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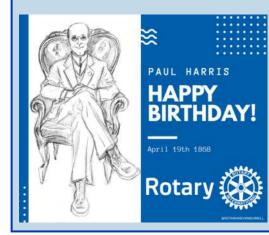
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# Our meeting is on ZOOM ... Join in today at noon! (see contest on page 2)

# **New Generations Service Exchange**

Submitted by Rhea Graham Working Member of the NGSE District Committee

An experience to share, a future of service and peace.

#### Rotary New Generations Service Exchange

The New Generations Service Exchange Rotary Program is aimed at involving enthusiastic personalities, who have reached the age of consent - indeed, "young adults" - placing them in an activity namely consisting of service action, encouraging their professional development, and

stimulating their social interest. By participating in the NGSE with the discovery of a different world from his/her own, each young adult becomes a citizen of the world, turning into a promoter and standard bearer of future service and peace.

The 'virtual' NGSE travelogue story continues ...

Juba, the first virtual NGSE participant, was a guest at the Olds Rotary Club's 7 am meeting on April 6th ... it was 10 am her time in Brazil. In her presentation she shared her background and highlights of her Exchange experience to date. Juba started this 8 week program on March 8 th as a



'non-Rotarian' who is sponsored by Rotary District 4420 NGSE. Her 'virtual' companion and sponsor is Jany Hatanaka, District 4420 Chairperson and Countries Correspondent.

Juba has completed 5 of the 8 week schedule, and been influenced by several Rotaract members and activities at both of the Rotaract Clubs at U of Lethbridge and U of Calgary. She has currently become a Rotaract member of a District 4420 Club.



P.O. Box # 42041 Southland Crossing RPO Calgary, Alberta T2J 7A6 info@chinookrotary.org www.ChinookRotary.org Our 5360 NGSE planning committee meets with Juba and Jany weekly, adjusting and receiving feedback about the schedule and changes. In addition our working committee are on WHAT'S APP daily and we are becoming a 'virtual Rotary famil.y'.

In a meeting with Mary Turner DG 5360 on April 7th, Mary extended an invitation for Juba and Jany to join our District Conference on May 1st and they have accepted.





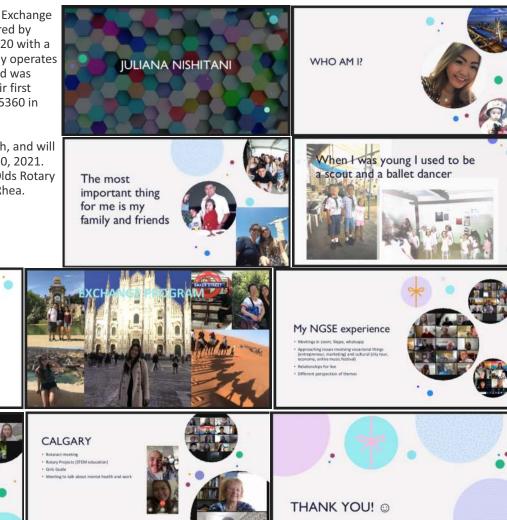
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about nowadays?

# **Presentation by Virtual Exchange Participant**

Juliana Nishitani (Juba) is the first Virtual Exchange participant from São Paulo Brazil, sponsored by Rotary District 4420. She graduated in 2020 with a Bachelor Degree in Business, and currently operates an e-Commerce business. She applied and was selected by Rotary District 4420 to be their first virtual exchange participant with District 5360 in the NGSE program.

Juba arrived in Medicine Hat on March 8th, and will conclude her visit in Lethbridge on April 30, 2021. She made the following presentation to Olds Rotary Club. Other inquiries can be directed to Rhea.



# MEDICINE HAT



### **Youth Services and DisCon 2021**

All Rotarians who have been a Exchange Student Host Family, or have contact with a past Outbound Exchange Student, join in to the

#### 2021 Rotary Chinook DisCon Invitational Challenge

Reach out to your former Exchange student / participant (in all countries) and invite them to join the 5360 District Conference on May 1st where our 'global family' is celebrating and growing.

- Ν Networking
- G becoming a Global Citizen
- S Service above Self
- F. Education

A chance to reconnect with, or to reinforce your contact with, this aspect of the Rotary World.

THANK YOU for giving us ' significant OTHERS' to hang out with during COVID !!!

