



ZOOM Meeting Minutes

August 11th, 2020

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2020-2021 Officers and Directors

Rob Wolfson, President
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RI President Holger Knaack
Rotary Club of Herzogtum Lauenburg-Mölln, Germany

District 5360 Governor Mary Turner
Rotary Club of Olds

Prez Rob opened the meeting with an interesting version of O Canada, sung by George Canyon (former Flames games soloist), accompanied by the HMCS Tecumseh band. There were 24 members in attendance. Long distance members included Neil B. and Ron H. who joined us from Vancouver and Vancouver Island.



Announcements:

- Rob updated us on the play-off hockey pool. There are 25 participants for a total pool of \$500, with 40% going to the club. People can pay Rob at the August 18th picnic, or e-transfer to him.

- Rob told us about attending a presentation at Go-Baby-Go, where our club donated a miniature car to a young boy with MS. Dale and Graham were also in attendance.



Minute Members:

- Dale told us about PPE face masks with the Rotary logo. A quantity order will reduce the price. She has volunteered to co-ordinate your orders.
- Rhea announced that August 12th is United Nations International Youth Day, with the theme "Youth Engagement for Global Action". (for more details, google International Youth Day 2020).

- Jim reminded us of our nature *cont'd on page 2 ...*

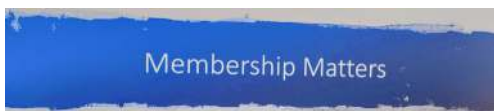


Park meeting next week on August 18th. Bring a lawn chair and \$22 exact funds.



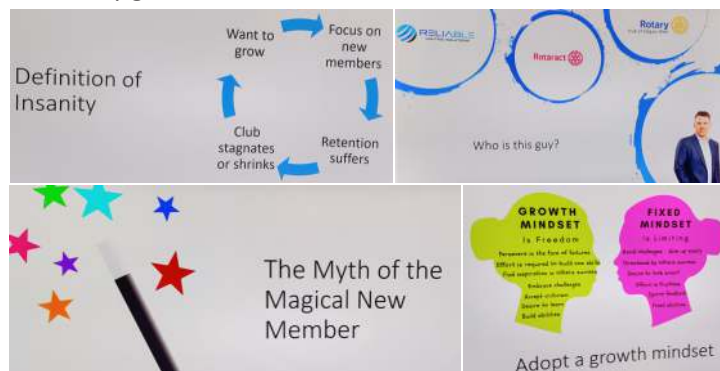
Sargeant at Arms:
Rob showed a video of a magician doing a card trick. It was entertainment only, as no fines were levied. (Had I been Sgt, I would have fined Rob for not being able to understand the words !)

Speaker:
(Our speaker, Cory Tretiak, was first on the agenda, but as your scribe was waiting for his presentation summary to arrive, I leave it to the last. It had still not arrived (Saturday), but Stephen and Anne needed



to go to press with the Arch, so I'll stumble on from my notes.)

Cory is a former member of the Aidrie club and current member of Calgary West. He is a member of District 5360 New Clubs Committee, and spoke to us about membership growth. In 2006, he joined Rotaract and while president, won an award for most new members (for RI?). In 2017/18, he was president of Airdrie, when they gained 9 members.



Some thoughts gleaned from his presentation and questions:

- When focus is on new members, retention suffers
- Membership growth is a result of club programs and activities
- Adopt a growth mindset vs fixed, which [cont'd on page 3 ...](#)

Did You Know?

Jim Thompson, Club History

Did You Know? In an earlier column, I mentioned becoming part of the Bid Committee, to attempt to secure the RI Convention for Calgary in 1996. PDG Gardie Shaw of Rotary Club of Calgary South, invited me to join the group of Calgary Rotarians being assembled to make a serious bid for the international convention. He and PDG Doug Martin of the Rotary club of Calgary were



prepared to Co-Chair such a committee and so it began. Doug's wife was the gal that made Rotary history by introducing and selling a Cookbook for Rotary that raised over \$1,000,000 for RI. These two, and the others selected were known to "get the job done". On February 26 1990, 12 of us with Mayor Al Duerr, 2 reps from the Calgary Convention Centre, and a full dress Mountie flew to Evanston Illinois, home of RI's International Operations to make our pitch.

We were successful, after a lot of nervous examination and doubts expressed from decision makers.

