

DATE: 07/11/2024

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ROTARIANS PRESENT: Jesse Garret, Ben Hendrickson, Ed Kowitz, Grace Powell, John Ridlington, Samantha Rosen and Lola Santos

GUEST(S): Dr Barry Bacon, Shelley Bacon, Shiloh Reynolds, Teresa Lang (all from Hope Street) and Andrew Engell and Lynn O’Conner (from Colville Rotary)

SPEAKER MEETING—PRESENTERS DR BARRY BACON and SHELLEY BACON

Dr. Bacon and his wife Shelley discussed that homelessness is a health issue and how homelessness effects the individuals and the community and what we can do as citizens to help alleviate the suffering caused by homelessness. They have chosen to establish:

- Hope Street Restoration—a for profit licensed contractor, operated by Shelley Bacon, purchases properties and resells with proceeds going towards their non-profit endeavors. Individuals that are homeless are hired, trained and mentored to become productive members of our community
- Hope Street Rest Stop—A Colville location where homeless and those in need of support can go to take a shower, launder their clothes, get some food and other support. Teresa Lang is the Director and is tireless in her efforts to serve those in need.
- Heartland Medicine Colville Clinic—A membership based Primary Care clinic that also provides Urgent care in the community. Providers have also visited the homeless off-site to provide immediate help
- Bridges of Hope—They are renovating 2 homes right now. Patrick’s Place (named in honor of Dr Barry and Shelley’s son) will be clean and sober housing for women, and the old Food Co-op building will be a men’s clean and sober housing. Both homes will be faith-based and will work with the residents to reintegrate after incarceration or rehab.

SERVICE PROJECT TOMORROW, FRIDAY JULY 12TH:

LOCATION: 640 North Elm St, Colville, WA

DATE: Friday July 12, 2024

TIME: 10:00am - 4:00pm (or as long as you can stay!)

LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED

ONGOING/NEW BUSINESS:

- ◆ SIGN PROJECT—Customer reference? Ben suggested that we reach out to vendor for someone in our area that has used them and bought the same sign. Grace brought print-out of sign specifics, gave to Jesse. Grace to write letter to City to request current sign demolition.
- ◆ WACANID—September 10th
 - ◆ Food—In the past, Ed has been in charge of food. John suggested that we consider having the lunh cattered. Grace has offered to be in charge of food purchase and preparation, but will open for discussion at next meeting.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:00AM

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY JULY 18, 2024 7AM