

THE STANDARD

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FOUR WAY TEST

In all things we think, say or do

1. Is it the TRUTH ?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

In the beginning:

Once again, we Zoomed into the weekly meeting with most showing their smiling faces and a few shy ones not wanting to show off their pajamas.



And a rousing kick off rendition of O Canada with a surprising number of members unmuted and singing along.

Stan Christmas welcomed all to the meeting on a bright, Friday morning. He missed the part about introducing guests but the Prez managed to introduce most of them throughout the meeting.

If we had followed the normal introduction and welcoming our guests. We would have given the usual RCCHP "howdy" to Darren Hands (Plymouth, UK); Geoffrey Simmins (prospective member), David Leslie (our ADG); Katlyn McLaughlin (Rotary Partnerships); Don McDonald (brother of Doug)

Invocation was creatively given by Bob Clark who also reported on significant events of our members.

Birthdays:

Valentina – June 3 and Lucas Bailey – June 4

Anniversaries

Bob and Tien – 6 years on June 5

Surinder & Bonnie – June 11 – many years more than six





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Naturally, a joke about lawyers. Bob taking some liberties now that he has retired from the practice of law. The devil of a joke.

Our own Aliisa Paivalainen was introduced by Jim Coyle for a classification talk with a twist. Now with the Canadian Red Cross as a Program Manager for Epidemic Prevention and Control as a humanitarian consultant. She has shifted to this role from now until September. A member since 2015 her last classification was as a newbie so this was more focused on her role and how she ended up here.

Aliisa covered a lot of background very quickly, starting with being from Thunder Bay (born in Ottawa) to her worldly education. Her parents are of Finnish heritage which gives Aliisa dual citizenships, maybe because her dad was the Finnish consulate. Little known fact is that the largest Finnish population outside of Finland, is Thunder Bay. He is also a Rotarian.

A very interesting tale of education starting with the U of A for her undergrad degree in political science along with certificates in Peace & Post Conflict Studies and Globalization & Governance. And of course, some travel was required to continue her learning with a semester in Durban, South Africa, then to Mbarama, Uganda for six or seven months to use her newly acquired knowledge. Upside – great experience, downside – costs coverage but unpaid. Not quite done with formal learning so off for a Masters in International Studies in Brisbane, as a beneficiary of Rotary Peace Program. Two thirds of students were international with many remaining friends and contacts today that have been helpful with her current work. To help with the costs of education and gaining some experience which would later prove extremely helpful, Aliisa did a stint in an engineering firm learning processes and document control.

After all the formal learning she connected with a fellow international student landed a 3 – 6-month internship with the UN in Geneva. This morphed into a three-year stint and the start of the international work (for pay) she loves today.

The humanitarian response is incredibly complex and Aliisa shared the Decision Maker Taxonomy which was a spider web of just how many people and specialty skills are required to manage in a crisis. She spent the last six years with the Global Emergency Group which provides a broad range of services to international agencies and clients on strategy, training, writing policies and leading workshops. It sounded to me like the more complicated and messy projects were for their clients, the more it suited their skills and talents.

She has done a number of deployments to the field, within days of the events taking place. Her examples were all of natural disasters that had an incredibly devastating impact on the region where they occurred. There were hurricanes in North Carolina, Bahamas and Haiti. The earthquake in Nepal and now, the COVID-19 response through the Canadian Red Cross.

A real time witness to human resiliency with a focus on steady, small, forward steps towards making a difference. Focus on 24-hour problems and a key part is the ability to triage for dealing with the un-



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knowns. Compartmentalizing problems has helped her retain focus and successfully moving ahead.

How would I describe what I heard? Aliisa has impressive credentials and background, she brings her high energy, expertise and enthusiasm to her work and certainly to her presentation. Thanks, Aliisa!

Jim Coyle thanked the international woman of mystery for her amazing presentation. Key message for him was the depth and breadth of her international connections and relationships. And how progress is achieved in getting complex projects completed.

Two sad announcements:

Doug MacDonald – noted the passing of Linda Haines on May 30, a Rotarian and spouse of our former member Norm Haines.

Brad Sewall advised the club of Marion Kelly, Lorne's wife, passing away yesterday from complications of Alzheimer's.

Happy Bucks

Prez – for the guests in attendance today.

The Prez, Ginny, Doug M, Christine, Bill S are all donating because of Aliisa's presentation

Doug M – brother Don's attendance

Christine – our Food Bank donation and District Grant has been repurposed to the Leftover Foundation.
Apology to Geoffrey for spelling last week...oops!

Reminder to sent Greg your Happy Bucks! We have not heard from our Treasurer in a while as to whether or not our coffers are growing from all this happiness. I expect next week's assembly will give us the full report. Maybe if we are having trouble we should enquire as to the availability of our Sheriff to act on some outstanding warrants?

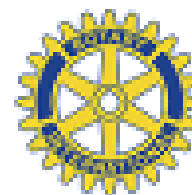
Next week – Club Assembly, an event not to be missed. The Prez has promised an interesting twist on sharing all that is happening within the Club!

And once again, the Prez leaves us with something to ponder...

"It is not the strongest of the species that survives, nor the most intelligent. It is the one that is most adaptable to change." Charles Darwin



Position	Assigned Member
☞ June 12, 2020	
☞ Greeter	Drake, Graham
☞ Grace and Sunshine Report	Gentles, Brian
☞ Introduce and Thank Speaker	
☞ Standard Reporter	Gray, Garry
☞ June 19, 2020	
☞ Greeter	Hochhausen, Fran
☞ Grace and Sunshine Report	Hochhausen, Phil
☞ Introduce and thank Speaker	Murphy, Ginny
☞ Standard Reporter	Hope, Bill
☞ June 26, 2020	
☞ Greeter	Kelly, Lorne
☞ Grace and Sunshine report	Kim, Harry
☞ Introduce and Thank Speaker	Matthews, Rob
☞ Standard reporter	Khanna, Surinder
☞ July 3, 2020	
☞ Greeter	Kinley, Doug
☞ Grace and Sunshine report	Knox, Matt
☞ Introduce and Thank speaker	Sewall, Brad
☞ Standard Reporter	MacDonald, Doug
☞ July 10, 2020	
☞ Greeter	Luhr, Darryl
☞ Grace and Sunshine report	McArthur, Don
☞ Introduce and Thank speaker	
☞ Standard Reporter	Matthews, Rob



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The Rotary Club of Calgary Heritage Park Announcements

June 12	Club Assembly
June 19	Kurt Kinnear— U of C App of social connectedness
June 26	Judy Forschner—Golf in 2020
July 3	Geoff Hughes—Success and future of <i>Connect RC</i>
July 10	Dana Peers, President Calgary Stampede—Stampede 2020 and beyond
July 17	Jeff Hodgson—Heritage Park; Re-opening update