

BULLETIN

Meeting date: April 4, 2023 @ 12:15

Virtual or In-Person: In-person hybrid lunch meeting at Oak Bay Rec. Centre.

Visitors / Guests:

- Song Hu (potential member)
- David and Jacqueline Sheppard (returning members)
- Tori (Art's granddaughter)
- Dan Kelly (from Harbourside)
- Amelie (Interactor)
- Derek Godfrey (Fort Collins Club, Colorado, USA)
- Shaun Cerisano (Guest Speaker)

Recap Paragraph:

- Ben Smillie welcomed us and lead "O Canada".
- Theme for April is "Environmental".
- Lorna Curtis and Colleen Sparks gave invocations.
- Edward Vanstone introduced our visitors.
- Joan Peggs introduced guest speaker, Shaun Cerisano.
- Shaun Cerisano:
 - Shaun is a Philanthropy Manager with the BC Children's Hospital Foundation in Vancouver, where he manages all fundraising activities, including donor solicitation, fundraising events and programs, and more.
 - Shaun grew up with two brothers who had muscular dystrophy.
 - The BC Children's Hospital is among the top 5 in the world.
 - With advances in research the survival rate for children struggling with cancer has gone up from 50% in 1982 to currently 80-90%.
 - An estimated 14 children from Vancouver Island are submitted for treatment every day at the Children's Hospital, working in direct collaboration with Victoria General Hospital Pediatrics; therefore, Shaun considers the BC Children's Hospital a "local charity" and encouraged us to do so as well.
 - Donors—individual, business/corporate, festival, cause marketing—are essential to ensuring ongoing improvements in research and care at the hospital.
 - Shaun quotes, "The service you do for others is the rent you pay for your room here on earth." – Muhammad Ali
- Peter Lawrie thanked our guest speaker, Shaun Cerisano.

Announcements:

- Joan Firkins announced winners of the 50:50 Draw:
 - Heather Aked won the 50:50 prize of \$3,310.
 - Deedrie Ballard won \$500 Thrifty's grocery card.
 - Joan Toone won \$500 Country Grocer grocery card.
- Joan Peggs announced we had 12+ bins at this month's Bottle Drive and reminded us that Flag Installers and dismantlers are needed, especially for the heftier routes.
- Visitor, Derek Godfrey, shared that his Colorado Club is organizing a Terry Fox Run.
- Bryan Cockford reminded us that the Bald Eagles Band is playing a benefit concert (to raise funds for accessible playground equipment in Oak Bay) at Oak Bay Rec. Centre on May 6, and that an anonymous donor has committed to matching the first \$1000 of ticket sales. Additionally, there will be 50:50 draw at the concert to benefit the Mustard Seed Church and Food Bank.
- Ben Smillie reminded us of the Willows Beach Clean Event happening on April 9.
- Heather Aked was Celebrations Master:
 - Joan Toone and Janet Power celebrating April birthdays; we sang "Happy Birthday".
 - Joan Firkins and partner, Donna, celebrate 46th Anniversary.
 - Numerous folks put money in the Happy/Sad collection basket.
 - Chris Kershaw is now officially a Canadian Citizen.
 - Wendy Townsend's grandbaby, "Burrito" was born!

Next Meeting:

- "Club Day" Zoom meeting April 11.