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Merry Christmas



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First Ever Virtual Christmas Party

by Stephen Pick

Wasn't that a party! Well not the same as our usual get-together, but thanks to the efforts of President Rob and his Elves it was a fun time of stories, cartoons, reports and fellowship. As good as it could possibly be on ZOOM for the 30 of us who attended.

A highlight at the start of the meeting was the presentation of a cheque for \$3,500 that will be sent on to Annette Barrett. Her and John's daughter Sharon Price accepted the presentation, and provided an update and an insight to the issues being faced by Annette as a widow in South Africa.

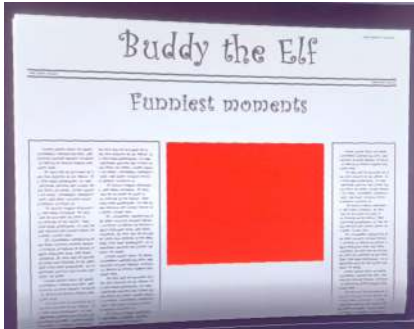
President Rob kept the good times rolling with various video clips, and stories. Most in attendance had sent a photo or two in of some Christmas memory. All were given the chance to provide some background to their submission and their Christmas memories. While we now meet on ZOOM vs face to face, we have all learned a bit more about each other through this pandemic thanks to all the work done by Rob and others in the background.

The meeting ended with guitar virtuoso Rob serenading us with that Christmas Classic "Granma Got Run Over by a Reindeer", and we all left with a Merry Christmas to All, and to all a good night.



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'Twas a Month before Christmas 2020

'Twas a month before Christmas,
And all through the town,
People wore masks,
That covered their frown.

The frown had begun
Way back in the Spring,
When a global pandemic
Changed everything.

They called it corona,
But unlike the beer,
It didn't bring good times,
It didn't bring cheer.

Contagious and deadly,
This virus spread fast,
Like a wildfire that starts
When fueled by gas.

Airplanes were grounded,
Travel was banned.
Borders were closed
Across air sea and land

As the world entered lockdown
To flatten the curve,
The economy halted,
And folks lost their verve.

From March to July
We rode the first wave,
People stayed home,
They tried to behave.

When summer emerged
The lockdown was lifted.
But away from caution,
Many folks drifted.

Now it's November
And cases are spiking,
Wave two has arrived,
Much to our disliking.

Frontline workers,
Doctors and nurses,
Try to save people,
From riding in hearses.

This virus is awful,
This COVID-19.
There isn't a cure.
There is no vaccine.

It's true that this year
Has had sadness a-plenty,
We'll never forget
The year 2020.

And just 'round the corner -
The holiday season,
But why be merry?
Is there even one reason?

To decorate the house
And put up the tree,
When no one will see it,
No-one but me.

But outside my window
The snow gently falls,
And I think to myself,
Let's deck the halls!

So, I gather the ribbon,
The garland and bows,
As I play those old carols,
My happiness grows.

from Rob at our Virtual Christmas Party



Christmas ain't cancelled
And neither is hope.
If we lean on each other,
I know we can cope.



Christmas Social with DG Mary Turner December 16th via ZOOM

The Christmas social with DG Mary Turner kicked off with over 95 Rotarians from across District 5360 in attendance on ZOOM. Many were in season appropriate garb. Brian Callaghan kicked things off (with the able assistance of Elf PDG Rick Istead), and DG Mary gave a short update on activities in the District. Then there were a couple off "break out room" sessions, one pure fun, and the second looking into the future of Rotary. A quick review of the rogues gallery on screen came up with 7 Chinook Rotarians in attendance. It was a fun time for all who attended.

Happy Holidays Social with DG Mary
Our Social will begin soon

DG Mary's Holiday Message
What's New and Exciting!

- 2 New Interact Clubs
- Medicine Hat Ignite Rotary Club
- Lethbridge Rotaract & Rotary Clubs Christmas giving to Seniors
- Rotaract/Rotary pilot mentorship program oversubscribed

DG Mary's Holiday Message
What's New and Exciting!

