

THE STANDARD

Sept 24, 2021

President:
Doug MacDonald

Editor:
Joe Klassen

Reporter:
Sheila Tyminski

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?



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

In the beginning:

Our meeting began at 7:00 am, as an online (Zoom). President Doug provided land acknowledgment and welcome to all.

NATIONAL ANTHEM: "Walk off the Earth" rendition.

GRACE: Velma – from Mother Theresa, 5 steps to building peace.

INTRODUCTIONS: BY: Roger Sonntag

Visiting Rotarians: none

Guests: David Blair, who is also our guest speaker. Also late introduction by Doug McDonald of Karen Young, of Rotary Employment Partnership.

SUNSHINE REPORT: Velma Noble

Member Birthdays:

Geoffrey Sept. 26

Spouse Birthdays:

Kristine Hood Sept. 30

Anniversaries: none

Rotary Anniversaries: Greg Smyth 8 years, Alissa Pavilainan 7 years

Today's Speaker: David Blair

He is the owner of "Fish Tales" Flyshop

Store opened 20 years ago, currently in Avenida Shopping Centre

Different types of fish caught in different parts of the world, e.g. Brown Trout in Bow river

Standard retail store, busy towards end of the season, using different types of flies and equipment

Rotary
Club of Calgary Heritage Park



Our meeting.

Part of fly fishing is that you can make your own flies; start with a bare hook. Full on arts and crafts.

Have been in many places the last 15 years (around the world)

Spends more time in Cuba for travel than any other area; he may be there 4 different times in next 6 months, 2 for personal, 2 for tours. Typically go to the Bay of Pigs, where there is a fishing lodge. Does this in many parts of the world.

Examples of places he provides guided trips to include:

Christmas Island, via Honolulu (closed last 1 year and 9 months), very remote. An amazing place, people have very little, short life expectancy.

More standard is Cancun

Also central Amazon, will set up a trip north of Manaus, where they fish for bass and other cool fish, there's lots of jungle wildlife around.

Last airplane trip was Dec. 2019, to Seychelles, where they were hit with 2 hurricanes during that time.

Belize, Bahamas, other places in the Caribbean

Argentina (warm area in north, cold area in south).

Closer to home, David started 30 years ago fishing the lakes in northern part of Canadian Shield.

Almost no one goes there. It is some of the best fishing on the planet. Pick a lodge, a true valuable resource, pike, lake trout, walleye. David highly recommends a trip here.

He showed a video of fly fishing at Policemen Flats, which is within city of Calgary, boat is called The Office. There was about 100 years of fly fishing experience in the boat (3 guys). He described the technique which this scribe was unable to catch, to give it justice (maybe a trip to his shop for more information??). They fished for trout.

In the tropics (mostly the Caribbean), David listed fish species, the most common being Bone Fish.

They live and eat in shallow waters 5-6 inches deep, to they need to use an inch long fly.

In Australia and Indian Ocean area they fish for Queen Fish.

One of his favourites, a fish to catch is the Permit; they are very hard to catch, so it is a low return.

Fly fishing requires sight fishing, and in one recent trip he had 35 opportunities, caught only one.

Tarpin fish, can get 200-300 lb. although they usually catch smaller ones, as they are easier to catch.

In Northern Canada, he recommends a trip where you fly to Cree Lake from Ft. McMurray. The lodges are fantastic lodges. Fish for Lake Trout, Northern Pike (can catch up to 45 inches long). It is a short season, may be window of 5-12 weeks between June-Sept.

One can fly fish for almost any fish except larger marlin and tuna.

In the Amazon they travel NW from Manaus. They fish for many types of fish including Peacock Bass. The area is very beautiful, with remote, sandy shores.

Q&A:

Velma, asked about the Maritimes for fly fishing – David has one guide from NB, another from Cape Breton Island. The main fish in Eastern Canada is the Atlantic Salmon, which is where fly fishing began. There are different rules in the Maritimes, as there are private waters; you have to pay to fish on specific properties (rivers). (David has not been there himself). Velma chal-

Our meeting.

lenged him, to fish there. David may go to Labrador, where it is more remote, it is on his very long bucket list.

Brad W: asked about boat design for fly fishing: the Bow is very basic to float; it needs to be slightly rockered, designed to go onto white water rapids, so maneuverable. In AB, the wind is the issue, as it affects the boat.

Graham: fly vs other types of fishing (spin casting): fly fishing represents 3-4% of all fishing in the world, people are attracted to it because more difficult. Need to dedicate time to learning, and endless amount of things to learn, what the fish are eating, etc, it becomes a life long obsession.

Jim D: how much is catch and release? Depends on rules in places. Bow River all catch and release, also in mountain streams. For people who fly fish, this is not the goal.

Brian G. Whirling Disease? It is a parasite from Europe (the trout itself is an invasive species, so the parasite came with it); it is in all our watersheds where there are trout, it will not disappear. The parasite affects small fish. So far Crow's Nest has been hit the hardest in AB, as man parts of AB are a little too cold for the parasite. Elsewhere (e.g. parts of US) they have experienced devastation of the trout population. Mitigation practices include always cleaning your gear when moving from one place to another, so you are not moving the parasite around.

