

# Kiwanis Club of Sardis

*Serving Children of the World*



## Community Update

June 2021

### Meeting Again, at last!!



It has been a long road, a very sad one for some families who have lost a loved one or suffered in other ways as a result of the pandemic, but it seems the worst is behind us and we are headed towards a

somewhat normal future. The relaxation of the health care restrictions means that our Club is now able to meet again in person at our new home at the 9th End Café in the Chilliwack Curling Club, starting on July 6. We, of course, are delighted with this development. Some of us will begin to gather at around 6:30 and our meeting starts at 7:00am. As in the past, we plan to meet every Tuesday morning and to accommodate folk who may not be able to join us in person, we are endeavouring to hold our meetings in a hybrid fashion. Those who join us on a virtual basis should be able to see and hear all those who have gathered in person. If you are interested in joining us for a meeting, or would like to find out more about what we do, please log onto the Chilliwack and Sardis Kiwanis Club website and use the contact button to get in touch with us.

### We have been quiet but still active!!

Normally in the spring and early summer, we would be fairly busy with our food trailer, raising money for some of our community programs. We would also be out and about in connection with programs that benefit young children, which is what Kiwanis is all about. For the past eighteen months this has not been possible to the same degree so we have been obliged to back off on much of what we do. However, we still managed to keep a few of our cherished programs going in a modified format and donate to a number of different charities and non-profits. Here is a brief summary of what we have been able to accomplish since our last quarterly newsletter in March:

**Super Readers:** We have continued to carry on this highly regarded program in a modified format in the 9 elementary schools that have adopted it and in the 2020-21 school year, have provided awards to over 1,400 students who have achieved 100 nights of home reading.

**Students of the Month:** We arranged for an additional 31 students at Sardis Secondary School, GW Graham Secondary

### Quiet but still active, cont'd!!

School, Vedder Middle School and Mount Slesse Middle School, who have performed above and beyond in their school or in the community at large, to be presented with an engraved pen set. In total, we have recognized 61 students for their excellence in the 2020-21 school year.

**High School Bursaries:** We awarded 13 bursaries of \$1,000 each to students who are graduating this year at Sardis Secondary, Chilliwack Secondary and GW Graham.

**Soup Kitchen:** Our members have volunteered with the Chilliwack Kiwanis Club each month in providing a meal at the Cheam View United Church in downtown Chilliwack for those less fortunate in our society.

### Other Community Support:

We have made donations over the last three months to several local organizations including the Ann Davis Transition Society, the Chilliwack Bowls of Hope Society, Chilliwack Search and Rescue, Chilliwack Special Olympics and the Canadian Forces Base Historical Society.

We also made a donation to the Bahath Centre, an orphanage in Moshi, Tanzania, that has been faithfully supported for over ten years by Virginia O'Brien, a community volunteer in Chilliwack.

Finally, we have continued our support of a great humanitarian organization founded by a Kiwanian in Richland Washington called "SIGN (surgical implant generation network) Fracture Care International". Its mission is to build sustainable orthopaedic capacity in developing countries by providing education to their surgeons and donating instruments and implants needed to treat fractures. This organization has helped more than 342,000 people heal from fractures in 54 countries. The SIGN program is featured in a documentary entitled "trauma healers" that is being aired by many PBS stations in the USA. It is hoped that it will soon be picked up by the station in Seattle so that we can watch it.

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