

March 5, 2024 DG Visit – in-person only.

President Chris opened our joint meeting with the Victoria/Saanich (V/S) club to welcome our District Governor (DG) Caleb Summerfelt and Robin Summerfelt, Caleb's Chief of Staff.

We had a number of visitors from the V/S club (12) as well as other Guests and Visitors

Ingvard Find potential new member

Nele Habich- exchange student from Germany

Donna Rogers potential new member guest of Krista

Michael Peirone guest of Ken Walton

Julia Wallace guest of Vicky Pitt

Pam Gooch guest of Peter Gooch

Ilse Stevenson guest of Giles Stevenson

Assistant Governor Dave Maxwell introduced Caleb Summerfelt DG

- Caleb has a background in Architecture holding a BSc and Masters and a Masters in Engineering Technology and a PHD. In his business life he holds certificates in project management, logistics and supply chain management. He was the CIO of a large company. Perhaps his most compelling achievement for Rotarian's is his dedication to helping. He has served as Club President, District 5020 Public Image Chair and Assistant Rotary Public Image Coordinator for Zones 26 and 27.
- He Created the District 5020 Magazine- Unite District 5020 which gave us a way to share the work of clubs in our district.
- He is a Paul Harris Society Member, Major Donor Level 2 and a member of the Bequest and Legacy Society.
- He is a proud member of the Puget Sound Designers Passport Club. They are devoted to tackling tech challenges using members expertise in design and engineering. In its first year of service, his club provided over \$200,000 \$US in services to fellow Rotarian's and communities in need.

DG Caleb Summerfelt spoke about his own personal challenges with hidden disability of seeing 10 doors where we see one. He was bullied in school. He became interested in Rotary after seeing an article on sanitation. the library had no info so he emailed a

number of Rotary clubs but received no response. Even though he was repeatedly rebuffed about joining Rotary, his persistence finally paid off. Just as he was finishing his studies in Europe, he followed a Jack Russell Terrier to a police station and was invited to join a Rotary meeting in session and was invited to join the club.

He had an inspirational talk about positive conduct and overcoming challenges. He spoke about 1 person being able to make a difference. He showed a number video's from people who made a difference

- Edgar Martinez spoke about the importance of manners
- Jerry Springer said "live your life so you never wind up on my Show"
- French Steward said "Be careful with your words, words are your Super Power"
- Carla Hall said "Speak to one person doing a good job, get them on your team" Consider being President of your club
- Robert Picardo from Star Trek Voyager and Bill Nye the Science Guy made a presentation in 1999 for NASA Millennial Project for the Mars Society. It was viewed by a 14 year old Tanya Harrison who was inspired to earn her doctorate in Planetary Science and distinguished herself as a leading authority on Mars
- Magic Johnson NBA great said "It takes an unselfish person to change a life"
- Vanilla Ice Rap star said, "Spread that good love, that good energy and smiles are contagious."
- Don Johnson star of Miami Vice said " Making a difference when you are a service club changes the outcome of someone's day; life"
- Neal McCoy said "Trying to be a better person every day makes positive changes around you"

Vicky Pitt Thanked Caleb

DG Caleb presented Krista Voitchovsky our President Elect with her 1st Paul Harris Pin. He also presented Dave Maxwell with a Polio Plus Society pin. (He has committed to donating \$100 US/yr. to Polio Plus until polio is eradicated.

Announcements

Next bottle drive is 1st Saturday in April

John Jordan and Bryan Crockford are leaving Wed March 13, 2024 to Rwanda for 3 weeks.

John has requested donations of watches that he can present to his Rwandan graduates.

Joan Peggs extracted all of our spare loonies and toonies.

Guest Mark Flynn of the Victoria-Saanich club won the 50-50 of \$80

On Tuesday March 12, 2024 at 2pm next to the Christchurch Cathedral the names of 167 Canadians killed in the Canadian mission in Afghanistan will be read out in a ceremony marking the 10th anniversary of the end of the mission.

Next meeting March 12, 2024 at the Rec Center

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