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**Our meeting is on ZOOM ...
Join in
today at noon!**



RI President-elect Announces 2021-22 Presidential Theme



Incoming Rotary International President Shekhar Mehta urged members to become more involved in service projects, saying that caring for and serving others is the best way to live because it changes not only other people's lives, but also our own.

Mehta, a member of the Rotary Club of Calcutta-Mahanagar, West Bengal, India, revealed the

2021-22 presidential theme, *Serve to Change Lives*, to incoming district governors on 1 February during the Rotary International Assembly. Mehta spoke about how participating in service projects through Rotary changed him as a person and made him empathize more with the needs of others.

Soon after joining his club, he helped carry out projects that benefited rural communities in India. Some of the poor conditions he saw in those communities strengthened his commitment to service. "I truly understood the plight of my brethren," he said. Mehta participated in initiatives that brought artificial limbs to children, clean water and sanitation to homes, and better health care facilities to communities.

For the 2021-22 Rotary year, Mehta wants members to focus their efforts on empowering girls and ensuring their access to education, resources, services, and opportunities so that future generations of women leaders will have the tools they need to succeed. Mehta asked members to use Rotary's belief that diversity, equity, and inclusion is critical in all we do as a compass to guide this work.

Increasing membership while also continuing our commitment to eradicating polio, fighting COVID-19, and serving our communities is an ambitious goal. "And that should excite you," Mehta said. "Rotarians love challenges."

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THANK YOU!

Dear The Rotary Club Of Calgary Chinook,

Your compassion has made an incredible impact around the world. Thanks to your Club, families will be able to begin the process of self-recovery, and start to rebuild their lives after losing so much to disaster and conflict.

Last year, ShelterBox was able to provide over 200,000 people with emergency aid thanks to our generous supporters. Together, we're not only changing lives — we're saving lives.

Your Club's donation of \$1,000.00 will help empower families with not only shelter, but with the ability to recover. By providing emergency aid and the training needed to rebuild, families can restore normalcy to their lives, communities can work to recover together, and families can even return to work or school.

We are proud to be Rotary International's Project Partner, further strengthening a global circle of friendship. We also believe in being people of action. At ShelterBox, we are impatient to see no family left without shelter after disaster. Thank you for joining us in our mission, and helping ensure we are always prepared to help when the unthinkable happens.

If you have any questions about your donation or about our responses, please do not hesitate to call me at our office at 647-352-1930

Kind Regards,

Tess Widdifield

Tess Widdifield,
Acting Executive Director, ShelterBox Canada
Foundation Chair, Rotary Club of Toronto Twilight



Community Service at 'Community Kitchens' February 9th



Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution Month

February 16th

ZOOM Meeting @ noon ... be sure to join in!

Dan Doherty — Mexico Home Building Project

Karen Murray — REP Inclusion Alberta Update

February 25th

Evening Networking Meeting — via ZOOM @ 6:00pm

Virtual Wine Tasting Social with Calgary East

Speaker: Mauro Villerjo, Owner and Winemaker, Trapezio Winery Argentina

We will be sampling their Rose, Finca Malbec and Petit Bobo

Cost is \$80, which will include a charcuterie plate, or you can attend for free with out the wine and plate



Water and Sanitation Month

March 2nd

ZOOM Meeting @ noon ... be sure to join in!

2017/18 RI President Ian Riseley

'RI's New Area of Focus/Cause: Protecting the Environment'

March 16th

ZOOM Meeting @ noon ... be sure to join in!

DG Mary Turner — District Update

March 25th

Dixon's Evening Networking Meeting — via ZOOM @ 7pm

Speaker: Scott Orban, McKenzie Meadows Golf Club

'How COVID Has Impacted the Golf Industry'



Maternal and Child Health Month

April 6th

Veronica Lawrence, Calgary Women's Emergency Shelter

April 20th

Francis Akinnouye — "Youth Issues"

Events/Happenings

May 1st

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

Did You Know?

Jim Thompson, Club Historian

Did You Know? Being a Charter Member of a Rotary club with over 40 years of history, since being chartered by RI, means there are a lot of stories rolling around in this old noggin. Many are worth sharing with newer members, so that they can appreciate some of the distant past successes and adventures we have enjoyed.

Consider if you will, the club was born in March 1977, as a men only service club, the standard of that time. So ... fellowship didn't challenge barriers that might offend or certainly exclude females. On the ski trips to Panorama, and the golf trips to Radium/Invermere, all were accommodated in all-male facilities, some with competition with the all-male Invermere BC Rotary club. Those were extraordinary times — not to suggest the fellowship enjoyed today, with mixed membership since 1992, isn't — it just is perhaps more refined. We lost one member when we accepted women into our club, as mandated by RI. Bernard Arthur threatened he would quit if we did, and as I introduced Moe Tynan for induction into our club during a luncheon meeting, he walked out and never returned. Moe and many gals since, have gone on to become solid examples of Real Rotarians, not blinded by mixed ranks. Our inclusion record over the years has been remarkable, including absolutely no exclusions for race, colour or creed, nor sexual orientation. Be proud of those facts.

My travels have taken me to make-up meetings all over the world and frankly I have not seen the same inclusion stats in many clubs.

Two members left our club, for what they thought were better opportunities in another much larger Calgary club? Not sure if there were any gains, in fact, many of the larger club members have since joined our ranks, so we really have prospered from the exchange. Both members who left us, Larry Ryder and John Rockley, have since passed away.

Two members I was sad to see resign were cousins, Blake and Rick Anderson, who were out-going, very generous fellows, anxious to share their life interests with the club. Blake's ranch north of Cochrane was the scene of several Rotary family day-long country experiences complete with BBQ. At Rick's family Anderson Ranch in Water Valley area it was the same, and enhanced, with horse back rides and even a stage coach ride for kids and grandkids. Terrific family outings.

We have many members that have family achievers we know little about ... remembering Norm Myden, whose son, now a doctor, was an Olympic swimmer, for example. Today we have Tom Sorenson, Charter Member, whose son Brad, is founder and CEO of Northern RNA manufacturing, all over the news these days, for their stepping up to produce Canada's own COVID-19 vaccine, with Manitoba already ordering 2,000,000 doses after FD A approval is granted. How many more next generation achievers do we have in our membership ranks I wonder?

When you think about it, every Canadian has won more cups than the Leafs. 

