



## Stories from the "Stroll" Bart Dailley

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The guest speaker was none other than our own Bart Dailley. Bart stepped up to the plate to pinch hit (sports analogy intended) for the Glassblowers who had cancelled at short notice.

Bart regaled us with stories from his career as a sports broadcaster. Bart fired out his stories fast and furious, too many to catch them all. I did capture a few for your entertainment ...

Bart said a highlight of his career was broadcasting his first NHL game 39 years ago. The game happened to be the first home game in Calgary for the nearly relocated Flames. Bart

challenged us to remember who the Flames played and who won. Tom Sorenson chimed in that he was at the game which was a 5-5 tie with the Quebec Nordiques. Bart replied he was correct, and that Tom is one of at least 10,000 who claimed to have been at the game even though the arena only had a 6,000 seating capacity! The first Calgary goal was scored by Bob Murdock.

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## Calgary Board of Education Christopher Usih, Chief Superintendent

Joe Hooper introduced Christopher Usih, the new Superintendent of Schools at the Calgary Board of Education. Mr. Usih has 28 years' experience as an educator, starting as a teacher in an indigenous community in Northern Manitoba and spending most of his career in diverse roles in the Toronto School District as teacher, principal, superintendent and executive. He is a champion of public education, is highly regarded for his commitment to equity, raising academic standards and addressing achievement and opportunity gaps using a responsive and collaborative approach.



Mr. Usih offered his congratulations to Rotary for their commitment to humanitarian activities around the world.

He stated that the foundation of every advanced country is a strong public education system. Why public education? The alternative to public education is too expensive or does not exist for most families. With public education, the students must come first. Public education is committed to providing every child an education and opportunity to be successful regardless of handicaps, learning style or diverse background. Calgary has a diverse population of 125,000 school age youngsters, with 20% of Calgary's students born outside of Canada.

The challenges of the education system have changed. Gone are the days of preparing a student for a job that lasts for 30-40 years. Students

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**Greeters:** Neil Beatty and Jack Steen

**Chase the Ace Ticket Sales:** Ted Wada and Wayne Wiebe

The meeting opened in the usual fashion with O Canada and Rotary Grace led by George Van Schaick.

**Visitors and Guests,** introduced by Neil Beatty:

Alina Oprea and Janet Popoff, both guests of Hank Popoff

**Announcements** by President Paul:

• The President commended the intrepid few who braved the weather to show up for the meeting.

• At the All Presidents meeting this week, Russ Caine, President of the Centennial Club, had many positives to say about RibFest, especially the engagement of volunteers from both clubs. He also had comments about the challenges, most created by the short lead time — lack of sponsors, marketing and the venue. He did, however, state that the Centennial Club would be willing to try again next year should the RibFest Committees recommend we do it again.

The Ribfest committee will make a report to the Board at this week's meeting, and the Board will present the report and recommendation at the October 22nd Club Assembly.

• President Pau; also thanked Dave Wylie and Dean White for their presentation on ClubRunner 2 weeks ago. Paul asked that members, when going into ClubRunner, take a few minutes to

read the club's Strategic Plan. The Club is in the 4th year of the 5 year plan. Paul is interested in member feedback.

**Sunshine Report:** No formal report

**Minute Persons:**

• Peter Bickham announced that CRIB starts this Thursday. Peter also suggested that all who made it to the meeting today should be exempt from fines given the weather.



• Tom Sorenson — there are still spaces available in the club's World Series Pool at \$5 per square. Tom will be approaching the Rotary Curling members to sell remaining squares. Pool folder is circulating now.

