



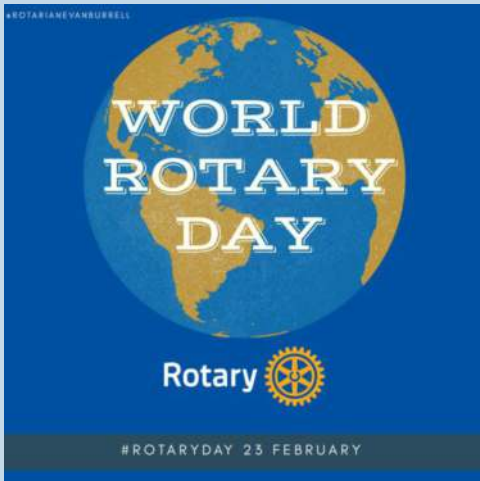
### ZOOM Meeting Minutes

February 16th, 2021

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The meeting got off to a great start with Ron May showing off his gallon bottle of discount Costco Scotch, aged at least a few weeks. It seems Anthony Tonkinson shops at the same store. Ian Burgess was not overly impressed ... some sort of quality vs quantity hang-up I guess.



President Rob then got things officially on the road with the playing of O Canada, and the introduction of guests. Guests included our speakers, Dan and Marlene Doherty, and Karen Murray and Carla Hamarsnes. Also on-line was past club member Norm Myden, and also a Friend of the Club, Katherine Breaker.



The 'mic' was passed to Dan and Marlene Doherty. Their presentation started with a status report on the **Homes of Hope project in Guatemala**. First a note from one of the recipients of housing, on the impact on their lives. That was followed by details on how the project was impacted by COVID-19 travel restrictions. The 16th annual trip south was scheduled for March, but that could not proceed. The prep work had been done and lumber delivered, but volunteers could not travel to build the houses.

Dan went on to talk about **Rotary and Where We Are Today** ... how Rotary needs to adapt to changing times. It is not just the big projects that Rotary does, but the perhaps larger impact of the little things that Rotary does every day, that helps people and changes lives. Rotarians must be engaged — action vs [cont'd on page 2 ...](#)

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words. Currently there is a tendency to too many words. Think about what you can do — Service above Self — to change lives. A number of positive comments were made on the presentation.

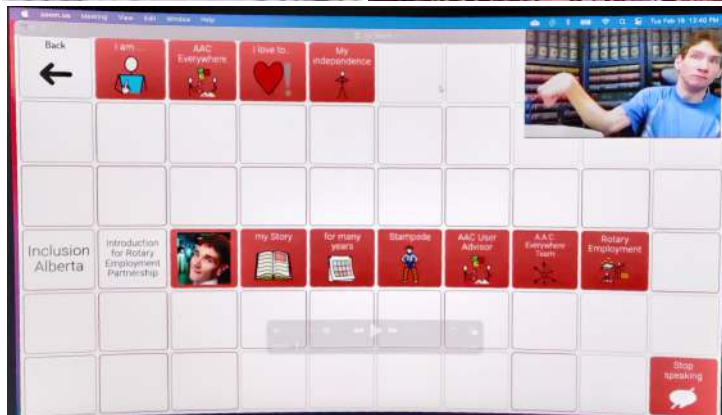
The **Sunshine Report** had Tammy Truman rejoicing that her boot was off after two long months. Bev Tonkinson mentioned that thanks to their son Spencer and his spouse, grandkid number 6 was on the way.



The **Chase the Ace** pot was now at \$656. Neil Beaty won the daily amount of \$87.00, but pulled the Queen of Spades, much to the relief of the rest of us. Remember to send in your \$20 for next month's draws before March 2nd, if you want a chance at the growing prize!



Bev Tonkinson then introduced our second set of speakers. Karen Murray and Carla Hamarsnes from **Inclusion Alberta** and the **Rotary Employment Partnership**. With over 80% unemployment rate faced by disabled individuals, the program has lots of work to do. A presentation by one of the aid recipients was made, talking about how the program has impacted his life to date and his vision for the future. What can



Rotarians do? We need to open doors and create opportunities. Provide contacts for the Inclusion staff to seek out job opportunities. These opportunities are for long term sustainable employment. Both Tammy Truman and Dan Doherty talked about their experiences with the program.

