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## MARCH IS WATER AND SANITATION MONTH

Happy Birthday	Happy Anniversary
Apr. 5: Ken Holland	

### UPCOMING SPEAKERS:

Mar 30: Ridge Meadows Salvation Army	Apr 6: Ridge Meadows Foundry Society	Apr 13:
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### OUR CLUB LAST WEEK'S MEETING:

President **Clint Callison** presided.  
 [Did you know that it was one year ago, on March 17, 2020, that our in-person meetings were cancelled?]

Program: Teri Worthington Coombs - UNICEF in Yemen



### About our Speaker: **Teri Worthington Coombs**



Born and raised in Manitoba, Teri has called Toronto home since 1999. A passion for the arts and social change drew her to fundraising and not-for-profit administration and she has been honoured to develop and grow her skills in this area at The National Ballet of Canada, Opera Atelier, Soupepper

Theatre Company and **currently the Deputy Director of Development for UNICEF Canada** for the past four years. An avid support of arts and culture and committed to philanthropy, she supports numerous organizations including Community Food Centres Canada, the Toronto Public Library Foundation, the Art Gallery of Ontario and Samara.

### About UNICEF:

UNICEF is the short form of "United Nations Children's Fund", and was the world's first international organization for children, established by the United Nations General Assembly on December 11, 1946 under the name "United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund". In 1953, UNICEF became a permanent part of the UN family of organizations, broadening its mandate to address the long-term needs of children around the world. Although the words

"International" and "Emergency" were no longer in its official name, 'UNICEF' was retained as an acronym. Its very first mandate was to meet the urgent needs of children after World War II. UNICEF is guided by the 1989 Convention on the Rights of the Child, advocating for the protection of children's rights, helping to meet their basic needs, and giving them a fair chance to reach their full potential. UNICEF is on the ground before, during and long after humanitarian emergencies, leading international response in water and sanitation, nutrition, education and child protection. UNICEF works in 190 countries, and has regional and sub-regional offices in those countries.



UNICEF's global supply chain and local presence mean it can rapidly send help, even before it's needed. Teri pointed out that UNICEF can deliver its pre-positioned life saving supplies where needed around the world within 72 hours from its network of suppliers. It has been called upon to help with the distribution of Covid vaccines and supplies to lower- and middle-income countries. In the first 23 days after the time when vaccines became available, 28 million vaccines were distributed in 46 countries, and UNICEF has been called upon to help distribute 4 billion vaccines by the end of this year. Teri says, "Like Rotary's efforts in eradicating polio, UNICEF thinks big, and helps those who are the hardest to reach". UNICEF partnered with Rotary and other organizations to eradicate polio. Teri credits their work in partnering with Rotary on the eradication of polio to their success because this set the framework for the delivery of the vaccines and the education about its safety.

## UNICEF in Yemen

Yemen is suffering the largest humanitarian crisis in the world, with more than 24 million people – some 80 per cent of the population – in need of humanitarian assistance, including more than 12 million children. Since the conflict escalated in March 2015, the country has become a “living hell” for the country’s children. Now, with COVID-19 spreading, Yemen is facing an emergency within an emergency. Sanitation and clean water are in short supply. Only half of health facilities are functioning, and many that remain operational lack basic equipment like masks and gloves, let alone oxygen and other essential supplies to treat the coronavirus. Many health workers are receiving no salaries or incentives.

Children continue to be killed and maimed in the conflict, while the damage and closure of schools and hospitals has disrupted access to education and health services, leaving children even more vulnerable and robbing them of their futures. 5.8 million schoolchildren have had their education disrupted, and 2 million children are out of education completely. Teacher work without pay. Meanwhile, nearly 2.3 million children under the age of five in Yemen are projected to suffer from acute malnutrition in 2021. Of these, 400,000 are expected to suffer from severe acute malnutrition and could die if they do not receive urgent treatment. A dangerous combination of factors, driven by conflict and economic decline and now exacerbated by COVID-19, have compounded the dire situation for Yemen’s youngest children. UNICEF is on the ground to save children’s lives, to help them cope with the impact of conflict, and to help them to recover and resume their childhoods.

## Happy and Sad:

Several members had some sad dollars for the crisis in Yemen.

On a “happier sad” note, to quote the old Bob Dylan song, “The Times They Are A-Changin’”. Ineke and Peter enjoyed watching the old Muppet movie with their grandchildren, but the grandchildren were not impressed:



“This is not fun - nothing is happening”.



“Hey, down there.

What do you mean it wasn’t fun? It was a riot !!”

**Fine Master Roger** hit up those up for a dollar who did not know the answer to the following two questions:

**Question #1:** “Service above self” is Rotary’s best-known motto. What is Rotary’s second motto adopted by Rotary International in 1950?

Answer: “**He profits most who serves best**”.



**Question #2:** When and where was the first Rotary Club formed in Canada?

Answer: the **Winnipeg Rotary Club** held its first meeting in 1910, making it the first Rotary Club outside the United States. In December 1911 the Winnipeg Club became affiliated with the National Association of Rotary Clubs and in April 1912 a charter was signed and Rotary INTERNATIONAL was formed.

## Happy Announcement:

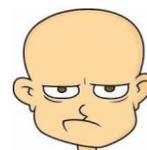
The **Westminster Savings Credit Union** has merged with Prosperity Credit Union (but has retained its name), and they have joined forces to donate \$2,300 to pay for four Starfish Packs.

**Ineke** advised that the backpack program currently has \$42,000 in its account which will be sufficient to pay for the program until the end of this Rotary year, but we need to be planning ahead for next year. It costs between \$1600 and \$2000 per week to fund the program, which feeds 130 kids.

Today’s Quote (shortened version, with apologies to our president):



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Submitted by **Laurie Anderson**

## EXECUTIVE'S MARCH MEETING:

At the last Executive's Board meeting they straightened out, who is on the Board for this and next years.

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