

COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

September 2020

Community Development-

July request from The Women's House for funds for playground equipment denied and a letter was sent to them adding that the Rotary Club of Wiaraton might be able to assist the House at a later date.

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Daycamp at the Salvation Army. I assisted with the development of a plan for same in order to get approval from the Health Unit and the Salvation Army organization to hold a daycamp in Wiaraton at the local Salvation Army site. This was ultimately approved and camp started in July. The camp was staffed by the local group and myself. I provided a story hour with some activities, Funds for some of the camp needs – tubs, water bottles, masks and materials for outside activities were paid from the Community Initiatives monies collected last March. The camp ran twice weekly mornings for 8 – 10 children at a time in July and then full day once per week for 16 children in 2 cohorts. It was by all accounts a success and provided a small number of very needy children with a good summer experience, Besides fun and social interaction, literacy was a focus as were proper health safety protocols.

Scholastic Books - In addition to distribution through the Salvation Army Daycamp and family hampers, boxes of books have been distributed to Nawash, Kid's Den Daycare in Wiaraton and Lion's Head Day care.

Thanks to the generosity of a committee member and a community member we were able to distribute 20 bags containing personal items and some extras to women at risk in Wiaraton as identified by the Salvation Army.

2019-20 community services environmental project bags

The original plan to incorporate the distribution of the logod hemp shopping bags with Earth Day activities was not feasible during the pandemic. Several possibilities have been considered by the committee. It was agreed earlier to give a bag to each Rotarian and then to hold the rest till fall - either for distribution generally, in the Wiaraton community or specifically directed. More discussion to follow. Joanne Veerman will be handling the distribution to the club and the community.

I have been in contact with the Chamber of Commerce to try to determine their plans for a Santa Claus parade or a substitute for same but have no details yet. The cancellation of this event would have budget implications for the club

No distribution of the Community Services budgeted wa funds has been done since I understood the advice from Scott was that this distribution would be best spread throughout the budget year.

YOUTH

At this time I have nothing to report. We will have our usual payouts in Sept--Oct. and will report on this is completed

RuthAnn and Trevor have reviewed this year's graduating students (2019-2020) and determined the Rotary Scholarship award should go to Wini Stute.

Wini is now attending Georgian College studying marine engineering.

The details on the convocation have yet to be finalized, but it will likely be done on line in October or early November.

Submitted by Ron Baldson

YOUTH EXCHANGE

The YEO's had a meeting with Don Bork to discuss various options for the 2020-21 exchange year. Then CSRYE had a meeting on June 4, and they have decided to suspend this year's exchange. Not that surprising, the other option was to do a shortened exchange for 6 months leaving in February. So, no inbound student this year, and no outbounds either. 😞

It's sad, but it is the right decision. Submitted by Donna Rudell

INTERACT

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I have been advised that for the first part of the school year there will be no sports or clubs operating in the school. I'm guessing that will be until Christmas. It will then be reassessed. At this point I'm not allowed to enter the school.

RuthAnn and I still need to figure out if and how we can run the Interact club

I will still register the club on the assumption that we will proceed some how or possibly in the new year.

Submitted by Trevor Hathaway

SENIORS

Nick is following up on the Seniors' Bus situation. Currently no plans for a Fall Colours tour.