

## ZOOM Meeting Minutes

April 20th, 2021

Scribe: Tammy Truman

On this bright sunny, although crisp spring day, 26 Rotarians joined in over ZOOM.



Francis Akinuoye, our own member, was our **Guest Speaker**. Francis is a lawyer, and his practice specializes in family, injury, corporate and real estate.

Today he touched on the letter P for things happening during the Pandemic.

- **PROFESSIONAL SIDE:** They are not permitted in the courthouse. Only in emergency situations are courts open. Sadly, this is creating a huge backlog and criminals are getting their cases thrown out.

Business has dropped dramatically as the majority don't have money to pay for a lawyer. On a positive note, the real estate side has seen an increase of 54%.

Sadly, this pandemic brings out the worst in many, and domestic violence incidents have increased from 3,113 per year pre pandemic to a whopping 6,111.

- **PEOPLE SIDE:** Increase is huge in impacting mental health and substance abuse. There has been a 56% increase in mental health issues, and 21% increase in suicidal thoughts.

- **PERSONAL:** Francis shared why he has not been on our regular ZOOM meetings since the pandemic started. We thank you immensely Francis for sharing your story and how the pandemic has affected you personally. I think most of us can relate that sometimes you just don't feel like showing up online, pretending to smile and that all is perfect in the world. We applaud you for your honesty, and please know we are all here for support at any time.

Francis then touched on the importance of being a member of a community or group. The sense of belonging, the support and a purpose are critical at times like these. One idea for our Rotary group is to keep calling on members whose faces we are not seeing regularly at our ZOOM meetings. Sometimes just reaching out and encouraging them to sign on is all a person needs.

Stay well everyone and keep praying that an end is in sight for our return to some form of normalcy.

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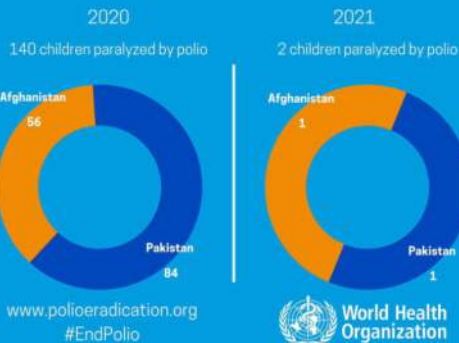
Speaker: Member Francis Akinuoye

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### Wild Poliovirus Weekly Update

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### 2020-2021 Officers and Directors

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## Maternal and Child Health Month

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

May 4th

DisCon 2021 on-line — Mark your calendar and plan on joining in!

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: TBA



## Rotary Fellowships Month

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

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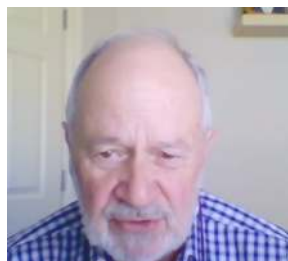
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**Chase the Ace** was won by Rhea Graham, but sadly for her, she didn't choose the Ace, so the pot continues to grow!



## BITS AND BITES

Bob Montgomery reminded he is looking for more volunteers for Community Kitchen — please see his email.



Peter Bickham shared that Foundation dollars have reached \$7500, with his annual goal being \$10,000. So far we are right on track.



He also reminded us about the International Gala coming up in May which supports Foundation. It does have a cost of \$110 US, however you will receive a tax receipt for \$100. This amount will also go towards points if you are thinking of purchasing a Paul Harris Fellow. The entertainment line up for part one of the evening looks great, and after this Rotary International segment, is our own 5360 District spin and Danielle Smith will be one of our guest speakers.

A regrets letter was read from Bill Churchward who after 37 years in Rotary is stepping out. He has moved to Sundre and we thank him for all his great work with our club.

Special thanks to Bruce Bohnet who has stepped up on short notice to the position of Director Club Service.

Jim Thompson was smiling as his long lost Assman Trophy has been found ... in the basement of Bob Montgomery's house and it will be returned this week.



Dave and Ruth Wylie told us their sad news ... they will be homeless shortly. Their house has sold but they don't take possession of their new place for some time ... they had planned to go to their cottage for the time, but BC has just announced a border closure!

President Rob's son turned 20 today, and one of Jim T's grandkids turned 25.

Let's all celebrate our birthdays as best we can, and look forward to better days and years ahead. Have a great Rotary Week!

A very special birthday wish:  
Aidan Wolfson  
Born Apr 20, 2001



My wife is blaming me for ruining her Birthday  
That's ridiculous, I didn't even know it was her Birthday