

Rotary

Club of Cranbrook Sunrise



Monday, February 24,
2025

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Meeting Notes for February 18th, 2025

By Bre Tironese on Sunday, February 23, 2025

Bulletin available thanks to Bre Tironese.

Guests: Naye Kim (Youth Ambassador), Rob McInnes - Angel Flight

Inspiration: Gerry Warner:

Anything I've ever seen about American politics makes me proud to be a Canadian.

Neve Campbell (Canadian actress)

When I'm in Canada, I feel like this is what the world should be like.

Jane Fonda (American actress & activist)

Isn't it wonderful to feel the grandness of Canada in the raw.

Emily Carr (Canadian painter)

Club Reports:

Andrea: All of the Valentine cookies were not able to be delivered. Please text Andrea with an address for delivery and she will have them delivered. Or you can arrange to have them picked up at Helen's place.

Colleen: As you may or may not know, Bruce and I are going on the GFE to District 1200 (SW England) in September, but before our trip, the Brits will be visiting our district. The communities in District 5080 that will be hosting are: Walla Walla, Kennewick, Grand Forks and Cranbrook. I have also taken on the role of team lead for this exchange, so planning has to be done, and seeing that I will be away from February 28th to April 6th, I really need to start getting organized. We had a Zoom meeting on Sunday with our District & #39's participants and came up with the travel plan for our visitors.

They will be coming from Grand Forks to Cranbrook on June 15th (our pick-up will be in Creston) and will be here until June 18th. At this point, I am looking for hosts and drivers for the days they are here. I need accommodation for the following guests and am hoping you will be able to help out:

4 couples

1 single male

1 single female

The confirmed visitors will be from Yeovil, Dorchester, Taunton and Mendip, if those town names mean anything to you. From my understanding, they

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Arlene Schroh
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12 Years

are a humour-loving, good-natured and friendly group. One of the couples and 1 single person have confirmed they are going to the International Conference afterwards, so if anyone is going and has room to transport to Calgary, we may be looking at that.

Thanks so much for letting me know if you are able to help in any way. You can either reply to this email, phone me (250 919 5444) or catch me at Rotary on Tuesday morning.

Helen: Informed the Club we have been contacted again to do the grad parking at the end of June. By a show of hands, the Club agreed we would do this. There will be further information coming. Also, next Wednesday, February 26 is the next Rockies Film Festival Movie – All We Imagine As Light.

Ursula: Showed pictures of the bomb shelter progress in Ukraine.

Angel Flight Update

By Bre Tironese on Sunday, February 23, 2025



Our guest presenter was Rob McInnes from Kimberley, and he is a retired pilot volunteering with Angel Flight.

He flew for 30 years as an airline pilot, and for the past few years has been a pilot for Angel Flight as he has his own aircraft. He was also a glider instructor. Angel Flight for him is a way to give back to the community.

Angel Flight was started in 2019 by founder Brent Britton. Brent was with Search and Rescue and talked them into letting him use their aircraft to fly Angel Flights. Pilots who have their own aircraft donate their aircraft and time to fly patients for treatments and appointments. They were going to Calgary but now are mainly focused on Kelowna.

He has had to cancel lots of flights because flying over the mountains in bad weather makes it difficult for small planes to get to Kelowna safely.

Donations to Angel Flight come from many sources - primarily from the RDEK phased over several years. They were able to purchase an all-weather aircraft in 2022, so cancellations went from 50 to 4 in the last three years. Angel Flight is just as reliable as airline flights or better. The first year of Angel Flight they had just over 100 people fly with them, and they have been doubling ever since. Last year they flew just shy of 1,000 people. Angel Flight is growing quickly and they rely on receiving donations.

Angel Flight pilots are all experienced: Brent is a retired airline pilot, he flew in the UK and finished his career in Korea. Rob is next in seniority. There is a very experienced female pilot who flies to fires in the summer and Angel Flight in the winter. Lastly, there is a pilot who flies Survey flights all over the world. When he is home, he volunteers for Angel Flight.

Rob is very proud to be part of this organization. Some people that they have flown said they would have given up if not for Angel Flight. Usually there is an experienced single pilot flying, but sometimes there is a training pilot on board as well. If there is only one pilot, a patient's escort or the patient can sit up front.

