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## Interact Program Rhea Graham, Director Youth Services

President Paul turned the meeting over to Rhea Graham, Director of Youth Services. Rhea started with some background on Youth Services and the Interact program. There are 48 Rotary Clubs in District 5360, and they have sponsored 22 Interact Clubs. Calgary Chinook sponsors two clubs— one at Henry Wise Wood, and one at Dr EP Scarlett.

These clubs are critical to the future and growth of Rotary. Many members of Interact go on to be Rotaractors, and from there, hopefully will eventually move on to join a Rotary Club. Chinook Rotary sponsors students to attend both Ryla and Ryphen camps.



It was then time for our guest Interactors to speak. First Matt spoke about his role as an advisor to the program. He's there to provide logistical support to the students, but the direction and ideas are all those of the students.

Ron May, the Club Representative for Interact, talked about how the program started during his presidency, championed first by Norm Moro and then by Barry Korpatnisky.

Rhea mentioned that students from Fairview School have gone on to join Interact, and that many of the Interactors have gone on to join Rotaract.

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## The Arch On-line

*by Stephen Pick*


Welcome to this first issue of the ARCH on-line for 2020.

Anne's and my goal is to publish it each week to support communication between Club Members over the next few weeks. We will steer clear as much as possible from references to COVID-19, as we all get more than enough information on that from multiple other sources.

For this publication to succeed, we need all members to become our reporters/contributors/columnists. PLEASE send any articles of interest to me at [stephen.rotary@ontheridge.ca](mailto:stephen.rotary@ontheridge.ca).



We will keep it light, fun and informative with your assistance.

If you didn't get this,  or know of someone who actually didn't, make sure your (and their) email info is up to date. Email me!

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**Rotary**  
Club of Calgary Chinook





President Paul called the meeting to order at 12:15pm, and we sang O Canada (on tune and on time thanks to Ruth). There was no recitation of Rotary Grace as this is week two of the investigation on how things will be done in future. For the March 24th and 31st meetings, the 4 Way Test will be recited, and a vote will be held on April 7th.

Following the opening, many made the dash for buns and dessert, and then the hum of good conversation and fellowship ensued over a meal or salad or coffee.

The formal meeting started up again at 12:35. Dale Perret introduced the guests, but as the list was not supplied to the scribe they will remain nameless.



President Paul went on to **Announcements**:

- He highlighted the need for a member to step up to organize the scribe roster.
- He called attention to the Calgary West flyer on the tables regarding their "Get Your Irish On" event on March 17th at 7:00pm (details on the 5360 website), and the Heritage Park Second Chance Art sale.

Pat Hutchinson, with the assistance of others, presented the **Sunshine Report**:

- Herb Imler is still under the weather but is improving and hopes to attend a meeting soon.
- David Irving is in hospital. He went in to have an issue addressed but further testing there revealed he had terminal brain cancer and his time was limited. All our thoughts and cares go out to him and his family in this difficult time.

- Ian Burgess self reported on his fall while curling, and his subsequent overnight stay at Rockyview. He has a small hematoma and further observations will be done. He advised all of us that if we fell, to fall forward, not backwards hitting your head.
- Jim Hennessey is having his second knee replacement done.
- Moe Tynan is recovering from her broken ankle, but it will still be a few weeks before she can put weight on that leg.



Jim Thompson came up to talk about the **History of the Club** on its 43rd Anniversary of its Charter. The Club was sponsored by the Calgary Club and the South Club (now Stampede). The first issue of the Arch came out on November 16, 1976 produced by our Charter President Father Greg. In 1979 Father Greg and the Thompsons went to the RI Convention in Rome. Father Greg

knew his geography and showed them around, but was not situationally aware as much as he should be, and was pickpocketed in the Sistine Chapel. There are 4 remaining active Charter members — Jim Thompson, Herb Imler, Ian Burgess and Tom Sorenson. Jim went on to talk about the original focus of the Club on Fellowship activities, and suggested we should increase this aspect of the club currently.

**Minute People** included:

- Kurt Schuer on the Rotary West "Get Your Irish On" event.
- Anne Dale spoke about the Membership Mix and Mingle event on March 19th.
- Michael Spears talked about an away meeting ... a tour of



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the new library, likely to be done in September.

**Chase the Ace** was won by Ruth Wylie for a \$40 prize, but as she drew the 3 of Diamonds, the pot of \$328 rolls over to next week.



**S@A** Dave Wylie had only a short time allotment but she till managed to fine people for their toilet paper acquisitions.