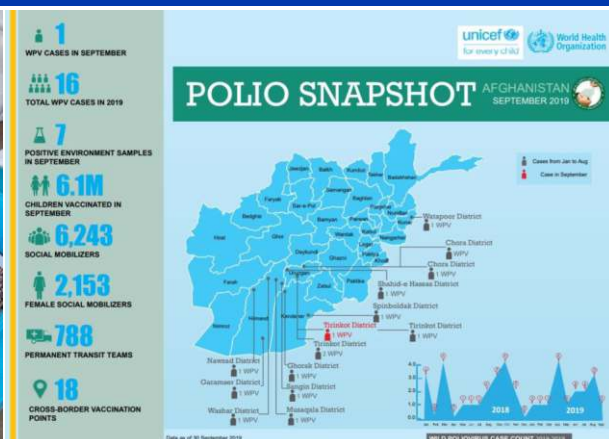
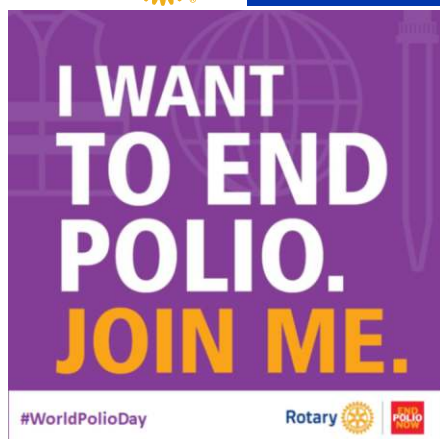
• Anthony Tonkinson — a reminder that the Village Brewery tour is just a few weeks away on November 29th. He will have the sign-up sheets available next week.



**Chase the Ace Winner:** Tom Sorenson. Tom drew the 5 of spades. Still no winner for the \$800 payout!







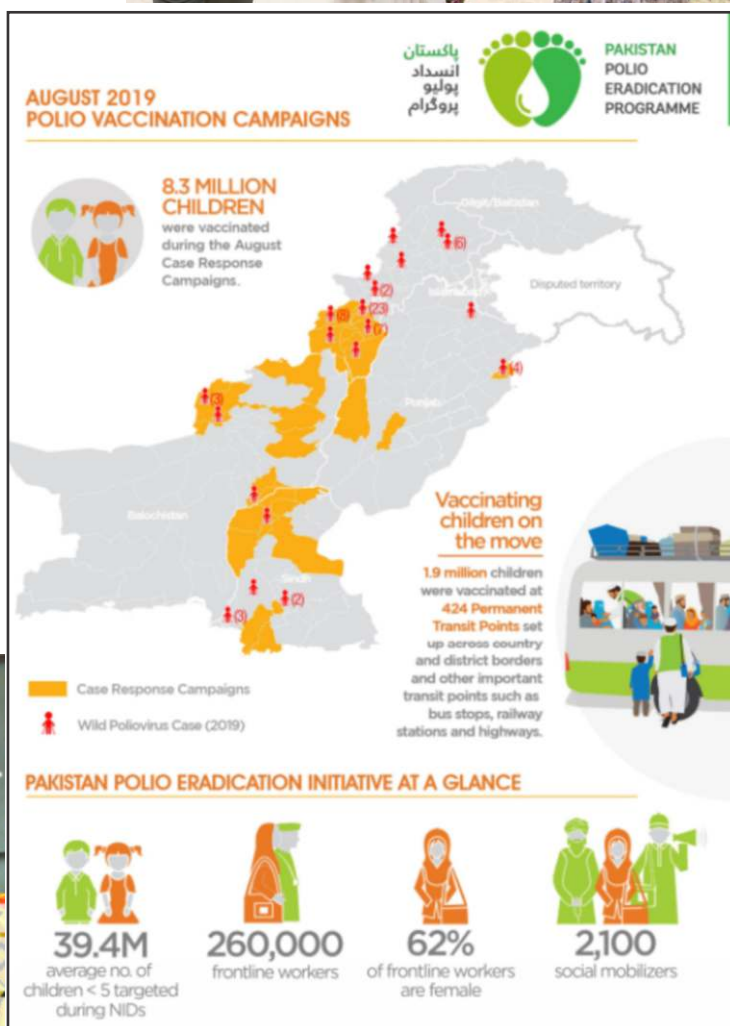
We know that we can and we will eradicate polio globally, but how do we know that? 5 Reasons ...

