Club Community Raffle Winners Declared on September 30th

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The members of the Kelowna Sunrise Rotary Club extend their congratulations to the four ticket holders who won the four fabulous prizes during the raffle draw held at 2:00 pm on Thursday, September 30th.

1st Prize: Robert Bissell of Kelowna (\$5200 in Gift Certificates for purchases at Save on Foods)

2nd Prize: Duncan Gardiner of Summerland (Green Mountain Pallet Grill and Accessories valued at \$2000)

3rd Prize: Diana Ellis of Kelowna (\$1000 cash from Prospera Credit Union Kelowna) 4th Prize: Sandra Nolt of Kelowna (\$500 Gift Voucher from Torino Ritz Men's Wear)

A record sale of raffle tickets took place during the period of June 04 and September 30th when all 9000 available tickets were sold resulting in gross profits of approximately \$45,000. While the Kelowna Sunrise Rotary supports many local charities, the major benefactor of this year's raffle will be the Bridge Youth and Family Services which supports families with various programs and which provides detox and recovery programs.

The event held outside Save on Foods at the Orchard Plaza in Kelowna was presided over by MC and club member Randall Bamford. Bamford paid special tribute to club member Ken Ottoson who had devoted endless hours coordinating and managing the club's 6th Annual Community Raffle, the four sponsors of the prizes that enabled the club to limit its overhead expenses, the club members, staff from Bridges and others who sold the tickets, and those who supported the club's focus on serving those in need within the community with their purchase of tickets.



Marjolein Lloyd, president of the club and club member Ken Ottoson also shared their appreciation for all those who made the sale so successful.

During the event, Celine Thompson, Executive Director of the Bridge expressed her appreciation for the partnership that Bridge has with the Rotary Club of Kelowna Sunrise that has enabled it since its inception in 2020 to open Phase One of the Youth Recovery House.



She thanked the club for its continuing financial support from the proceeds of the raffle which will enable Bridge to continue to advance the progress of its goals to assist youth in need. "With your endeavours and enthusiasm and with everyone who supports you, I am confident that we will have the same success when it comes to Phase Two, when together we will build a model program that will be a legacy in the community for years to come," stated Thompson.

As has been for the past six years, the Rotary Club of Kelowna Sunrise has always used all of the net profits from the club's Community Raffle to financially support various not-for-profits focused on providing services for those in need.

If you didn't have the opportunity to attend the Raffle Draw Event, you are welcome to sit back and view the following video production which includes words from the various participants involved in the event and the live draws being made by the four sponsors.



6th Annual Community Raffle June 04 - September 30th, 2021



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