

Oak Bay Rotary Club Bulletin
June 20, 2023

Guests:

Alexander Ewanchuk (Heather's son)

Hazel Braithwaite (speaker)

Rod Braithwaite (speaker)

Colton (Sonnet's son)

Two new members were inducted to the Oak Bay Rotary Club, Jacqueline and David Shephard. Jacqueline is a former member of the Oak Bay and Chemainus Rotary Clubs, David is a former member of the Chemainus Rotary Club.

Terry Toone introduced the speakers Hazel and Rod Braithwaite. Hazel Braithwaite worked as a Geophysicist in the oil and gas industry in Calgary, taught Mathematics at the University of Lae in Papua New Guinea, facilitated Adult Learning at Coast Capital Savings for 20 years, and gives back to the community by sitting on many boards and volunteering for a large number of events (she has a hard time saying no!). She recently retired from United Way of Greater Victoria, where she was the Director of Donor and Partner Relations, helping to raise over \$5 million annually to go back into our community. She was elected to her fifth term as a municipal Councillor in Oak Bay in 2022.

Rod Braithwaite was the Chief Financial Officer for Victoria Hospice up until his retirement in 2019. Prior to that he worked for several technology startups and took he Hazel to Papua New Guinea where he taught Computer Science and Accounting at the same University. More recently, he backpacked the Pacific Crest Trail in 2021 – all 4250 kms of it - from Mexico back to Canada! He volunteers by delivering groceries for the local food bank on his bike, he has a black belt in judo and he divides his time trying to keep up with both nuclear fusion developments and Hazel's many endeavors.

Together Rod and Hazel are avid long-distance backpackers and have tackled trails all over the world. Rod is the planner and logistics guru for all their many adventures – their latest one being their hike of the Camino de Santiago del Norte. They walked over 900km in six weeks to complete this trek and receive their certificate. They shared many beautiful photos and interesting stories of their adventure. They also brought a same of the equipment they carried on this trek.

Celebration Master – Janette Nation

*Terry and Joan Toone have been married for 59 years.

*Janette fined all who went to the Melbourne Rotary convention and all who did not attend the Melbourne Rotary convention.

*Sonnet happy/sad dollars for son's visit and now leaving.

Register NOW for installation lunch next Tuesday, June 27th.