Hank Popoff, on behalf of the **Rotary Foundation** Committee, called up Jack Steen and Ian Burgess, and presented each of them with Paul Harris plus 8 pins.

*Photos courtesy George Van Schaick*



## Interact Program

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The students then got up and talked about their Interact experience and activities. We had 4 students present, 2 from Henry Wise Wood HS and 2 from Dr EP Scarlett HS.

They talked about their clubs of about 20 members each. Then talked about the various projects they work on including ShelterBox, Australian wildfire support, Food Bank support, and work in the community. A current plan is to work to set up support for youth mental health.

President Paul got up to thank Rhea Graham and Ron May for their support of the Youth program. He made special mention of the role of the teacher co-ordinators in each school who support the Interact program. He then presented a Polio Plus certificate to each of the Interact Clubs.



## Sargeant at Arms

Its time for everyone to put a jar on their desks to collect your fines in. These jars can be brought to the first get-together meeting, and we can see how bad we all were through this period of isolation. We of course need snitches to send in items suitable for fines for publication!

To start this off I have a couple of items:

- First (in order to seed the jar) ... if you are not wearing your Rotary pin as you sit reading this, that will cost you a loonie.



- Then, I think Bev Tonkinson has to chip in a toonie. After coming home early from Mexico and needing to self-isolate, she seems to have locked Anthony out of the house to serve his time of quarantine out on the lake!



Stephen Pick

Please send me your items! [stephen.rotary@ontherdige.ca](mailto:stephen.rotary@ontherdige.ca)

Well I guess I can toss in a toonie to start this out:

**Bad News** being the money I spent buying a new truck for our now iffy trip north.

**Good News** being the truck is worth more now than the funds would be if I had invested them in stocks!



## In Memoriam

### David Irving

David was a native of PEI. Following his agricultural upbringing and schooling at Prince of Wales Academy, he enrolled at the University of New Brunswick, where he obtained a degree in Electrical Engineering in 1960. Following graduation, he joined Shawinigan Water and Power in Quebec, where he experienced several engineering roles. In 1965, he moved to Calgary and began his career with Transalta Utilities. In 1969, he transferred to Lethbridge as Division Manager. While there, he served his profession and community as President of The Lethbridge Rotary Club, President of APEGGA (professional engineers, geologists, geophysicists), Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, as well as on boards of several other community organizations.



David, Margaret and their daughters Kimberley and Kelsey, returned to Calgary in 1993. He retired from Transalta in 1994. Back in Calgary, he joined the Rotary Club of Calgary (downtown), and transferred to the Chinook club in 2010.

David served as a dedicated and distinguished Rotarian in 3 clubs for close to 50 years. He will be dearly missed.

*Bob Montgomery*



Club President Paul sent Margaret a letter of sincerest condolences from the club. He asked that she let us know if there is anything we can do to assist.

In our tradition of acknowledging the passing of a member, the Club will be contributing five hundred dollars to the Calgary Clubs Foundation in his honour.

## Sunshine Report

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

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## Rotary Club of Calgary Chinook

