

BULLETIN



Meeting date: **November 14, 2023**

Virtual or In-Person: In Person – Oak Bay Recreation Centre

Visitors / Guests: Liz and Paul LeCavalier
 Sabina Laubental
 Kate O'Neill
 Amelie Bonnamour (Rotaractor)

President's Welcome:

Clair Wakefield filled in for President Chris who is in Japan. Clair acknowledged our presence on unceded First Nations Land. He reminded members this is Rotary Foundation Month.

Clair mentioned it was nice to see Pam Zwicky at the meeting today.

Announcements:

Guenter reminded members about the Magic of Christmas T/C coupon. Please cut out these coupons and pass them on to Colleen Sparks who will get them to the International Cultural Association to pass on for entrance to the Butchart Gardens Christmas display.

Wendy mentioned Threshold Housing is selling sample packages of tea with a candle. These make a great Christmas gift. You can go online to their website to purchase (under events).

Janette thanks the volunteers who helped pack 14 shoe boxes. Thanks to Joan Peggs for \$150 donation from Dollarama. Sonnet for all the toothpaste and toothbrushes. Krista for the sock donation. Next will be 35 stockings for Threshold Housing.

Celebrations Master: Wendy quizzed the group about diabetes as today is International Diabetes Day. Paul LeCavalier won the 50/50.

Program Overview:

Foundation Action was held – Dave Maxwell, Auctioneer, explained how the auction works. Once bidding was finished, \$11,850 was raised for the Rotary Foundation. Well done to all!

Jack Petrie gave a presentation about membership. ESP – Envision Someone, Say Something, Plan Something. Membership takes all of us. The membership committee has developed a new card to hand out to prospective members. The club pays for the lunch for the first visit of a prospective member, just email Renate and she will ensure the prospective member is registered and the club will pick up the cost of lunch.

Sabine Laubental and Kate O'Neill gave a presentation about the Soweto Junior School project. They have been raising funds to support the school since 2020. There are 300 students and the cost to attend is \$2 a day but some children still cannot afford to attend.

They have been able to support the school food program by:

- *Installing a propane stove in the kitchen so staff no longer cook on open fires.

- *Completing a kitchen upgrade.

- *Bringing running water to kitchen

Next, they would like to bring electricity to the Kitchen and the school.

The club presented a cheque for \$750 towards this project.

Next Meeting: November 21, 2023 – Speaker Dave Cockle – President Oak Bay Kiwanis Club.