

Our Mexican Connection

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This primary school is in Colmena, which is between La Peñita and Guayabitos in Mexico.

Rotary built an outdoor kitchen, 6 cement tables and benches, and put a shade roof over it that is used for outdoor classes and lunches.



Photos courtesy Bev Tonkinson

The classrooms had the desks repaired and the black/green boards painted.

The toilets had the plumbing parts replaced, and also the pipes from the well to the tenaca (water tank) on the bathroom roof.



A couple of years ago, raised garden beds were also built and used to grow veggies, but the teacher who helped with this has since gone to another school.

All this was able to be done as part of the "All School Projects" with the donation from the Calgary Chinook Rotary.



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Rob Wolfson

My amazing wife Angela has finally received her business license, just in time for Covid-19 to impact her business start-up. Until we get back to whatever our new normal will be, she has set-up a 'Take and Make' project option. She has 4 amazing projects you can pick-up with the materials pre-cut, including instructions on how to complete the assembly yourself, for a fun project to occupy your time while we self isolate. She also created 2 fun ideas specifically for Easter.

Pay online and non-contact pick up is available. Check out her website at www.rustedpetal.ca under the 'Take and Make' drop down menu. Please send the website to others in your family that are looking for some fun at home projects to do!!



I will be making a donation to the CRCF as a thank you and in payment for my sending out this 'ad'. Just make sure you mention Rotary, and she will track numbers to determine my fine for this promotion.

Polio History

April 12th is the 65th anniversary of Dr. Jonas Salk announcing the world's first ever polio vaccine.

On April 12th, 1955 Dr Salk also announced he would not patent the vaccine and would instead give it away free. When asked why he didn't want the money, he replied: "Could you patent the Sun?"



"Donkeys are known for having a reputation – sometimes deserved, other times less so – for being stubborn. A donkey will sometimes plant its feet and refuse to move, instead preferring to stay put."

BE LIKE BART. IF YOU DON'T HAVE AN ESSENTIAL REASON TO GO OUT, PLANT YOUR FEET AND STAY PUT! 😊



Now I am not saying that our Bart is stubborn, but the similarity..?..

Tuesday Meeting with RI President

Participate in the ZOOM meeting of the Rotary Club of Calgary which is taking place at noon on Tuesday April 14th. Rotary International President Mark Maloney will be making a presentation.

In order to join this meeting please take the following steps:

1. Go to www.peopleofaction.ca
2. The page you will see is entitled "COVID - 19 Information Hub"
3. Scroll downward, past the picture of Christine, past the "Keep up to date with these trusted sources", to the "Club Meetings, Learn more" section
4. Hit the "learn more" tab in the Club Meetings section
5. You will see a list of Clubs — on the left hand side, the first club is Brooks, immediately under this is Calgary Centennial, and under this is Calgary Chinook and then, still on the left hand side, is the Rotary Club of Calgary
Just below this site is the one you are seeking:
2019-2020 R.I. President Mark Maloney's Presentation
When: April 14th, 2020 at 12:00 pm
"Join Meeting"
6. Hit "Join meeting" and you should be into the meeting

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Next Meeting

April 21st

ZOOM meeting at noon ... be sure to join in! (see the March 31st e-Arch for instructions, or contact Rob Wolfson) **Note the date change from the 14th!**

President's Dinner

September 19th

@ MacKenzie Meadows Golf Club — contact George Kimura

Interesting Ideas

I heard the Mayor on TV and he referred to an online site www.calgary.ca/athome I looked at the site and it contains some interesting information including crafts and games, staying active, learning and virtual tour connections with city firms.

Paul Gaudet

On-line Youth Site

During these weird and sad times, I wanted to share my new YouTube channel. Although it is directed to the young, please share it around, and watch me. I am focussing on mental health, family, and change in our lives. Show your grand kids. Follow along with the art! Come and enjoy the time. www.youtube.com/channel/UCenNvI90QrapMtxALrFVWQg

Subscribe also. If I get any money raised, my school's charity this year is the Humane Society, so all the money will go there!

Kevin Legare B.A, B.Ed, M.Ed, Okotoks Rotary Youth Exchange Chair

Did You Know? ... A New One

Jim Thompson, Charter Member, Club Historian

Did You Know? We recently paused to celebrate our 43rd Anniversary of receiving our R.I. Charter, which was issued March 14th, 1977.

I made a brief presentation to the Club this year, around that time, which was mentioned in the ARCH. Here are a few more facts associated with that event.

The actual celebration of being chartered was held a month later, on April 12th, 1977 as a gala dinner event at the ballroom in the Palliser Hotel, attended by almost all the club charter members and 3 proposed new members, District Governor Harold Allen, and representatives from all Calgary Rotary Clubs existing at the time, including our 2 principal sponsoring clubs, the Rotary Club of Calgary and the Rotary Club of Calgary South. We received club gifts from all clubs in attendance, including the Rotary club bell and stand, the podium and song books, (the latter of which seem to have disappeared). All of our new board members were introduced by classification. One, Art Severs, was introduced as Senior Active.

Our meetings were announced to begin taking place at the Tradewinds Hotel, Tuesdays at 12:15 pm. Larry Ryder, the charter member who managed the Tradewinds, did not attend this event, nor did two other charter members, Howard Gardner and Al Hollbrook, both of whom were in the retail business at Chinook Mall, all of whom were working that night.

Over the years to follow, we saw a number of members come and go, some who retired and moved away, others that passed away, and some that chose not to continue. At the 43rd Anniversary, we still have 4 ORIGINAL CHARTER MEMBERS, all of which have served the club in a variety of functions, and on projects and all have served as Presidents.



Quarantine Day 35: Went to this restaurant called 'THE KITCHEN'. You have to gather all the ingredients and make your own meal. I have no clue how this place is still in business!



Did You Know? ... A Re-Run

Jim Thompson, Charter Member, Club Historian

Did you know? Two of our members, Bruce MacDonald (who was a Downtown Club member at the time) and Jim Thompson, served as members of the Board of Directors for the RI Host Committee, leading up to the very successful 1996 RI convention held here in Calgary. The committee was Co-Chaired by the late Gardy Shaw, of the Calgary South Club, well known to us all and a frequent meeting visitor, who was a wonderful example of 'Service above Self'. Jim Thompson also served on the Bid Committee, which made several trips to RI headquarters to eventually be successful in securing the convention in a bidding war with other clubs from other countries. So many Rotarians attended this convention, we had them billeted in hotels from Red Deer to Lethbridge, as Calgary didn't have sufficient hotel rooms to accommodate all!

Rotary Foundation Donations

We (the Board) are trying to make it easier for members to make a donation to the Rotary Foundation.

Go to:

www.rotary.org/en/donate

Click on it and make a donation! It's that simple!

Anthony Tonkinson



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Remember to contact Pat Hutchinson with any updates and information on the health of the Club!

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