



March 31st ZOOM Meeting Minutes

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Members began to gather for the meeting at 12:00pm as PE Rob initiated the online meeting. For the next few minutes members sorted out the "how to" for ZOOM, and "most" figured out how to mute their mikes. It became clear that "muting" was a critical skill to learn as the dog barking, a quiet cough, or word to a significant other in the room cut into the person then speaking. So remember to "mute"!

PE Rob then brought the meeting to order at 12:10pm. Ruth played O Canada and the mumbling of the non-muters could be heard singing along. We started with 27 members in attendance, increasing to 33 as the meeting got going.

President Paul brought us up to date on the various goings on. The Board has decided to cancel all April meetings. The next meeting will be held on April 14th by ZOOM. As we all become more proficient at this online technology, a speaker may be booked.

Conversations continued on the Covid-19 impact. At this time the planning for RibFest is ongoing.

PE Rob reminded us about the Limericks online networking meeting scheduled for 7:00pm on April 1st.

Bev Tonkinson did Birthday and Anniversary announcements, and the list can be found in this issue. Ruth went back to the piano and Happy Birthday was sung.

Sunshine Report: Moe Tynan is getting back up to speed and is now able to drive again. Still some way to go. Jim Hennesey and George Kimura traded stories about their recovery from knee replacement surgery, Jim definitely had the saddest tale to tell. S@A Bart was soon to fine them both for their whining tales.

Youth Services Director Rhea Graham brought us up to date on some goings on with Interact, and efforts to remain connected with our youth through the current lock down.

Dave Wylie talked about stress management but unfortunately his connection broke up a lot, showing we have lots to yet learn about online presentations.

George Kimura reported that the spring Presidents Dinner has been rescheduled to the fall, and is now planned for September 19th.

John McBean is in self-isolation, but reported that his son's company is very active presently making the plexiglass panels to protect store personnel that are being installed at many stores around Calgary.

Syed Ahmed, joining us from Pakistan, reported on the hearing project grant application progress. He and his wife hope to start making their way back to Calgary in a few weeks, if and when international travel opens up again.

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Bev Tonkinson informed us of her "Good News" that daughter Amy is going to have twins in September. So she and Anthony will be kept busy as their suite of grandchildren expands.

The meeting then concluded with best wishes for all to stay well. If any member needs assistance in any way, please contact the Club. We are in this together and are stronger with the support we can provide to each other.

NOTE received afterwards from President Paul Gaudet:

Good afternoon folks, I just want to tell everyone how much fun it was to take part in our very first ZOOM meeting today. We had a

very good number of participants (33) and we welcomed Syed from Islamabad, Sandy from Mazatlan and Ron from Victoria. The best part for me was seeing our Rotary friends ... it's been too long.

Special thanks to Rob for inspiring and hosting this meeting using the ZOOM technology. We hope to hold our second ZOOM meeting in two weeks, on April 14th. Please note it in your schedule and join us, you will enjoy it.

*Keep safe,
Paul*

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Member Birthdays:

Ian Burgess (01), Dale Perret (01),
Robert Gentles (18)

Spouse Birthdays:

Ruth Wylie (01), Patsy Steen (18),
Connie Hussey (25)

Anniversaries:

Neil & Lois Beatty (54),
Albert & Laurinda Amaniampong
(28), Bill & Maria Stemp (18),
Gordon & Mary Billings (61), George & Carol Van Schaick (29)

Joined Rotary Anniversaries:

Ron Hardie (26), Fred Jessee (35), Ron May (23)



Did You Know? ... A Re-Run

Did you know? From about 1978 through 1990 or so, we had a wonderful, fun social connection with the Invermere BC Rotary Club. Every spring, we had a joint golf tournament for members, at the Springs GC in Radium known as the 'Kootenay Klassic'. We altered prize-giving responsibilities through donors, from Calgary and Invermere, and the Calgary participants were accommodated at the recreation home of Jim and Judy Thompson.

We expanded the fellowship to an annual slow pitch baseball game as well, and always had our butts kicked! In 1983, we did a joint venture community project at the Invermere Museum site, known as "Flags of our Nation". It is a display of all provincial flags, a large flower bed and a dedication rock with a plaque that identifies both clubs. It still exists, however our fellowship association with Invermere Rotary has faded.

ZOOM Networking Meeting April 1st



The monthly Limericks Networking meeting was held on April 1st ... online using ZOOM, with beverages in hand. PE Rob played that "Wasn't That a Party" to start us off in a good mood, but proceeded to mute himself so the rest of us only had that ear worm to sing along to!

There were 22 participants signed in, and adding in significant others, we made it to almost 30 in attendance. We had status reports from various attendees. The impact on individuals and their companies was discussed.

DG Christine talked about the goings-on in District 5360, and called for us to stay tuned as there were a number of things in the pipe.

We were joined by Kamil Kanji of the Western Canada Interact Club and heard what they are up to.

We were then serenaded by Manon a Calgary Club Rotarian and President of the Calgary Civic Symphony. After a bit of background on the symphony, and what they were up to these days, she played for us on her violin. Some technical issues, but overall very pleasant and uplifting to hear.

Towards the end of the meeting, Fred Jesse joined the meeting, calling in from Parksville. He and May have celebrated their 72nd Anniversary (with Fred doing a shift that day at RibFest YYC).

It was a great meeting and one to be repeated soon as we strive to be supportive and keep in contact.

Member News and Happenings...

