

Program: Remarks by District Governor Hadi

In the beginning

Some good humour and fellowship was enjoyed prior to our meeting. One of the participants kept his box screen blank and typed his name as "Not Pardeep." When someone finally noticed this oddity, the box bounced to life. But it was only **Shaw-Wood** trying to pretend he was a Jack-in-the-box. Nothing new there.

The Meeting Begins

President Carolyn opened the 15th meeting of this Rotary Year, and 26th meeting on-line, at 12:32 PM, welcoming us with an upbeat greeting. District Governor **Hadi Mortada** also spoke up to wish us well.

President Caroline then advised that Saturday, Oct. 10 was World Health Day. There is a connection between our diets and mental health. Some beneficial foods include sardines, tuna, walnuts and anything with Omega-3. How exciting.

President Carolyn then shared the screen for a bilingual National Anthem, so well performed by the Ottawa Bach Choir. Their voices were magnificent, despite a slightly delayed audio and the presence of our Governor General who popped up in a middle box along with the singers.

Toastmaster

Our toastmaster today was **Doreen Ide**, who joined the club in 1996. She reviewed the Polio campaign, which had been begun by past R I President Clem after R I had decided to expand their focus to include international problems. Polio was then identified as the #1 international health concern for Rotary attention, and we have had with very significant success since then. **Doreen** quite reasonably toasted R I Past President Clem.

Invocation

Frank Cranton prayed for divine help so that we could function effectively during the pandemic.

Guests

Our guests were introduced by **President Caroline**: Rotarian Mustafa from Egypt (who has a banner to exchange) ;Trish Buller, a guest of **Jen Ahde**; and Keith Nixon. **President Carolyn** welcomed them and thanked them for their presence. A banner exchange with Mustafa was sadly deferred given the circumstances.

Birthdays

Three birthdays were announced: **Bea Osome**, **Lynne Fraser** and **Keith Henry**, who turned 91 to a round of applause. **Keith** advised us that he had enjoyed a special dinner on Oct. 12, which is now followed daily by leftovers. **Keith** gave credit to his dear wife for his longevity.

PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our District Conference will happen (virtually) between October 16-18th. We are urged to register. Sponsors and silent auction items are still needed. The list of seminar topics and internet address codes for each are attached to this report. The speakers will be excellent, we are informed.

Our club received a gift of 2 (toy) giraffes from the Madzou Primary School in Kenya for the help we have provided. The talented **Graeme Fraser** will handle the auctioning of these gentle creatures (No feeding of eucalyptus is required, please note.)

World Polio Day is Oct 24th-we are invited to donate to this worthy cause.

The 'Mums' floral fund raiser, Cash Calendars and Music for Humanities will return in 2021.

Regarding 'Succession Planning', our club is seeking a Chair for the Mums campaign. We were advised that a new Treasurer would be named soon. (Mentoring to be provided by **Linda Flynn**.)

Our Food Bank and local charities need our help. Can we donate our luncheon fees to help them?

We are informed by R I that Rotary has achieved a 99% reduction in world polio cases. Those wishing to donate can do so via: [end polio.org](https://polio.org).

THE PRESENTATION

Our guest speaker was **Governor Hadi**, who was introduced by **President Carolyn**.

Governor Hadi, in addition to his 27 year career with the Ottawa Sun, has a long list of Rotary achievements, including: club Past President; Area D G; and his current position as District Governor overseeing District 7040. He initially became involved with Rotary after P P **Chris Wanna** took him to three of our tasty Rotary luncheons. Then President **Doug Hylands** interviewed **Hadi** and then also took him to lunch.

Governor Hadi reported that he wanted to 'give back' to his community and was impressed with the club. Then when he became ill in 2007, our Club became his 'family'. Visits from **Stuart Picozzi**, **Nigel Lever** and others followed and were how he came to truly appreciate Rotary.

Hadi talked about our changing society and how we are adapting to the virtual world. During a visit to a regional meeting in San Diego this past January, he heard that consistency and support (via partnerships with other groups) will be vitally important to R I' s future. He advised us that keeping our website current will be important for accuracy and effective communication.