1. Poliovirus causes acute, non-persistent infections  
The virus causes acute, short term infections, meaning that a person infected with polio can only transmit the virus for a limited amount of time, 1-2 weeks.
2. Virus is transmitted only by infectious people or their waste  
Some diseases can be transmitted in a multitude of ways, which can make a disease an impossible candidate for eradication. But the poliovirus is typically transmitted just one way: through human waste.
3. Survival of virus in the environment is finite  
Did you know there's just one strain of wild poliovirus that continues to infect humans? (There used to be three strains of poliovirus that regularly infected humans.) The wild poliovirus cannot survive for long periods outside of the human body. If the virus cannot find an unvaccinated person to infect, it will die out. This is why we have to keep every single child vaccinated—so the virus cannot find any humans to infect.
4. People are the only reservoir  
Hundreds of diseases can be transmitted between insects, animals and humans. One of the things that makes polio eradicable is the fact that humans are the only reservoir.
5. Immunization with polio vaccine interrupts virus transmission  
Not only are there two safe and effective polio vaccines, but vaccination against polio generates herd immunity, which increases the percentage of the population that is immune to the disease.

Mass campaigns using oral polio vaccine, where all children in a specified geographic area are immunized simultaneously, interrupts wild poliovirus circulation by boosting population immunity to the point that transmission of polio cannot be sustained.



In Afghanistan, 6.1 million children were able to receive the polio vaccine in September 2019 thanks to the work of Rotary International and its partners. Afghanistan is one of only two countries that continue to report cases of wild poliovirus.



**Greeters:** Anthony Tonkinson and Syed Ahmed



The meeting opened in usual fashion with O Canada and Rotary Grace. As per President Paul, we desperately need Ruth Wylie back!

**Visitors and Guests**, introduced by Syed Ahmed:

Alina Oprea, guest of Hank Popoff; Catherine Watt and Jeanette Holt, guests of Al Holt;

Chris Usih, guest speaker; Bryce Weidman, Canmore Rotary Club; and Don Taylor, South Club



## Sunshine Report:

Pat Hutchinson reported that former member Ed McLean has lost his short term memory.

## Announcements by President Paul:

- A reminder on behalf of Tom Sorenson that World Series Pool tickets are still available. Balance unsold today will be taken to Rotary Curling tonight.
- President is pleased to announce that the club's Board of Directors, in recognition of her contribution to the club, have awarded Connie Hussey Honorary membership. The news was greeted with an enthusiastic round of applause
- Joe Hooper and Bob Montgomery were thanked for doing the parking at the Wellspring event on a cold snowy day.
- The annual All Clubs Rotary Remembrance Day will be held on November 11 starting at 10:00 am at the Carriage House. Club records indicate that Al Pettigrew, Don McLean and Jim Hennessy have military service. If there are any other club members who have served, please let President Paul know.
- President Paul found the following on the club website in the Learning Centre: Rotary Foundation has, since its inception, supported projects around the world to the tune of over \$4 Billion - that is billion with a "B". The Polio Plus campaign has resulted in the vaccination of over 2.5 billion children.
- The Ribfest committee reported to the Board at last week's meeting.

Over 3 days, the attendance was around 6,000 people (target of 20,000). With less revenue and low sponsorship, the event did lose money. Final loss to be confirmed before the October 22 Club Assembly. The loss will be shared equally between our club and the Centennial Club. In spite of the loss, almost everyone involved from both Clubs wants to do it again. There is a belief that experience and the lead time will allow us to increase sponsorship, secure a better site, a better date, and a better entertainment package, all of which will lead to success.

Most of the October 22 meeting will be dedicated to discussing RibFest.

## Minute Persons:

- Don Taylor, representing the District, announced that an End Polio Now



fundraising event will be held on Thursday November 7 at Shanks Sports Grill. Don left a handout at the front desk with details.

- Anthony Tonkinson: a final reminder that the Village Brewery tour is on October 29. Last chance to sign up.
- Rob Wolfson announced the Grey Cup Scratch tickets are now available for \$2 per ticket. Rob has available envelopes with \$40 worth of tickets for members to sell. Proceeds will go to End Polio Now.
- Rob also reminded us the next Networking Night will be Thursday October 24th from 5:30 - 7:30 at Big Al's Bar and Grill, 1915 - 31 Street SE (just east of Deerfoot Trail on 17th Avenue SE). Guest Speaker, Marc Shannon is a Polio survivor, wine connoisseur, France enthusiast, lover of food and life. There will be an entrance fee at the door of \$26.50 (the amount of the first donation to the Rotary Foundation).



## Chase the Ace:

The lucky winner was Dick Snel. Dick pulled a King. Still no winner ... 8 cards left for next draw.