- Membership Committee welcoming Rotarians back to Rotary
- District Conference speakers lined up and ready to go
- Rotary/Toastmasters Alliance gaining recognition and momentum
- We have selected our DGND as our 2023-2024 DG

DG Mary's Holiday Message
My New Year's Wishes

- To have a COVID Free World
- To see our Rotary family and our own family in person
- Make your Rotary pin your new mask
- In person District Conference in Drumheller

Breakout #1
Holiday Quiz Answers

1. 1982
2. An Angel gets its wings
3. Donald Trump
4. Tiny Tim
5. 364
6. White Christmas by Bing Crosby
7. Tom Hanks in the Polar Express
8. Rocking Around the Christmas Tree
9. Marshmallow
10. Cloak of Invisibility

Breakout #2
Big Rotary Dreams for 2021

You will be randomly placed into a breakout room
Once everyone is comfortably in their seats we ask that someone in your breakout group lead the conversation (your choice)
• We are looking for everyone to share and record their "Big Rotary Dreams for 2021" in the Chat line
• you have 10 minutes!
• you will have a 3 minute warning before your breakout room closes
• Please have someone in your group share your group's "Top 3" Big Dreams for 2021 with everyone
• Ready, Set, Go!

DG Mary's Holiday Greetings

- Take time to breath – enjoy the quiet and the solitude
- Remember, Recognize and Rekindle Relationships
- Have a happy holiday
- Be smart
- Stay safe – stay well – stay connected!

Happy Holidays
Rotary District 5360!

Disease Prevention and Treatment Month

December 29th

New Year's Social — 7pm via ZOOM
Tip a pint as we say good-bye to 2020



2021

Vocational Service Month

January 5th

ZOOM Meeting @ noon ... be sure to join in!
Syed Ahmed — Classification Talk and Rotary Learning Center

January 19th

ZOOM Meeting @ noon ... be sure to join in!
Joshua MacDonald — Meals on Wheels

January 28th

Dixon's Evening Meeting — likely via ZOOM
Dan Adams, KPMG Enterprise — Tax Implications Due to COVID-19



Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution Month

February 2nd

ZOOM Meeting @ noon ... be sure to join in!
Sandra Clarkson, Drop-In Centre

Events/Happenings

May 14th - 16th

DisCon 2021 in Drumheller — Mark your calendar and plan on attending!

Our Christmas Donation

President Rob presented a cheque for \$1050 to the Calgary Women's Emergency Shelter. This represents monies raised from the Club's Virtual Christmas Party attendees.



In Memoriam



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Ernie Orest HAWRYLYSHEN

February 21, 1934 – December 13, 2020

Ernie Hawrylyshen, beloved husband of Helen Hawrylyshen of Calgary, AB, passed away peacefully on Sunday, December 13, 2020 at 86 years of age.

Ernie was born in Gilbert Plains, MB, on February 21, 1934, the sixth child to Micheal and Anatasia Hawrylyshen. He was raised on the family farm, and graduated as a Civil Engineer from the University of Manitoba in 1957.

Ernie Joined Chinook Rotary in 2013. He was active in the Club and in our parking duties at Spruce Meadows. Ernie was an avid curler as his fellow Rotarians will remember.

Condolences, memories and photos may be shared and viewed on Ernie's obituary at www.McInnisandHolloway.com

'Chase the Ace' IS BACK !!



CHASE THE ACE is back for 2021!!! The pot is currently at \$338 and we have 44 cards left in the deck. Here is how it will work ...

Email \$20 to Al Holt at info@chinookrotary.org before Monday January 4th at 8pm (firm deadline ... you have 2 weeks to do it). Rob will send you 5 tickets electronically. These will be your numbers going forward, and he will keep a record as well. All drawn tickets will be re-entered into the subsequent draws. The \$20 will be good for both meetings in the month, so essentially you are paying \$10 per meeting but only emailing once per month to save Al some work. You will need to pay \$20 again to play for February, etc. If you don't repay, your numbers will be removed from that month's draws.

You don't need to be in the meeting to win, and if you are not, Rob will arrange a ZOOM individually with you to pick your card so he can record your selection. If chosen, you will pick a number between 1 and the number of remaining cards (44 now), and Rob will go through the deck to that card number to see if it is the Ace of Spades.

30% goes to the pot for that meeting for the instant win • 30% goes to the progressive Chase the Ace Pot which is currently at \$338 • 40% goes to our Club

