

THE STANDARD

May 1, 2020

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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:

Over a period of about 25 minutes the fellowship attendance grew to 43 by the time that President Brad Sewall called the meeting to order. The ringing of the Rotary bell is one of the factors that we miss by meeting via Zoom. President Brad once again played a video of the singing of O Canada. A few members joined in while not muted.



By the time the meeting was in full swing, we had 42 members and 6 guests present, a lower total than last week. In a live meeting a few people might have been paying fines for late arrival. Jim Sawers welcomed the guests, who included our speaker Larry Davis, Val Alfaro, David Leslie, Katlyn McLaughlin, Stephen Dunk and Geoff Simmins.

We got an especially happy message from Christine Mihaledes, who told us that her husband and club member Peter Ruptash has finally been removed from a ventilator and is starting the probably long road to recovery from Covid-19.

Vannita Sapre offered a special invocation. She presented it first in her native Marathi language, and then in English. She followed with the Sunshine Report.

Member birthdays included Dennis T; Peter H

Spousal birthdays: Tien spouse of Bob C; Cheryl spouse of Rob M

Wedding anniversaries: Don and Deb McArthur

Rotary anniversaries: Jim Coyle for an amazing 31 years since he first joined!





Our meeting.

He doesn't even look much older than 31 (unless he lets his whiskers show up as white)!

Vannita's joke involved a bear in a bar. A play on words that at least didn't test the limits of politeness.

Walter Zuk advised the club that after his request for email votes on a Community Service Committee motion, it was passed effective April 29. The motion is:

Subject to the 3 other Calgary Rotary clubs providing, in concert with their District 5360 grants, \$42,500; and

subject to the Rotary Club of Calgary West providing the additional \$2,112; and

subject to District 5360 approving the repurposing for the purpose of all of the aforementioned grants, including RCCHP's;

on behalf of the Community Services Committee, I move that the Rotary Club of Calgary Heritage Park provide \$2,500 plus a \$3,000 District 5360 grant for our share of the purchase of a 3-ton refrigerated truck for the Leftovers Foundation.

President Brad then introduced his long-time friend Larry Davis as our guest speaker. After growing up in Moosomin, Saskatchewan, Larry has been a restaurateur for about 30 years, and told us about the stresses of surviving the current lockdown. He currently is an owner of 4 restaurants: Barley Mill; Rose & Crown; Kildare's Pub; and Poached.

Larry explained that even prior to the current pandemic lockdown, the increases in property taxes, higher minimum wages, and the economic downturn in the oil and gas industry were all hitting the food and beverage industry hard. It was death by a thousand cuts, with typical profit margins declining from about 15-17% to 7-9%. The current pandemic-related loss of business heading into the peak summer season will be a huge negative. Federal rent relief will help, but not solve longer term problems. His restaurants like most will adjust their systems to the expectations of clients for safe and healthy environments, post-pandemic. Rules requiring only 50% occupancy will also severely limit profit potential. It is also uncertain how easily the public will return to their past habits of frequenting restaurants. He expects a lot of casualties in the industry.

Katlyn McLaughlin from Inclusion Alberta gave us a helpful and concise update on how her organization is dealing with the current pandemic. They are still managing to do some good work under trying conditions.



Our meeting.

Velma Noble advised the club that there will be a webinar on May 5 titled Resiliency in Challenging Times. This is to be moderated by Velma, with several presenters from AHS, CMHA etc. It is in response to the growing awareness that many individuals and families are suffering stresses from the pandemic that lead to deterioration of their mental health. The webinar will offer help with coping strategies. Check this D5360 site for more info. <https://rotary5360.ca/event/resilience-in-challenging-times/>

We were bombarded with Happy bucks today. Many were justifiably related to Christine's good news about hubby Peter and his recovery progress.

Brad S: Peter R and a thank you to Larry Davis

Din P: Peter R and sadness for loss of armed forces members in the helicopter crash

Vannita S: enjoys walking in parks, and sad over passing of 2 Bollywood actors

Bill S: Peter R and good to see Val again

Bob C: announced his retirement, and the stress he expects to place on his spouse Tien

Fran H: her daughter is getting married, but she can't be present as the wedding is in Vancouver

Christine M: appreciation for all the good wishes for hubby Peter; she will be making a large donation to our fund in the Calgary Foundation as her thanks

Linda C: Peter R, Val's presence, Larry's talk, Bob's retirement; sadness over the helicopter crash

Walter Z: Peter R, Bob's retirement

Brian G: Peter R, Bob's retirement; noted that RAYEC has been cancelled for this year

Sheila T: Peter R, and Christine for her poise and strength during Peter's illness

Ginny M: Peter R, and her husband has a good prognosis from recent illness; sad that her mother passed away last week after a long-term illness

President Brad's parting words were:

I know that if I failed, I would not regret that, but I know the one thing that I might regret is not trying.

-From Jeff Bezos, CEO of Amazon

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☞ May 8, 2020	
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☞ Greeter	Sonntag, Roger
☞ Grace and Sunshine report	Sumner, Art
☞ Introduce and Thank speaker	Tillotson, Dennis
☞ Standard Reporter	Tyminski, Sheila

☞ May 15, 2020	
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☞ Greeter	Wellicome, Good Brad
☞ Grace and Sunshine Report	Wood, Ted
☞ Introduce and thank Speaker	Skinner, Bill
☞ Standard Reporter	Zuk, Walter

☞ May 22, 2020	
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☞ Greeter	Aitkenhead, Harold
☞ Grace and Sunshine report	Bailey, Lukas
☞ Introduce and Thank Speaker	
☞ Standard reporter	Bailey, Patricia

☞ May 29, 2020	
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☞ Greeter	Bedard, Joan
☞ Grace and Sunshine report	Blahun, Janet
☞ Introduce and Thank speaker	Cameron, Neil
☞ Standard Reporter	Campbell, Lynda

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The Rotary Club of Calgary Heritage Park Announcements

May 1	Larry Davis—Impact of Pandemic on businesses
May 8	YEX Valentina—Departure report
May 15	COVID-19 Guatemala update
May 22	Rotary Youth program Presentation
May 29	Classifications
June 12	Club Assembly