They fly twin engine aircraft on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday and they like to run it full. They use double shuttles on some days, and they expect to add another day soon. It costs \$1000 for a return flight. Some major maintenance is coming up this summer, so the larger airplanes will be down, and it is a good thing that fewer people use Angel Flight in the summer.

They are mandated by Transport Canada. They are not air ambulances. Patients have to be ambulatory to use Angel Flight. Bid Air in Cranbrook operates Angel Flight.

Questions:

Q. Does Angel Flight fly anywhere else besides Kelowna?

A. Most cancer or heart disease patients end up in Kelowna. They will take patients with any type of problem. The odd time they do fly to Vernon or other smaller places, but mostly to Kelowna.

Q. What is the service Area?

A. Angel Flight services the entire area. The furthest is Golden as well as Fernie and Sparwood.

Q. Where are the patients picked up?

A. From time to time, they will pick up a patient at another destination, but normally they ask patients to be in Cranbrook for pickup.

Q. What about returning to Cranbrook?

A. They will quite often wait for people at the airport within one day as some patients receive treatment and return the same day. Some days there are no return patients so they just drop them off and maybe there are patients from the previous day to take home. Some patients will take a commercial flight or drive back if they don't fly with Angel Flight on the return date. They do hope to add one more day.

Q. What is your funding?

A. Not much from the government. There are some individual donations, of which the highest donation from a single individual was \$40,000. Sometimes they receive \$200 from patients. Save On Foods donates \$2500 a year. Some service clubs and businesses sometimes donate generously.

Q. How do we contact Angel Flight?

A. The easiest way is to go through Angel Flight East Kootenay online. They will tell you what to do. They will book a flight for you. If you know when you are going, you can book right away. Patients' appointments change quickly. The most common cancellation is treatment or surgery where the doctor won't release them. Then they just rebook for them. The website is the best, and it has a phone number you can call.

Q. Do you receive a discount on fees at airports?

A. There is no deal on landing fees. There is no ramp fee because they buy fuel at the airports.

Rockies Film Series

By Darryl Bishop on Sunday, February 16, 2025



Our next film - **All We Imagine as Light**

Date: **Wednesday February 26/2025 7:00 pm**

Synopsis - This film is centered on two roommates who nurse together in a city hospital plus their cook coworker. The three experience moments of connection, heartache, hope and disappointment. Prabha, her husband from an arranged marriage living in faraway Germany, is courted by a doctor at her hospital; Anu carries on a romance with a Muslim man, which she must keep a secret from her strict Hindu family; Parvaty finds herself dealing with a sudden eviction from her apartment. All We Imagine as Light is a soulful

study of the transformative power of friendship and sisterhood, in all its complexities and richness.



Sponsor:

Trailer: https://youtu.be/2mgQcpmYr_A?si=IFO675OaxRuW_4mU

Tickets are \$15 per film and can be purchased at The Key City Theatre or by using the link below:

- Online at www.keycitytheatre.com
- by phone at **250-426-7006**
- **At the Key City Theatre Box office**

Happy Bucks & Sgt. at Arms

By Bre Tironese on Sunday, February 23, 2025

Happy Bucks!

Penny gave Happy Bucks for family and friends who use Angel Flight.

Gerry gave Happy Bucks for his son taking medical education and going to be an emergency doctor in Sydney, Australia. He will be the doctor on helicopters.

Darcy gave Happy Bucks for visiting his sister and friends on Vancouver Island. The flights were on time and there were no cancelations.

Colleen Butters gave Happy Bucks for every margarita she had.

Steve gave Happy Bucks for Flag Day this past Saturday and for finding a tree on his property that he could cut down and make into a flag pole.



Sgt. at Arms: our Sgt. was Sunrise Rotarian Iris Warwyshyn:

Ursula - was fined for getting Steve to do her job as President today.

The Colleens and Steve - were each fined just because.

Roger and Steve - were fined for wearing short sleeves.

Closing Comments

By Steve Weatherall on Sunday, February 23, 2025

Health is the soul that animates all the enjoyments of life, which fade and are tasteless without it.

(Seneca- a stoic philosopher of Ancient Rome)


