

## BULLETIN



**Meeting date:**       **June 27, 2023**

**Virtual or In-Person:**       **In person**

**Visitors / Guests:**

Alexander Ewanchuk	Guest of Heather Aked (Heather's son)
Amelie Schmelter	Guest of the Club
Margaret Black	Guest of Joan Peggs
Eldar & Anton	Guests of the Club
Hannah & Molly	Guests of Lorna Curtis (and granddaughters)

**Recap Paragraph:**

We were heartily entertained by Eldar and Anton – Ukrainian musicians who played a mix of music while we enjoyed burgers for lunch.

President Ben 'rapped' up his year and made a couple of presentations (see announcements below) and invited Joan Peggs up to install our 2023/2024 Board.

"A door closes, look around and find a door opening" Joan began. Jennifer Jones challenged us this past Rotary Year to Dream big and turn them into reality. Joan asked us to reflect on it. The 2023/2024 theme is Create Hope in the World.

"Hope lies in dreams, in imagination, and in the courage of those who dare to make dreams into reality" - Jonas Salk

We watched a short clip from incoming RI President Gordon McInally who reflected on the 2006 Thailand tsunami and a female he talked to at the time who had lost all hope and how Rotary restored her optimism and gave her hope.

Joan challenged us to reflect on what it means to be a Rotarian and how we can create hope in the world making a difference in the world and in our club.

Shine by example.

Joan then installed the incoming board.

Chris Kershaw	President
Ben Smillie	Past-President
Krista Voichovsky	President Elect
Renate MacKenzie	Membership
Art Joyce	Treasurer

Clair Wakefield	Secretary
Colleen Sparks	Community Service
Lorna Curtis	Club Administration
Edward Vanstone	Public Relations
Atam Uppal	Youth Service
John Jordan	International Service
Terry & Joan Toone	RI Foundation

Joan instructed the Board to take the Rotary wheel and take the Club on this year's journey.

Chris wrapped up the meeting with a few words acknowledging Ben for the fantastic job, noting that he's touched that the Club has entrusted the with the responsibility after only 4 years in Canada and Citizenship in March.

Chris went on to say "Create hope" – hope is a wonderful thing it's both global and individual. What are we going to do to create hope in the world.

Chris closed with presentation of thanks – an engraved beer stein to outgoing President Ben.

Lorna won the 50/50

Token gifts were given to the 2022/2023 board, with a particularly large bottle of wine for Joan Firkins.

A draw was made from the list of those who had completed the survey and a free lunch awarded – Chris drew his own name!

Chris was gifted a team Canada shirt as a new Canadian citizen.

### **Announcements:**

1. Rotarian of the Year awarded to Bryan Crockford
2. Parting gift given to Youth Exchange Student – Amelie Schmelter
3. Joan J reminded us of the importance of the flag program as our primary fundraiser....we're always looking for new customers.

**Next Meeting: July 4, 2023 in the Pine Room at the Monterey. Anne McIntyre from Soap for Hope is our speaker.**