Hw was thanked by Tracey Vavrek, who presented a certificate on his behalf, to help end polio.

MINUTE PEOPLE:

Vince – move to eradicate polio, encourage everyone to read email and get involved. Last week, noted we have a \$3200 goal. Any contributions by individual club members, get a charitable tax receipt and contributes to our club goal. Deadline Oct. 24th.

Doug MacDonald: one thing to make a difference, thank you from Rotary Challenger Park, Tournament of Diamonds, our club was one of the sponsors.

Ginny a reminder for the hike on Oct. 1st: meets our COVID restrictions as it is outdoors. Meet at trailhead at 11 am. Harry will send more information about gear, location, lunch.

Ginny: Heritage Park Club Services presents a new event: Scavenger Hunt on Wheels. Oct. 23, 3 pm, it is scavenger hunt on wheels. No experience required. Work with friends, drive through neighbourhood to gather things on the list. Then convene at Rose and Crown afterwards.

Bill S: sweat equity opportunity Ugamma Grammas. Need help to move things from warehouse (Magic of Christmas) to sale location (Marda Loop Community Centre). Have to carry things down stairs. Week of October 11, pick up trailer (donated by Jim D and Ted W). Oct. 14 pick up goods, store it overnight. Rotary Calgary Connect also helping. Morning Oct. 15, at Marda Loop CC, need 1-2 people help unload. Then after the sale on Saturday (end of day) need a bit of help to pick up props and goods and move back to Magic of Christmas. Need a pick-up truck, a

Our meeting.

few people. Let Bill know. Ugamma Grammas raises funds to support AIDS impacted families in Africa, thus far they have contributed over \$1M. Note need an experienced person to pull a trailer. Jim can do some of this. It is 6x12, dry weight 2000 lb. A full SUV can pull it. Doug M has a location to drop the trailer off.

Update re:; next week: so far, interest for in-person does not look encouraging, deadline 2:00 pm today. If not, club will rethink the meeting plans.

Finally – Steve Dunk not here, bad service. But where is he this week? By Bruce trail, on his way to Kakabeka Falls in Ontario and will be back by next Friday.

HAPPY BUCKS:

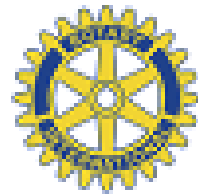
Bob Clark, on a walk through Kensington, was asked a question on the street, which went to national news. Had lunch with Walter Zuk who says hello. And hurrah for anniversary of the release of Nirvana's second studio album *Nevermind*, released first on September 24, 1991. It was the first album to feature drummer [Dave Grohl](#). *Nevermind* features a more polished, radio-friendly sound than the band's prior work, and is therefore considered a significant departure from their debut album, *Bleach*.

Karen Young of Rotary Employment Partnership gave a shout out to Darryl Luhr, for all his work on the Rotary Employment Partnership, they are now looking for a new person from RCCHP to help get employment to persons with intellectual disabilities. (Doug indicated it would be discussed at upcoming Board meeting).

Doug M happy buck for the mobile vaccination van, which came to the Dalhousie Farmers Market on Thursday; the nurses reported that it was about the busiest they had been, very positive.

CLOSING REMARKS:

- stay tuned re next week (in person or online, and topic).
- The week after, Mark and Monica will provide classification talks.
- Thanks to everyone who sent pictures, John R (all staff assigned to our meetings are fully vaccinated). Rob for speaker, Max for facilitating volunteers
- In closing Doug recited the 4 way test. Have a great week!



Position	Assigned Member
October 8, 2021	
Greeter	Amabilis, Monica
Grace and Sunshine report	Aitkenhead, Harold
Introduce and Thank Speaker	Blahun, Janet
Standard reporter	Bedard, Joan
October 15, 2021	
Greeter	Blahun, Janet
Grace and Sunshine report	Bourassa, Ed
Introduce and Thank speaker	Campbell, Lynda
Standard Reporter	Christmas, Stan
October 22, 2021	
Greeter	Clark, Bob
Grace and Sunshine Report	Davis, Jim
Introduce and Thank Speaker	Hood, Doug
Standard Reporter	Drake, Graham
October 29, 2021	
Greeter	Dunk, Steve
Grace and Sunshine Report	Gentles, Brian
Introduce and thank Speaker	Clark, Bob
Standard Reporter	Gray, Garry
November 5, 2021	
Greeter	Harding, Peter
Grace and Sunshine report	Harvey, Martin
Introduce and Thank speaker	Le, Kathy
Standard Reporter	Hochhausen, Fran

**THE ROTARY CLUB OF CALGARY
HERITAGE PARK**

**P.O. BOX 30261
CHINOOK RPO**

**WEAR YOUR
ROTARY PIN**



The Rotary Club of Calgary Heritage Park Announcements

Oct 8	Classification—Monica Amibilis, Mark Rowe
Oct 15	Nic Blanchet—Friends of Fish Creek Society
Oct 22	Sheila Tyminski—Food Insecurity
Oct 29	Bob Clark—Toastmasters Interactive morning
Nov 5	David Spence—CTV Meteorologist
Nov 11	Rotary Remembers
Nov 12	No Meeting.