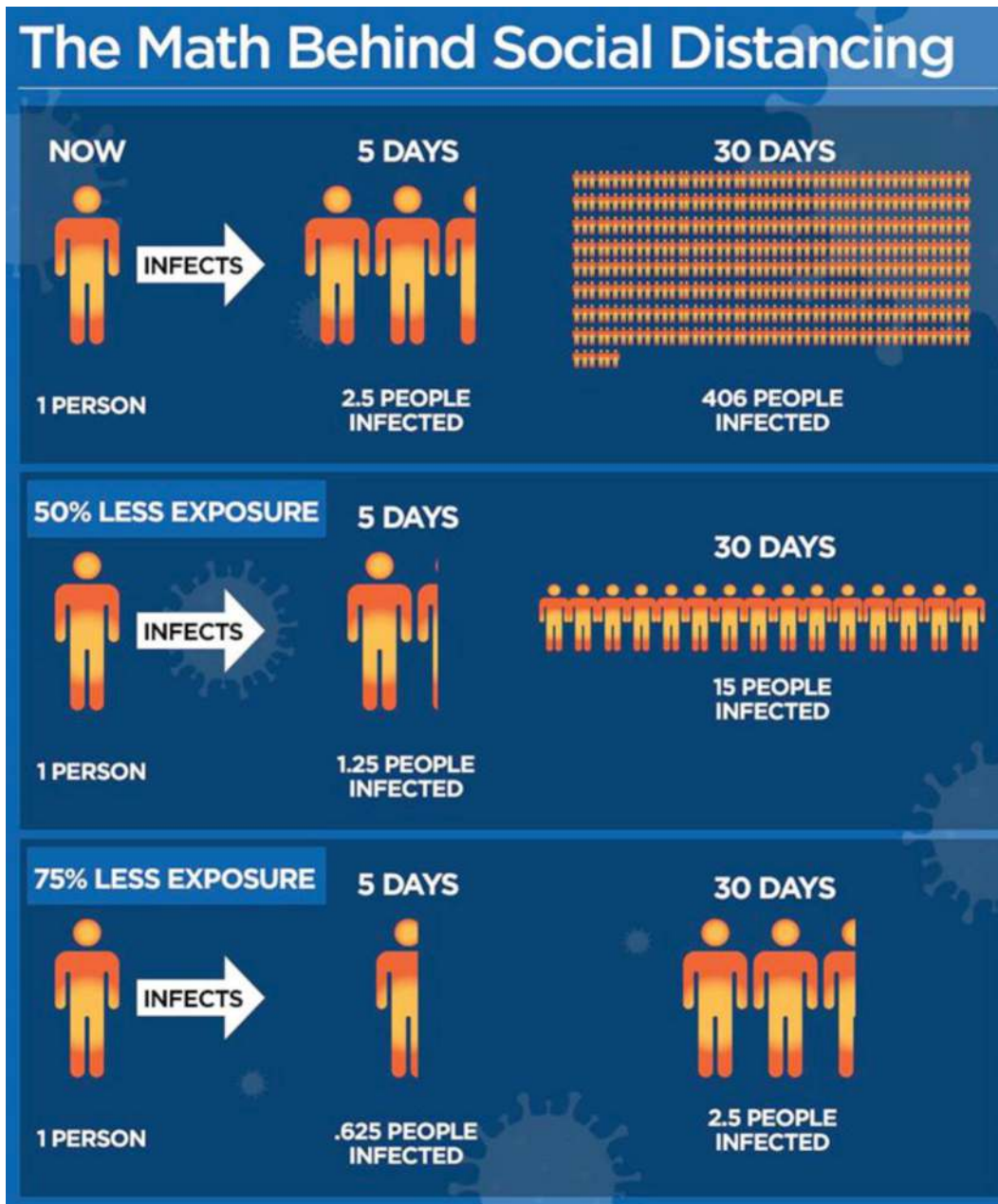


Chartered March 14th, 1977

# 43 YEARS







Grandpa, what did you do during the great coronavirus panic of 2020?



Well, son, I had a very dangerous job. I was a tailgunner on a Charmin delivery truck.

## ZOOM

We are planning to hold our April 8th Board Meeting using our District's ZOOM system so that our Board members can participate from home or work, whichever works best. The District has booked the system for our use that day, and Paul is currently set up as host (but he needs to learn how to make it work!). He is seeking anyone who has experience as a host of a small meeting using Zoom, to be a tutor/consultant to aide in the learning process.

## Mustard Seed

Members of our Rotary Club have volunteered to serve supper to Mustard seed on April 15th. Because of the COVID-19 Pandemic, we have been advised that this is not going to happen. We will however honour our commitment to support the supper financially. I will deliver a cheque the first week of April to the southeast location in support of this effort!

Wayne Wiebe

Community Service

## Hearing Assessment and Rehabilitation Program

On behalf of the Board of Rotary Club of Islamabad Metropolitan (RCIM) and all members, I would like to profoundly thank your Club on the collaboration efforts between the Rotary Club of Islamabad Metropolitan (RCIM) and the Rotary Club of Calgary Chinook on Hearing Assessment and Rehabilitation Program, in Primary School, age group(5-9 years). This project will undoubtedly go a long way in helping those in need.

The RCIM looks forward to collaborating with the Rotary Club of Calgary Chinook, on the Hearing Assessment and Hearing Project for the next 2 years. I would also like to confirm that RCIM is offering a complimentary space for this project. This would, I anticipate, reduce the overall project cost by 7500 US dollars.

I would also like to appreciate the relentless efforts put in by Dr. Syed Sajjad and his Spouse Farkhanda in this humanitarian cause. With best regards, Yours in Rotary

Ambassador Shaukat Ali Mukadam, Former Ambassador to South Korea & Kazakhstan

President Rotary Club of Islamabad Metropolitan (RCIM) District 3272, Pakistan

## 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](http://www.3alb.org/bd_docs/StayCurious.pdf)

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

Graham Boone

## 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.



## Fairview Students Creating Propellor Driven Cars @ Roots2STEM