Hadi also suggested that we seek a citation from R I for having achieved some 13 of was impressed with the club and our 25 goals.

Retention of our members is extremely important. Let us each reach out to other members and stay in touch with them.

We need wider visibility for Rotary and social media can be very helpful to improve this condition by publicizing our achievements. The ever

capable **Graeme Fraser** (that is twice we have complimented this fellow in this report) has offered to help us to know and use these facilities. (I must assume he was joking in reference to Tik Tok, the Chinese video sharing social networking device, but these days, who knows, eh?)

Hadi also mentioned the importance of working with other organizations, including Toastmasters and other service clubs, on projects and ideas to enhance our Rotary profile! We should also invite former Rotarians and friends to join our luncheons and our service-related efforts.

Hadi set a great example recently of 'getting his own hands dirty' with river and park cleanups.

This weekend's District Conference will feature good speakers, so let us get registered and learn some good things!

President Caroline thanked our distinguished speaker.

Ginette Thomas was inspired by **Governor Hadi** and asked whether R I has considered the health risk of tuberculosis. Our speaker acknowledged its importance, but could not advise how R I might deal with this situation.

Rob Shaw-Wood then suggested that since polio only remained in Pakistan and Afghanistan, and both countries were impossible to target successfully at this time because of warfare and lack of electricity in remote areas for vaccine storage, perhaps it was time for R I to move its attention for the time being to other diseases.

Clive Talbot replied to express concern that we should not abandon polio, since it can still spread from this small base. Let's not abandon the campaign at this time, when we are so close to success.

Don Butler felt that there is too much focus on Covid 19 and asked as well whether R I should focus on other disease areas?

Given that we earned a citation from R I in 2019, can we repeat this year? A review of our achievements (13 of 25) will be discussed next week.

Graeme Fraser's virtual 'Music for Humanities' will occur on Oct. 24 at 7 PM, an exceptional 5 act performance. Later showings will also be offered on Sunday, Monday or subsequent times. Thanks are also due to **Linda** and **Brett**.

HAPPY DOLLARS was Emceed by **Jen Soucy**.

Jean Begin urged us all to contact those who can't Zoom.

Sue Cross sent greetings.

Keith Henry kindly donated \$91 for his birthday celebration and a further \$60 for his long Rotary career.

Andrew Young told us that **Eric Armstrong** has poor Internet reception, so little contact with him is possible, except by phone.

Don Butler advised that he has good Internet reception with Digicom.

Susan Diening thanked all participating Rotarians for their mask purchases, \$10 each.

Governor Hadi told us that these masks will arrive soon.

A Question arose about Calendar cash draws, which are still delayed. We all hope that they can begin soon.

CLOSING

President Caroline then reported that our speaker next week will be Judy Lincoln, Executive Director of the Westboro Business Improvement Area. In closing the session, she asked us to consider 'How did we join Rotary? Can we invite a friend to see us in action?'

She suggested we be 'Covid-wise' and adjourned us at 1:40 PM.

District Conference 2020 – Your Questions Answered!

Haven't registered for District Conference yet? Curious about how a virtual conference will work? Hopefully, this will answer some of your questions!

WHO WILL (OR SHOULD) BE THERE?

District Conference is a coming together of Rotarians from across the District but ***it's not just for Rotarians!*** Family, friends, acquaintances, anyone curious about Rotary and what it does, are invited to join us for motivating speakers, engaging dialogue, and a uniquely fun experience.

WHAT WILL IT BE LIKE?

This virtual District Conference is a series of sessions (plenaries and break outs) that you can access via your computer on Zoom. We've scheduled them in short sessions spread out over the course of 3 days so that you won't be sitting in front of your screen for too long at any one time!

The Plenary Sessions will be in Webinar Mode, so you'll be able to see the speakers, but they won't be able to see you. The Breakout Sessions (and cocktail party on Friday evening!) will be in Meeting Mode so you will see everyone who is there and have opportunity to interact.

