

1. Upcoming Community Service Initiatives

The Committee has confirmed the following projects and events for Spring and Summer 2026:

March 19 – April 23 MBSS Student Hygiene Drive

- Rotary will support the **MBSS Social Justice Club** hygiene drive benefiting:
 - Women's shelters
 - Westside Food Bank
 - Outreach groups supporting unhoused individuals
 - Club members are encouraged to donate essential items, including:
 - Shampoo, soap, deodorant
 - Feminine hygiene products
 - Adult incontinence products
 - Diapers and toilet paper
 - Melissa will coordinate donation boxes for collection.
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April

- No major Community Services initiatives planned due to member capacity being focused on **Taste of India**.
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May 2 – Rotary Park Clean-Up

- Community clean-up event in partnership with the **City of West Kelowna Parks Department**.
 - Location: Rotary Trails
 - Time: TBD.
 - Clean up activities: leaf removal, litter removal, removal of pruning (complete by city staff prior to the event), some light re-staining of the bridge and viewing platform, etc. Parks staff would provide the stain and brushes for Rotarians.
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June 20 – Rotary Day (Kelowna City Park)

- The Club will participate in Rotary Day and continue ticket sales.
 - The Club has approved a **\$1,500 contribution** toward event costs (stage, A/V, performers, etc.).
 - Melissa will support coordination of nonprofit vendors and event logistics.
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July 18 – Julia's Junction 3rd Anniversary Event

- A children-focused community event at Julia's Junction.
 - Plan to invite **non-profit organizations serving children and individuals with disabilities** to:
 - Host information booths
 - Provide interactive activities for children
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2. Ongoing Programs & Updates:

Service Above Self (SASS) Awards

- Continued recognition of local students.
- **March 5:** Jane will present awards at CNB.
- Queena will attend to capture photos for social media promotion.

Remembrance Day Crosses Display (2026)

- The City Parks Department has advised that installation cannot proceed until the **Memorial Park Plan is approved (anticipated Spring 2027)**.
- Alternative locations are being explored:
 - **Westbank First Nation (WFN)** lands (Main St. / Old Okanagan Hwy area)
 - **Local Anglican Church front lawn**
- Peggy will lead outreach to potential partners.

Member Care – “Thinking of You” Cards

- Melissa is coordinating with the **Membership Committee** (Kendall) to implement a card initiative.
- Purpose: recognize and support members who are unwell or in need of encouragement.
- Jane will provide cards and initial outreach will include messages for **Bruce and Colleen**.

3. Summary

The Community Services Committee continues to balance:

- **Youth engagement** (SASS Awards, MBSS partnership)
- **Community care initiatives** (hygiene drive, member support)
- **Public-facing service events** (clean-up day, Rotary Day, Julia’s Junction)

Strong collaboration with community partners and increased member engagement will remain a priority as we move into Spring 2026.