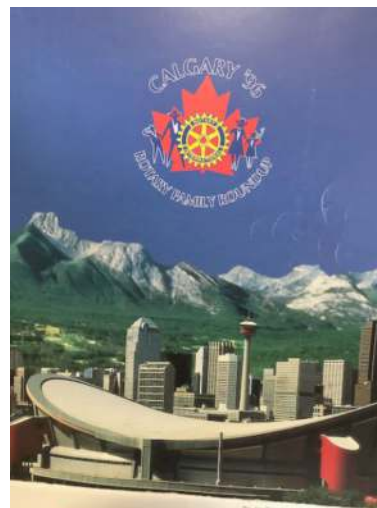
A little later on, Co Chairmen, Gardie and Doug, recruited the Host Executive Committee for the convention. I was pleased to be asked to serve on this as well. Then the real work began!

The Convention was dubbed "CALGARY '96, ROTARY FAMILY ROUNDUP", and set for June 23 through 26th 1996, as the 87th Annual Convention of Rotary International. A 76 page recap of the entire affair was printed, with lots of photos and a separate section of letters of congratulations. 126 countries were represented at this convention, by 24,963 registered delegates.

1,400 volunteers made it the most successful and profitable ever RI Convention.

Some of the notable things that come to mind were the raising of initial proceeds to bank roll the start. The formation of the Club 96, created a fund at \$96 per member, who received a certificate and special pin in recognition, raised all the funds needed. My responsibility was Director responsible for Post Convention Tours, Legal and Insurance, Rotary Home Billeting and Home Hospitality. YIKES! I was lucky to have a great group of self-starters that took on each of these tasks without hesitation, and with huge enthusiasm. The late RON SMITH of our club took on Home Billeting, former Chinook member Pat Mahoney tackled the Legal detail, Home Hospitality was taken care of by two now deceased members of Calgary South, Clayton Carroll and Bill McPhee, and spouses, who arranged hosting of over 5,500 guests! The late BRUCE MACDONALD, of our club, was then a member of the Calgary Club and on the Host Executive Board with me. HANK POPOFF, now with our club, was on the super busy Sargeant At

Arms Committee, and former member ED MCLEAN, was running the convention Post Office.



These were the best of times for the Rotary Clubs of Calgary and the entire Rotary Zone. It all happened 24 years ago! Great memories!

This is a photo of the Historic Review publication produced AFTER the convention. I believe a copy was sent to each Rotary club in the District and to the members of the Host Executive Board.



Jennifer E. Jones makes history, becomes first woman named Rotary president-nominee

Jennifer E. Jones, a member of the Rotary Club of Windsor-Roseland, Ontario, Canada, has been nominated to become Rotary International’s president for 2022-23, a groundbreaking selection that will make her the first woman to hold that office in the organization’s 115-year history. Jones will officially become president-nominee on 1 October if no other candidates challenge her.

Jones says she sees Rotary’s Action Plan as a catalyst for increasing Rotary’s impact. “As we reflect upon our new strategic priorities, we could have never envisioned that our ability to adapt would become our North Star during what is inarguably the most profound time in recent history,” Jones said in her vision statement. “Silver linings rise out of the most challenging circumstances. Using metric-driven goals, I will harness this historic landscape to innovate, educate, and communicate opportunities that reflect today’s reality.”

As the first woman to be nominated to be president, Jones understands how important it is to follow through on Rotary’s Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Statement. “I believe that diversity, equity, and inclusion ... begins at the top and for us to realize growth in female membership and members under the age

of forty — these demographics need to see their own reflection in leadership,” Jones said. “I will champion double-digit growth in both categories while never losing sight of our entire family.”

Jones is founder and president of Media Street Productions Inc., an award-winning media company in Windsor. She was chair of the board of governors of the University of Windsor, and chair of the Windsor-Essex Regional Chamber of Commerce. She has been recognized for her service with the YMCA Peace Medallion, the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee Medal, and Wayne State University’s Peacemaker of the Year Award, a first for a Canadian. Jones holds a Doctor of Laws (LL.D.).

A current Rotary Foundation trustee, Jones has been a Rotary member since 1997, and has served Rotary as RI vice-president, director, training leader, committee chair, moderator, and district governor. She played a lead role in Rotary’s rebranding effort by serving as chair of the Strengthening Rotary’s Advisory Group. She is the co-chair of the End Polio Now Countdown to History Campaign Committee, which aims to raise \$150 million for polio eradication efforts.

Jones recently led the successful #RotaryResponds telethon, which raised critical funds for COVID-19 relief and was viewed by more than 65,000. Jones has also received Rotary International’s Service Above Self Award and The Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service. She and her husband, Nick Krayacich, are members of The Rotary Foundation’s Arch Klumph Society, Paul Harris Society, and the Bequest Society.



