

**Rotary Club of Wiarnton  
Service Projects Report  
Executive Meeting  
September 30, 2021  
(Submitted by Director Mike Mason)**

- 1) **Community Development:** Committee members – Mike Mason (Chair), Scott Elliott, Joanne Veerman, Glen Beacock. *First meeting yet to be held.*

*Report from Mike:*

- Club's TSBP Approved Proceeds of Lottery Recipients List has been updated with the Town to reflect the name change of the Bruce Peninsula Health Services Foundation to BRUCE PENINSULA HOSPITALS FOUNDATION. A copy of the updated list has been provided to Scott Elliott & Richard Bouillon and has been updated in the Members Corner on the Club's website.
- Letter has been sent to Families for Autism along with TSBP Checklist requesting detailed information that would allow them to be added to the Club's TSBP Approved Proceeds of Lottery Recipients List. This organization is responsible for the "Let's Communicate" signage recently installed in Bluewater Park & there is opportunity for the Club to support similar signage at PSDS and Wiarnton Hospital.
- A "Humanitarian" Hands-on Project has been completed. Rotarians Trevor Hathaway, Eric Robinson, Nick Torra & Mike Mason along with Don "Sparky" Leonard & Dave Drawbell assisted the Salvation Army in moving Jimmy Steffen from his home of 32 years.

- 2) **Youth Development:** Committee members – Mike Mason (Chair), Randy Curran, Scott Elliott. *First meeting yet to be held.*

- 3) **Literacy:** Committee members – Bob Carson (Chair).

*Report from Bob:*

- Salvation Army contact Sally Ann Leckie's reply to Bob's inquiry: As of yet, it is not a go. It's on our staff meeting agenda in a couple of weeks. None of the children's programs are up and running yet and they will be on the agenda.
- No other initiatives currently being considered at this time.

- 4) **Seniors:** Committee members – TBD.

- Committee Chair still being sought.

- 5) **Youth Exchange:** Committee members – Donna Rudell (Chair), Mike McMillan, Nick Torra.

*Report from Donna:*

- Donna & McMike attended the first session of YE training via ZOOM in August. The program is back up & running after the pandemic pause with a few changes. Donna was in touch with Ruthann Pickett at PSDS & she sent a list of potential students for exchange. Nick contacted the students & the committee held a YE information evening on Sept. 16th. Two students attended & one decided not to continue with the process. Our primary candidate is Andy Walker--our "pick" from 2 years ago, before Covid hit. He is excited to hopefully fulfill his goal of going on exchange this time around! Next step for Andy is updating his application from 2 years ago, and District interviews on November 6.
- We will be getting a Club Commitment form for 2022-23, with a fee of \$1250 due November 30, 2021.

6) **Interact:** Committee members – Trevor Hathaway (Chair), Randy Curran.

*Report from Trevor:*

- At this time, due to the ongoing pandemic, it is unknown when/if the Interact Club will be able to hold meetings in the school. PSDS teacher Ruth Ann Pickett has indicated that it may be the new year before extracurricular (non-sport) activities are allowed in the schools.
- During the 2020-21 school year, Interact meetings were held online with Secondary School members. It may be necessary to continue engaging the members in a similar way for 2021-22.

7) **New Generations:** Committee members – Pat Cavan (Chair).

*Report from Pat:*

- Some “casual” discussion with former Wiarton Outbound Youth Exchange Student, Moira Parker has taken place. No plans are in place at this time.

8) **Youth Protection:** Committee members – TBD.

- Sonia Bloodworth was to have rejoined the Club over the Summer & had agreed to take on the function of Youth Protection Officer for the Club. Unfortunately, she has found that her business workload negates returning at this time. As a result, a replacement is being sought for this role.

9) **Foundation/International:** Committee members – Kathy Christie (Chair), Pat Cavan, Bev Garinger.

*Report from Kathy:*

**a) Foundation:**

- An amount of \$2265.00 has been remitted by the Treasurer to The Rotary Foundation based on Club membership as of July 2021.

**b) International:**

- In August a request to the Club from Rotary International & District 6330 asked all clubs to consider a donation to ShelterBox at that time. Although ShelterBox does not designate any donation to a specific area of concern in the world, they were dealing with a high demand exacerbated the earthquake in Haiti. After consideration the Committee decided to **donate \$500**. These are funds that would be in the budget, although the budget was not passed at that time, but would have been paid out later in the Rotary year. Both President Trevor and Treasurer Scott were consulted. An e-mail was sent to the Club members advising them of the donation & included a message from ShelterBox Canada that would provide members with a method of donating personally should they wish to do so. At this time a ShelterBox team is on the ground in Haiti.
- Kathy continues to be an active member of the **Hand Up Committee**, currently acting as Secretary. The Committee has just begun a water project in Guatemala & is currently fundraising & considering future project possibilities.

10) **Grant Writing:** Committee members – Bob Carson, Kathy Christie.

*Report from Director Mike:*

- A District Grant Application was submitted by Bob in April for the installation of fencing at the Warton Salvation Army's Hope Springs Community Garden project that has been under way for the last couple of years. It was originally thought that the project would be completed in 2021. Unfortunately, a number of unforeseen things have arisen that have delayed the project until 2022. As a result, the Club will be unable to see fencing installed in 2021.
- Alternate projects that could qualify for a District Grant are being sought & will be brought to the Club for consideration for the submission to District in 2022.