Garden which runs alongside the home on Abbott Street.



# YOUR SUPPORT

It is truly incredible what can be achieved when groups of caring individuals work together. Thank you for all of your gifts of time and talent to host the many fundraising events and activities to make such a significant collective impact. You have truly demonstrated your commitment to Service Above Self in helping the thousands of families who will have a little less to stress about when caring for their loved ones who have to travel to KGH for care.

## DISTRICT 5060 ROTARY CLUB COMMITMENTS

Central Okanagan Rotary Club Gifts for Rotary District 5060 Grant for Patio Furniture & Planters	\$25,986
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Kamloops - Daybreak	\$10,000
Kelowna	\$25,000
Kelowna - Capri	\$8,450
Kelowna - Morningside	\$25,000
Kelowna - Ogopogo	\$15,000
Kelowna - Okanagan Mission	\$10,000
Kelowna - Rotaract	\$6,100
Kelowna - Sunrise	\$37,780
Peachland	\$10,717
Penticton Sunrise	\$600
Princeton	\$2,500
Salmon Arm	\$10,000
Salmon Arm - Daybreak	\$20,000
Salmon Arm - Shuswap	\$10,000
Vernon	\$500
Vernon - Kalamalka	\$5,000
West Kelowna Daybreak	\$15,000
	<b>\$237,633</b>

## DISTRICT 5080 ROTARY CLUB COMMITMENTS

Cranbrook	\$2,000
Golden	\$1,000
Nelson	\$2,000
	<b>\$5,000</b>

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$242,633</b>
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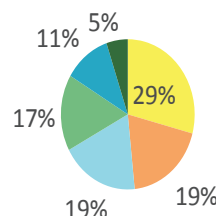
# THE NUMBERS

Figures below are from opening day on November 25, 2019 until August 31, 2020. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, JoeAnna's House has been unable to operate at full capacity but has still significantly impacted the lives of 213 families in exceptionally trying times.

Reason for Visit	#	%
Cardiac	77	30%
NICU/Babies	53	20%
Cancer	27	10%
Trauma	22	8%
Neurology	18	7%
Respiratory	12	5%
Psychiatric	11	4%
Stroke	8	3%
Orthopaedic	8	3%
Gastroenterology (GI)	7	3%
Surgical - Other	7	3%
Other	5	2%
Palliative	3	1%
Pediatric	3	1%

Top 10 Referral Cities	# Families
Grand Forks	16
Penticton	16
Cranbrook	14
Nelson	9
Enderby	9
Vernon	9
Kimberley	8
Castlegar	8
Trail	8
Creston	6

# of Families by IH Region



By Region	# Families	Total LOS	Avg LOS
Kootenay Boundary	62	661	11
Thompson Cariboo Shuswap	41	358	9
South Okanagan	40	462	12
East Kootenay	35	310	9
North Okanagan	24	199	8
Outside Interior Health	11	57	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>2047</b>	<b>10</b>



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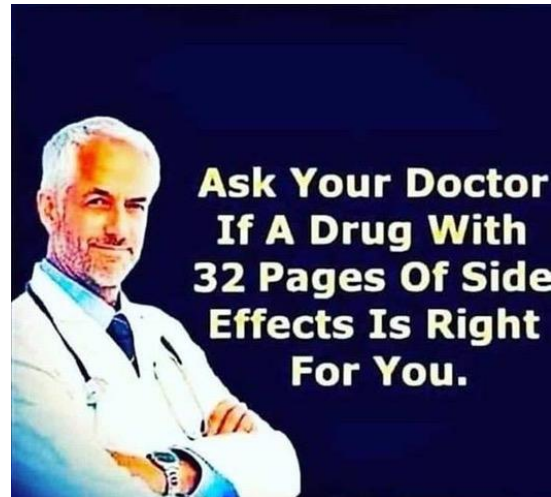
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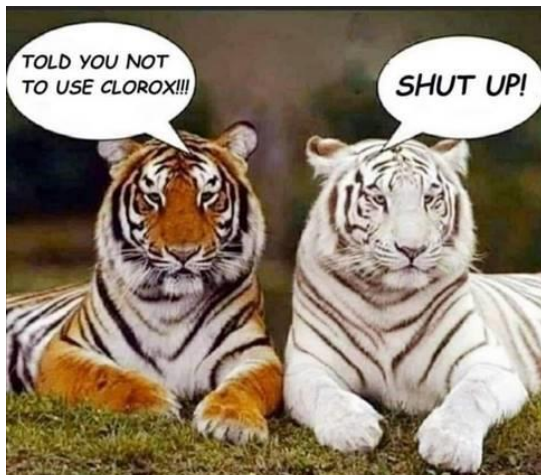
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## HUMOUR

When parents start to crack during lockdown



Had I known in March that it was the last time I would be in a restaurant, I would have ordered the dessert



## GUEST SPEAKER

Through the magic of visiting us, Bill Hawkins became our guest speaker.

He began this welcome visit by informing us the District 5060 is #3 in North America for Foundation giving then told us that The Foundation had contributed \$4 million towards Covid-19 research in addition to the District Grant we used to modernize the kitchen at East Kelowna Hall.

He also reminded us that World Polio Day is on October 24<sup>th</sup> which also happens to be the same day as B.C.'s Provincial Election. Lockie, our Foundation Chair, joined with Bill to suggest that it would be nice for members to send in a cheque (in American dollars) to Rotary in honour of Polio Day.



## GALLERY



*Snow leopards*      *Unknown photographer*



*Sunset dissipating thunderstorm*  
*Unknown photographer*



*Rising* by *Pierre\_Alain* (France)

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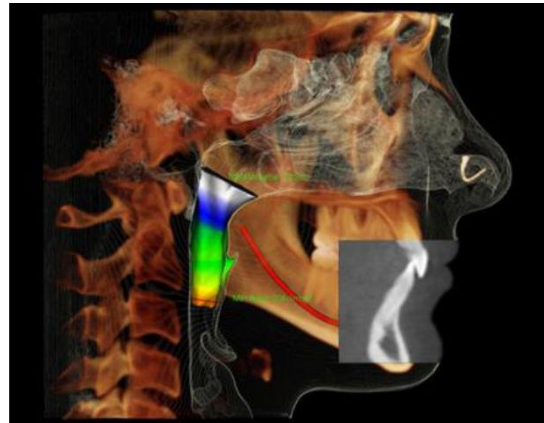
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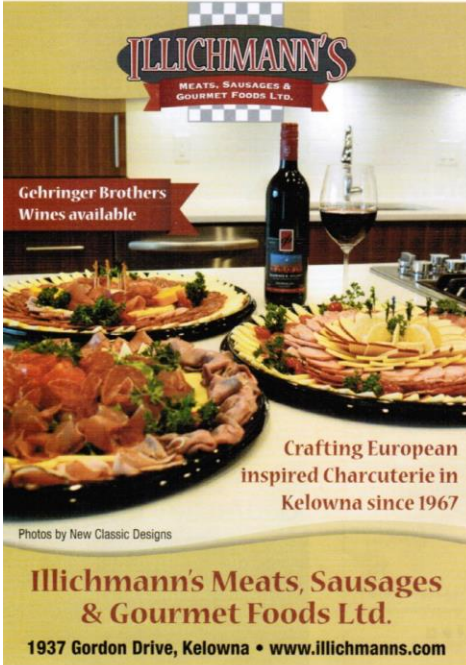


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