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provides more freedom of action vs the way it has always been done

- Embrace technology ... he suggested that Facebook may be more appropriate, as it builds a community of users
- For new members:
Greet — Educate — Serve

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Cory’s presentation sparked many questions from Rhea, Paul, Hank, Dale, Ron, Jim, George K, Dave W.

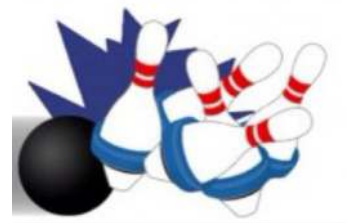


Following which, Prez Rob thanked him and presented a certificate of a donation to Polio Plus in his name.

(Scribe’s PS ... my apologies for not taking more comprehensive notes on such an important subject.)

Member News

Any one interested ... I will be competing in a live 5 pin bowling competition to promote our sport called “The Calgary Clash”. If you are on Facebook, or if you ‘Google’ 5 pin Universe Calgary Clash, you should be able to find the feed. I will be playing / competing on Friday night at about 9:45pm in a 3 game total score match.



No obligation to watch, I just know a few people have mentioned in the past to let them know if I am ever playing so they can watch. I hope I am not awful ! LOL!

This is a COVID safe event to promote some of Calgary’s top bowlers, as it is after hours and only the competitors will be present. It starts at 8:30 and I am the second match at 9:45.

No problem if it is too late, as I think it will be on YouTube for watching anytime afterwards.

Rob Wolfson

Meetings

Tuesday, August 18th Annual Picnic in the Nature Park

Events/Happenings

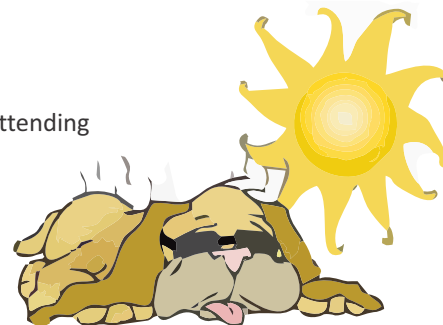
May 14th - 16th, 2021 DisCon 2021 in Drumheller — Mark your calendar and plan on attending

Networking Meetings

Summer break Stay tuned for potential impromptu get-togethers

President's Dinner

Saturday, September 19th @ MacKenzie Meadows Golf Club — contact George Kimura



Calgary Rotary Clubs Foundation

There is now an easy way to support The Calgary Rotary Clubs Foundation. Donate Now! Once or Monthly ...in just a few minutes, you can make a difference.

I went on the site and set up to donate monthly. Donating is easy!

Check my email via ClubRunner for the hyperlink, or:

- search for 'Canada Helps'
- click on 'donate'
- 'get started' ... search by charity name:
The Calgary Rotary Clubs Foundation
- click on The Calgary Rotary Clubs Foundation
- click on 'Donate Now' or 'Donate Monthly'
- add amount
- 'include a message for this Charity'
— type in Rotary Club of Chinook
- click 'Continue with My Donation'
- under 'View Details' you will see Rotary Club of Chinook
- you will now need to fill in your Donor and Tax receipt info
- click on your 'Tax Receipt Preference'
- click on 'Anonymity Preference' (I chose to provide my name and email address)
- create your password (must contain numbers and letters) to be able to access your tax receipts (*I'm not sure if you will automatically get emailed a tax receipt*)
- complete registration

VOILA!! YOU DID IT!!

Of course, I will be more than happy to accept donations the old fashioned way ... a hand written cheque. Please make it out to 'The Calgary Rotary Clubs Foundation', and remember to write Chinook in the memo.

Bev Tonkinson

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Rotary Foundation

We (the Board) are trying to make it easier for members to make a donation to the Rotary Foundation.

Go to:

www.rotary.org/en/donate

Click on it and make a donation! It's that simple!

Anthony Tonkinson



It's Easy to Donate!!

August Anniversary



Sandy was away and her little anecdote to go with their photo didn't arrive in time for the last issue's press time ... being a fun tidbit, we thought we'd run it this issue.

"Our wedding was held on the banks of the Bow River in Canmore in 1991. It was a cloudy day, and

we were praying that the clouds wouldn't erupt and that we wouldn't get wet! I had visited a new hairdresser in Canmore the week before, and had received the worst perm of my life, so my hair had a curly poodle-do. I was horrified, but Jim said he liked it ... but he lies sometimes! haha!"



Chinook Rotary Annual Dues \$300 due now

If you have not yet paid your dues, please do so asap. You can easily do so by cheque credit card to Al Holt or e-transfer to info@chinookrotary.org

Pay \$300 now ... or wait til September and pay \$350!

