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Quote for Today

"Recovery starts with shelter." — Shelter Box, Dani Bristow

President's Announcements

Fireside Chats coming up on June 12 – for all new members and any Rotarian can join in.

Board meeting update

- Membership 275\$ last year and it will go up to \$ 280/year beginning July 1, 2020. This small increase will help us with our financial commitments to RI and District. Invoices go out mid-June and payment expected in July.
- The **100th Anniversary garden** will be planted shortly at Scotia Bank garden on King at Centre.
- We will have a **Fundraiser with SNAP'd**. Download the APP and see virtual fireworks for Canada Day as well as other regional events.
- **Don't forget:** Honours and Awards June 22 - Zoom. We will also do this in person when we are again meeting F2F.
- **Mark your Calendars:** Oshawa Creek Clean up June 16 from 10 -12. Details follow in this newsletter.
- **Sad Announcement:** Rotarian David Aurandt passed away June 4 in Niagara-On-The-Lake. David was a the one who started the tradition of our RMG lunches, and he led the first few we had.

Meeting Today

Twenty-two Rotarians and our guest speaker joined us today for another ZOOM meeting.

Oshawa Creek Clean Up June 16. 10-12 noon

**IF YOU SEE
A MESS...
PITCH IN
& CLEAN IT**

WHERE: Meet at Children's Arena for cleanup between Bond and Rotary Bridge

WEAR ROTARY SHIRTS if you have them.

1. Tess will bring hand sanitizer and first aid kit.
 2. Wear masks and gloves. Tess will bring some extra.
 3. Maintain 6 feet distances while cleaning up.
 4. Everyone needs to bring their own black garbage bags (Tess will bring extra but 2/person should be OK.)
 5. We may have to take the bags home with us for our home pickup.
 6. We are NOT to pick up sharps of any kind. (Needles, glass, etc.) All sharps are to be noted and reported to Service Oshawa and they will pick up.
 7. We will clean up the Oshawa Creek between Bond and the Children's Arena
 8. Wear boots if you have them.
 9. Use grabbers to pick up trash. There are grabbers for sale at Dollarama
 10. No need to register – just join us on 16 June 10 -12 noon.
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Scribe for Rotary
Wheel: Tess

MIC TIME

Dana Doherty

We may be ZOOMING and practicing social distancing but that does not mean the scholarships stop!

Kingsway College will have their Award night on Wed. June 10.
Honourees are Samantha Cardwell and Josiah Anunchiacion.

Trent scholarships will be a virtual award ceremony and as soon as the scholarship winners are notified, Donna will make that announcement.

Tess Pierce

Let's honour David Aurandt.



Twenty Years Sheltering Our World Dani Bristow

Past President & Shelterbox volunteer, Geoff Lloyd, introduced our guest. Dani Bristow is the Shelterbox Volunteer Coordinator and oversees more than 140 volunteers across Canada. Dani went to Western and earned a degree in Health Promotion.

Dani started her talk reminding us that across the world today about 88 million people are displaced and only 1/5 families receive shelter. “Recovery starts with shelter” and Shelterbox has been providing temporary homes for 20 years.

The idea for Shelterbox started as a millennium project in 2000 in the town of Helston, Cornwall, UK when Rotarians from the Helston-Lizard club thought to help 8-10 families a year by providing the essentials for survival - a tent, sleeping bags, cooking tools, and water purification tablets.

This fabulous idea has now served 1.5 million people in almost 100 countries.

Over the years, warmer blankets and more durable tents improved Shelterbox. One major innovation is the Solar Light. What started as a light that looked like a pillow is now the Pack Lite Max with a 44-hour battery life, designed to sit square on a table or hang from a belt, and includes a phone charging unit. Brilliant! The water purification tablets are no longer provided. Instead a purification system filters 1000 litres of water – enough water for a family of 4 for one month. (You can buy one from Geoff for \$35!)

The COVID pandemic is limiting Shelterbox these days but when the cyclone hit the island of Vanuati, SB was able to go in and help the residents of that island.

Every Year SB awards Rotary clubs and last year our club earned a Silver Hero Award. If we would like additional ways to help, we can download the Action Tool Kit on the Shelterbox Website and always check their Facebook page and social media for updates. Go to <https://www.shelterboxcanada.org/actiontoolkit/>. Rotarian Tess Pierce thanked our speaker.



We are now ZOOMING all our meetings

Monday 12 noon

Contact President Jay Cannings for link.

Our next meeting is June 15

Jeff Dart from Welcoming Streets, Oshawa