## Sargent at Arms:

George Kimura as Sargent for first time ever, fined Dave Wylie in absentia because he had

been scheduled as Sargent. Dick Snel was fined for not winning Chase the Ace. Garth Plunkett was fined 10 cents per pound for a weight loss of 40 pounds! Everyone who is not going to Village Brewery or has not bought a pumpkin was fined \$1.

Anthony Tonkinson made a contribution in recognition that he will be going skydiving at his son's wedding with the parents of the bride. We all think he would prefer to be sitting on the ground with a cold brew in hand, watching the whole thing.



*Photos courtesy Stephen Pick*

My mother taught me about HYPOCRISY.

"If I told you once, I've told you a million times. Don't exaggerate!"

My mother taught me about ENVY.

"There are millions of less fortunate children in this world who don't have wonderful parents like you do."

My mother taught me the CIRCLE OF LIFE.

"I brought you into this world, and I can take you out..."

My mother taught me about BEHAVIOR MODIFICATION.

"Stop acting like your father!"

My mother taught me about ANTICIPATION.

"Just wait until we get home!"





## Economic and Community Development Month

October 22nd	Chinook Rotary Club Society — AGM Fundraising review
October 24th	Rotary Networking Night ** @ Big Al's Bar and Grill ** — Pints for Polio Guest Speaker, Marc Shannon — only 35-40 spots, contact Rob Wolfson
October 24th	Cribbage @ Horton Road Legion — contact Peter Bickham Fellowship @ 5:30, games @ 6:30
October 29th	Village Brewery Tour



## Rotary Foundation Month

November 5th	Foundation
November 7th	End Polio Now party @ Shank's South, 9627 Macleod Trail, 6pm - 9pm, \$30 pp
November 11th	All Clubs Remembrance Day Meeting
November 14th	Cribbage @ Horton Road Legion — contact Peter Bickham Fellowship @ 5:30, games @ 6:30
November 12th	No meeting re Remembrance Day meeting
November 19th	Annika Triantafillou, Agent, The Way In
November 26th	Barry Berman — Prehistoric Aliens
November 28th	Cribbage @ Horton Road Legion — contact Peter Bickham Fellowship @ 5:30, games @ 6:30



**REMEMBRANCE DAY**  
*Lest We Forget*

## Disease Prevention and Treatment Month

December 3rd	Seniors Christmas Party
December 10th	No meeting re Christmas Party



## Speaker October 15th .... cont'd from page 1

must be equipped with skills that allow them to succeed in a different and ever-changing world. Education is not just about preparing a student for University. There are many ways to success, such as apprenticeships. Public Education must support all pathways.

### Questions raised:

- About location of new schools: Location of new schools include not only public input, but input from the City of Calgary planning departments so that schools locations are chosen not just for today's requirements but for the longer term.
- About class sizes: Public education must be prudent with public money. The Alberta Government has not yet set a budget for the current school year. In order to be prudent, the CBE has budgeted on the basis of no increases even though there is an increase in student enrollment of 2%. That does mean an increase in class size.
- About financial literacy programs: Yes, financial literacy is critical and is part of the public education curriculum.
- About the declining language, writing, communication and literacy skills seen with today's students: Stressed that literacy is the foundation of knowledge and must be addressed. However with today's changing world and technology these literacy skills may be different than those needed in the past.

President Paul thanked Mr. Usih in the usual way by making a donation to Polio Plus in his name.



## Networking — Pints for Polio

The next **Networking Night** will be  
**Thursday October 24th** from 5:30 - 7:30  
at **Big Al's Bar and Grill**, 1915 - 31 Street SE  
(just east of Deerfoot Trail on 17th Avenue SE)  
*As usual the first 30 minutes will be fellowship with the official program starting from 6pm - 7:30*

Our **Guest Speaker** will be Marc Shannon. He is a Polio survivor, wine connoisseur, France enthusiast, lover of food and life, and has a great sense of humor (all around great guy!).



There will be an entrance fee at the door of \$26.50 (the amount of the first donation to the Rotary Foundation). This cost will get your first drink and some wings. Anything additional will be at your own expense. **All profits after paying the tab, will be added to the November 7th End Polio Now Schank's fund raiser.**

It is Wing Night at Big Al's, and they will have a jam session starting at 8:00pm, for those wanting to stick around.

*Rob Wolfson*



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