Syed Ahmed

On April 2nd, I had a meeting with RCIM (Host Club) at a recently vacated residence with social distancing.



Good News / Bad News

Stephen Pick

I want to express my thanks to PE Rob Wolfson, who with the support of the Board, has worked to keep us connected by bringing us into the ZOOM generation.



Also thanks to Bart Dailey for his messages each morning that this too shall pass, and that we will get back together for fellowship in the future.

And, a big Thank You to all of our members who are out there supporting the community in some way. No matter how big or small the effort, it all adds up to get us to a good place when this event passes.

Rob Wolfson

Before the City declared its State of Emergency and the gathering limit was 250, the final Master Bowlers' Association of Alberta tournaments were to be held in Edmonton March 14 & 15th.

This is the hardest tournament to qualify for, as you are competing against the best in the Province to represent Alberta at Nationals. It is a 6 tournament schedule over the course of the season played across Alberta.

I qualified 5th with a 263 average, and therefore will represent Calgary and Alberta at Nationals over the Canada Day week in St. John's, Nfld (assuming we can bowl by then)!!



A health tip for "sheltering in place"



As seniors, we need to exercise more.

I started with a 5-pound potato sack in each hand, extended my arms to the side, and did 10 lifts. Next I went to 10-pound potato sacks, then 20 pound, then 30 pound. After one week of doing this, I put a potato in each of the sacks.

Made in Canada !

The Snowmobile

It was the winter of 1922, and 15-year-old Joseph-Armand Bombardier of Valcourt, Quebec, wanted to find a fast and efficient way to travel over snow. When his father gave him an old car to tinker with, Bombardier took out the engine, bolted it to a sleigh, and attached a propeller. Soon he was racing around his yard in his first snowmobile! Worried that the contraption was too dangerous, his father ordered him to take it apart.

But as the years passed, Bombardier didn't forget about his invention. In 1934, his two-year-old son died of appendicitis because the family couldn't get through the snow to a hospital. Bombardier grew more determined to create a safe vehicle that could travel over snow. By 1937, he'd built a seven-person snowmobile called the B-7, and by 1959 he'd created a one-person snow vehicle that came to be known as the "Ski-doo."



Next Meeting

April 14th

ZOOM meeting at noon ... be sure to join in! See the March 31st e-Arch for instructions, or contact Rob Wolfson

President's Dinner

September 19th

@ MacKenzie Meadows Golf Club — contact George Kimura

Rotary Learning Center

PE Rob Wolfson has challenged all of us to log into our My Rotary accounts and start working through the education modules. Check his email for instructions on how to sign in and get started. There are many great tutorials depending on your interests and levels of service. So if you have already done Rotary Basics, scroll through the course catalogue for something else that would interest you.

Virtual Learning

Here is an interesting list of virtual museums and online learning sites. It includes a site for 500 free courses from Ivy League Schools.

www.3alb.org/bd_docs/StayCurious.pdf

Enough to keep a person busy if they want something to do.

Graham Boone



Volunteer Opportunity

The Yukon Wildlife Preserve is seeking volunteers to help implement physical distancing between our animals. Specifically, we are looking for individuals to help manage our muskoxen's complete disregard for the recommendation to physically distance. They continue to frolic and run in large groups, and some literally even engage in face to face contact. This position requires a person to have incredible grit. Apply at your own risk. There are no benefits, and the Preserve assumes no responsibility in the case of dismemberment or death!



Sunshine Report



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

pnhutchinson@shaw.ca

The latest in fashionable jewellery

You could wear these earrings to a party and impress everyone.

But, too bad ... parties are not allowed these days.



Sergeant at Arms

It is very quiet out there! I think I need to find a way to tap into everyone's computer web-cams so I can find some things to fine them for!

But first I have to fine Dean White as he keeps his camera covered up with a pink sticky note all the time, therefore he must have something to hide.

Aside from that, if you have not sent in content for the ARCH, or did not attend either of this last week's ZOOM meetings, that will cost you a loonie.

Now, to carry on a S@A Club tradition (for which I will no doubt be fined): This morning I saw a neighbour talking to her cat. It was obvious she thought her cat understood her. I came into my house, and told my dog ... we laughed a lot!



Stephen

As our world experiences so many changes, we are forced as individuals to adapt. It has become clear that Rotary must also make some changes. UCalgary Rotaract has launched the #RotaryStrong challenge. The instructions for this are below on their poster. They challenge all clubs (D5360 and beyond!) to participate, and show the world how Rotary has adapted and is serving the community during this challenging time.

UCalgary Rotaract Presents The **#RotaryStrong** Challenge

Here's how it works...

- 1. Plan** – It's important to stay connected in these times of social distancing. Choose a theme for a remote club meeting related to community spirit. It can be an act of kindness that demonstrates service above self, or some other way to show how your club is keeping its community strong. We only ask that your theme or action can be done safely while respecting social distancing guidelines.
- 2. Share** – Post a photo or screenshot from your meeting on Facebook and/or Instagram. Tag our account @RotaractUCalgary and use the #RotaryStrong hashtag. Or, send us your submission through email or direct message and we'll share it on our account. (ucalgaryrotaract@gmail.com)
- 3. Be Inspired** – Follow along to see what other clubs are up to and join in on the Rotary spirit.



For our last meeting, our club had a “stay-cation” theme to give our members a chance to have fun and unwind.

Just because our clubs are meeting remotely, doesn't mean we can't have fun!