And you don't have to miss out on other great parts of a District Conference like the House of Friendship or the Silent Auction. We've got those too! Just click on each of the links below.

Online Auction

Bid on the many items that we have. Proceeds will go to The Rotary Foundation.

Register for the House of Friendship
Take part in our conference program and register for:
Booth 1-4
Booth 5-8
Booth 9-?

WHEN IS THE DISTRICT CONFERENCE HAPPENING?

It's just a few days away – October 16-18, 2020. Sessions take place Friday afternoon, Friday evening, Saturday morning, Saturday lunch hour, and Sunday morning. You can register for whichever sessions you want to attend.

WHERE IS IT TAKING PLACE?

This is a completely virtual conference that you can access via Zoom. Our speakers will be joining us from across the continent. So, find a comfortable spot in your home, get your computer screen in front of you, and join in!

WHY SHOULD YOU ATTEND?

District Conferences are always an opportunity to connect with other Rotarians and get inspired. This is more important than every right now!

And it's free – probably the only time you will be able to attend a District Conference at no expense to you!

FINAL LINKS TO ALL SESSIONS

Here are the final links to all sessions for Rotary District 7040's Conference, listed by day, time, and session. **All times are Eastern.**

There are no passcodes. You'll be admitted through a Waiting Room.

Friday, October 16, 2020

4:00-5:00 PM **District Business Meeting**, Meeting ID: 943 2971 5331, <https://zoom.us/j/94329715331>

7:00-9:00 PM **Opening Plenary & Virtual Cocktail Party**, Meeting ID: 939 4523 8498, <https://zoom.us/j/93945238498>

Saturday, October 17, 2020

10:00-10:45 AM **PLENARY**, Michael Angelo Caruso, Meeting ID: 969 3447 1794, <https://zoom.us/j/96934471794>

11:00AM - 11:45 AM **BREAKOUT SESSIONS**

#1- **First Impressions**, Michael Angelo Caruso, Meeting ID: 869 6486 3254, <https://zoom.us/j/86964863254>

#2. **Partnering with Youth**, Maddy Pawlowski, Meeting ID: 832 5664 6782, <https://zoom.us/j/83256646782>

#3 **Innovative Club Models**, Maddie Roy, Meeting ID: 84126699109, <https://zoom.us/j/84126699109>

#4. **District 7040 Green Initiative**, Rick Conney, Meeting ID:

816 5821 7499, <https://zoom.us/j/81658217499>

#5 **Growing Rotary, PDG Bonnie Black**, Meeting ID: 854 7719 7180, <https://zoom.us/j/85477197180>

12:30 PM -1:15 PM **VIRTUAL LUNCH PLENARY**, Keynote: Dr. Todd "BowTie" Jenkins, Meeting ID: 977 9189 0911, <https://zoom.us/j/97791890911>

Sunday, October 18, 2020

10:00 AM- 10:45 AM. **BREAKOUT SESSIONS**

#1. **Simple Tech Tools to Tell / Share Stories**, Rushton Hurley, Meeting ID: 869-6486 3254, <https://zoom.us/j/86964863254>

#2. **ABCs and 123s of Rotary**, RI Director Valarie Wafer, Meeting ID 832 5664 6782, <https://zoom.us/j/83256646782>

#3 **Partnerships Open Opportunities**, Anna Van Adrichem-Rochon, Meeting ID: 841-2669 9109, <https://zoom.us/j/84126699109>

#4 **Family Friendly Rotary**, Jacinthe Paille & Cynthia Surette, Meeting ID: 816 5821 7499, <http://zoom.us/j/81658217499>

#5. **Same But Different: Rotary and Rotaract**, Riley Weymann, Meeting ID: 854 7719 7180, <https://zoom.us/j/85477197180>

11:00 AM-12:15 PM **CLOSING PLENARY** RI Director Valarie Wafer, Rushton Hurley, Meeting ID:965 5501 7738, <https://zoom.us/j/96555017738>