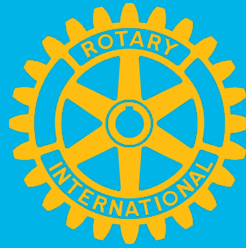


# Rotary

## Club of Cranbrook Sunrise



Monday, June 24, 2024

### Meeting Notes for June 18th, 2024

#### Events

June 25th  
[Cranbrook Sunrise Installation Evening](#)

#### Birthdays

No Birthdays Found

#### Wedding Anniversaries

No Wedding Anniversaries Found

#### Years of Service

No Years Of Service Found

By Dennis Parsons on Sunday, June 23, 2024

**Guests:** Davina Merritt (Rotoract Club of U of A), Moyin Olabode (Youth Ambassador),

**Inspiration:** Mel McFarlane  
Volunteering

Things that have inspired her this year:

Antoine our geriatric superman and Anne - such an inspiration,

Steve - is exceptional, has the biggest heart, and is always there.

The We Bike kids - their determination and the fun they had are overwhelming.

We Bike Coaches - they have such dedication and enthusiasm.

Volunteers - communities strive on the strength of the volunteer force, which creates friendship, fulfillment and stress relief, and improves well being.

Her kids - and how much they care about Mel's parents,

Rick - spearheading the coaching of We Bike, the kids all love him.

#### Club Reports:

##### Steve Weatherall:

- 1935 - the police in Vancouver clashed with striking longshoremen resulting in 60 injuries and 24 arrests. No hockey game was involved.

1948 - Columbia Records introduced the LP (Long Play) record album. After that came 8 Tracks, Cassettes, CD Roms, and now all are obsolete.

- Thanks to Iris and Helen for putting the parade together. They had 3 brand new vehicles pulling the floats. They did Sunrise Rotary proud.

- The Golf Social - 15 people showed up and had a good time, but it was very windy, a little rain. Hole in one by Darcy

Noa's™ farewells - about 15 people attended the Cranbrook airport.

**Dave:** - Look at Noa's™ year-end video - it's™ at the bottom of her Dad's™ letter.

##### Mel McFarlane:

Bike to school - award is going to Kootenay Orchard. They have won it 6 straight years.

We Bike - Amy Woodland - a young girl was trying to ride and her good friend Riley (who had learned the day before) provided positive peer pressure, and it paid off.

Beavers and Cubs tonight, need more help.

**Ursula:** - Installation night is June 25th, cocktails at 5:30pm and dinner at 6pm.

**Darcy:** - Budget - we emailed the budget to everyone and it is loaded in Sync.



Thanks to numerous chairs of committees for their feedback

We still owe the Ukraine Budget that has to be dealt with before the end of the year.

Fondo funds run many of our programs, if it is canceled our deficit would be \$33,000.

The \$22 for meals is to off set guests, etc.

Semi annual dues of \$145 will go up to \$160.

The Ramdin estate is very healthy.

Doodle Poll was sent out - want to close it June 29th.

**Arlene:** - Fondo registration 249 (highest it's been at this point)

What is the 5 year plan to not only rely on one big fundraiser, membership is dropping.

**Penny:** - Friday and Saturday youth Ambassador, Moyin had people in tears when she played the piano and sang Hallelujah. Her speech went very well.

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# Meeting Presentation

By Dennis Parsons on Sunday, June 23, 2024



Presentation: Iris Wawryshyn - Vocational

Iris is the oldest child, born in Mulheim de Ruhr Germany. Her Mom was a trauma nurse and her Dad was a Mercedes mechanic.

The family moved to Yellowknife, so her father could work at the Giant Mine and Con Mine gold mine.

In 1977 they moved to Kimberley where her Dad was a heavy duty mechanic, and her Mom worked in residential care.

Mom opened her own daycare while there. Iris went to Selkirk High School in Kimberley.

Iris became a Rotary exchange student and went to Germany in 1985 - just south of Hamburg. In high school she studied bio chemistry, physics, etc. as she had German language skills from talking with parents.

During her exchange she crossed into East Germany with her host family, and they told her not to talk, as the East Germans had listening devices in place. She saw the guards search a car, separated everyone and questioned them. Another car, they took apart everything searching it, and then told the owner to put it back together, without offering any tools.

Iris backpacked in Europe for a month with friends, and after her exchange the family moved to Calgary, and she worked in the Kananaskis Valley.

In 1988, the family moved to Cranbrook .

On July 4, 1989, her brother was in a near fatal car accident. The driver of the car he was in fell asleep and her brother's seat belt broke after the car drove over a cliff. Iris originally wanted to be a trauma nurse, and then she decided she would rather be a doctor. However, after her brother's accident she changed her mind.

Iris took basic accounting and book keeping and worked in Vancouver.

Her marriage dissolved and she was studying evenings at BCIT.

Iris moved back to Cranbrook to help her Mom look after her Dad (Parkinsons & dementia).

Due to her Rotary exchange, she decided to give back and joined Cranbrook Sunrise Rotary.

Fun Facts:

She had an obsession with Princess Diana while in high school.

Iris has 4 fully decorated trees up all year and changes the decorations throughout the year.

She has fur babies and no children.

She has home a business "Bessicka Creations" where she makes handmade dolls.

While living in Yellowknife, she was on the greeting committee that met the Queen.

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## Joao Will Be Departing Soon

By Iris Wawryshyn on Sunday, June 23, 2024



Joao is headed back home to Brazil next week, and we are planning one final get-together to say Farewell to him.

Please join us at the Pavilion at Idlewild (near the playground) on Wednesday, July 3rd, between

4:00 to 8:00pm.

Please RSVP to either myself or Steve Weatherall prior to July 2<sup>nd</sup> if you plan to attend, and what dish you would like to bring.

Dinner will be between 5:00-5:30, and there will also be games and cake!!

Thanks everyone and hope to see you there!

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## Happy Dollars & Sgt. at Arms

By Dennis Parsons on Sunday, June 23, 2024

Happy Dollars:

Janice - Happy Dollars were given for Iris's presentation and being part of our club, for Steve's great year. Darcy for his wonderful budget and Moyin our Youth Ambassador.

Penny - For Moyin and being very proud of her.

Ken - For being away 2 weeks building new homes for last year's fire in Shuswap. Incredible devastation. There is resentment in the community for the way the fire was handled.

Antoine - For the Bulletin and the amount of work that goes on in our club.

Bruce - For his weekend in Calgary with Joao. He attended every game, and went into Kootenay National park and saw a silver tip grizzly and her 2 cubs.

Steve - thank you to everyone for your support over the year. The heart is right with all of us, we are a great group together.

Sgt. At Arms:



The Sgt at Arms was Rotarian Dave Savage.

This is a where is Waldo morning -

Bob - where is Moyin (in the room)

Mel - where is Arlene (in Newfoundland)

Darcy - where is Noa - (in Japan)

Steve - where is Joao - (on his way to New York)

Ken - what did Darcy do that was very special last week - (got a hole in one at Mission Hills)

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## Closing Comments

By Steve Weatherall on Sunday, June 23, 2024

Keep your face always towards the sunshine and - shadows will fall behind you.  
Walt Whitman



To President Steve Weatherall  
for a fun dedicated year of Service Above Self!

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