Bev Tonkinson then gave an update on the efforts to get donations for the **Drop-In Centre**. It was wildly successful ... she and Anthony having to make 3 trips to the depot of items dropped off at their front door! What a fantastic effort by Bev and Anthony to make this a true success!



Bob Montgomery has been working with **Meals on Wheels**, and has set up a route and a team for meal deliveries.

President Rob went on to talk about the Pub Quiz Night that raised \$5000. He thanked Dean White for his work on our website and the new photo gallery found there (send him pictures of events that you might have), spoke about the Rotary Learning Centre, and finally the upcoming Wine Tasting meeting. The District Convention is on May 1st, virtual this year, and will cost \$20 to join in to a fantastic program.

Graham Boone talked about the success in raising funds for Medical Mercy Canada and their TB project. Sayed Ahmed updated us on the status (so close to a go!) of the hearing project.

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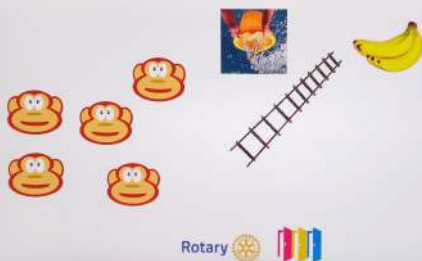
The meeting wound up with the **S@A** humorous slides as usual, some shown here.

Next meeting is the Wine Tasting on February 25th, and then the regular Tuesday meeting on March 2nd. The March 2nd meeting will be a mix of regular Club activities, and a link to a presentation by past RI President Ian Risely on the new Rotary Area of Focus, the Environment.



## Rotary and Where We Are Today Presentation

### Service Above Self – The Why of Rotary



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"In the end we will not remember the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends"



### Service Above Self – The Why of Rotary

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster the following:



### Service Above Self – The Why of Rotary

The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service

"I want you to be concerned about your neighbor!!!!!"  
"Do you know your neighbor?????"



Everyone has a **Story**.....Have you **Heard** it?....More importantly have you **Shared** in it !



### Service Above Self – The Why of Rotary

**The success of any Rotary Club begins with an individual making a decision to be engaged and working alongside their fellow Rotarians.**

Developed in 1911 by Frank Collins – a wholesale fruit merchant from Minneapolis – was actually:

**SERVICE NOT SELF**



### Service Above Self – The Why of Rotary

High ethical standards in business and professions, the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society

*Mentorship Fellowship Engagement*



### Service Above Self – The Why of Rotary

"We must become the change we want to be..."



"Whatever you do will be insignificant.... But it is very important that you do it"



### Service Above Self – The Why of Rotary

The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life



### Service Above Self – The Why of Rotary



the Priest and the Levite asked "If I were to stop and help this man, what will happen to me".....

The Samaritan/Rotarian reversed the question and asked "If I do not stop to help this man, what will happen to him"



### Service Above Self – The Why of Rotary

The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service



### Service Above Self – The Why of Rotary

"The difference between what we do and what we are capable of could solve most of the problems in the world."



### Service Above Self – The Why of Rotary

"Rotarians are very much more favorably disposed toward action than they are toward words."

— Paul P. Harris





## Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution Month

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 Akinouye — "Youth Issues"

## Events/Happenings

May 1st

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




## Sergeant at Arms



Marvin is upset that President Rob didn't include him on the ZOOM meeting link, so he is looking for his 'Illudium Q-36 Explosive Space Modulator'.





**Tue, March 2**  
12:15 - 1:00 pm MST

**Ian Riseley, LIVE**  
from Australia!

**Rotary's New Cause,  
Protecting the Environment**

**Register at [ESRAG.org/events](https://ESRAG.org/events)**  
by Sunday, February 27