Chinook Rotary Membership Committee

# Zoom Meeting



# Rotary 🛞

## What's Up !!

Maternal and Child Health Mo	onth
April 20th	ZOOM meeting @ noon be sure to join in! Speaker: Francis Akinnouye — Youth Issues
April 29th	Dixon's Evening Networking Meeting — via ZOOM @ 7pm Guest Speaker: Heather Andrews — How to Write Your Own Book
Youth Service Month	
May 1st	DisCon 2021 on-line — Mark your calendar and plan on joining in!
May 4th	ZOOM meeting @ noon be sure to join in! Guest Speaker: Kevin McInnis — Youth Services and the Teen Challenge Program
May 18th	ZOOM meeting @ noon be sure to join in! Directors' updates and new RI President video
May 27th	Dixon's Evening Networking Meeting — via ZOOM @ 7pm Guest Speaker: Brad Field, Calgary Mayoral candidate
Rotary Fellowships Month	and the second sec
June 1st	ZOOM meeting @ noon be sure to join in! Guest Speaker: Randy MacDonald, Regional Manager, Donor Ministries — Samaritan's Purse
June 12th - 16th	2021 Virtual Rotary International Convention — details coming soon!
June 15th	ZOOM meeting @ noon be sure to join in! Guest Speaker: Kirby England — Beavers in Fish Creek Park

#### You May Want to Know!

We have just had our 44th Anniversary since Charter was granted, the 2nd Anniversary in a row during the COVID-19 pandemic ... when will it end and allow us to resume meeting weekly at the Carriage House for lunch!?

Rob Wolfson, our Pandemic President for a whole year, and Paul Gaudet, a second term President who finished his 19/20 term during the early stages of this nightmare health crisis, have done amazing things to keep the club connected and entertaining.

While we haven't had much in the way of face to face fellowship (the last were our Nature Park picnic in August and the fireside visit in Fish creek Park in the fall). We have joined the social ZOOM world of gathering, which has been very enjoyable.

This scribe is not aware of any members or spouses or family members contracting the virus, and hope that as your category comes up for the vaccine, you get the shot (s) as quickly as possible. We have had both of ours and there was a huge resulting feeling of relief, when that second jab was made. We continue to wear masks and follow other protocols when out, just to make others comfortable.

I got off the track a bit, as I planned to present some history to deal with next generation family members who are becoming connected to Rotary in a more direct sense. I recall the late Bob Depledge, (President 99/00), becoming a club member, after his daughter was our outbound exchange student. Anthony (President 92/93) and Bev Tonkinson's son Spencer, is now a member of the Rotary Club of Calgary Stampede. Rob Wolfson (President 20/21) and Angela's daughter Kaiya, is the Charter President of the Strathcona-Tweedsmuir Rotary Interact Club. My granddaughter Phoebe Polak, was selected as a member of the Rotary Early Start program, sponsored by the Heritage Club, a few years back while in elementary school and looks forward to Rotary Interact continuance in high school this fall if there is one at the school she will be attending.

There is a gap apparently in Rotary youth connection at the junior high school level, (grades 7 to 9 ?). These terrific programs

#### Jim Thompson, Past President 81/82, Club Historian

weren't available when my kids were of an age. Both my sons — Gavin now 53, and Miles now 43 — were selected for RYLA which was the extent of family involvement in those earlier days. They wanted to be exchange students out-bound, but back then Rotary did not allow members' kids into that program, just students outside of Rotary families. Both boys, through their employers, contributed thousands of dollars to the construction costs of the gazebos in our Nature Park, and all four of my kids are Rotary Paul Harris Fellows.

It will be interesting to see just how many members' offspring and even grandchildren, stay connected to Rotary in the future, like active member Bill Stemp, whose father was an active member of the Calgary West Club years ago, and Moe Tynan, whose father Bill was a member of the Rotary Club of Calgary.

#### **Volunteer Opportunity**

Calgary Rotary Clubs have combined to volunteer at Calgary Community Kitchen, to prepare food boxes for distribution to needy folks.

The sessions are 3 hours on the following dates:

April 26 @ 5pm April 28 @ 1pm May 12 @ pm May 31st @ 5pm June 7th @ 5pm

There are 16 volunteers on each shift, with COVID protections. If interested, let me know and I'll provide location detail.

