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February 2nd, 2021

Scribe: Stephen Pick



President Rob called the meeting to order and played a rendition of 'O Canada' by Martina Ortiz Luis, with back-up from a group of others. Great Bernie could join us!



Our 3 guests were then welcomed in the usual way. We really have to have an "in-person" meeting so Rob can get a better music file to play, the carpet is wearing out. The guests were the speakers Sandra Clarkson and Colin Richardson, and ADG Garfield Ganong.

Calgary Drop-In Centre Sandra Clarkson and Colin Richardson



Michael Spears introduced the speakers from the Drop-In Centre. Sandra Clarkson became the Executive Director about 2 years ago, and has instituted many changes. Colin Richardson is the Emergency Co-ordinator.

Sandra Clarkson started the presentation noting that it was the 60th anniversary of the Drop-In Centre. It started as a soup kitchen, then became a shelter, and is now becoming more housing oriented. Her presentation highlighted the challenges faced by the DI, and the impact on its services by COVID-19. The centre is open 24/7, 365 days a year, with the target of achieving the most independent living possible for its clients. The Centre provides skills training where possible to make the independence sustainable. COVID has impacted the



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operations with cases in both clients and staff. While operations continued, all outside volunteers were blocked from coming. This was a reduction of over 93 position equivalents that the staff had now to cover. One area that has expanded is the health side. The Centre now has LPNs on all shifts to help address the high and growing level of overdoses. The pandemic has required a capacity reduction at the DI, and the need to enhance satellite locations. On the positive side, working with strengthened ties with landlords and other agencies, over 400 clients have been moved to permanent housing. A huge credit to all the front line workers here who have stepped up in this very difficult time.



Colin Richardson talked about the program he has developed, "Beat the Burn". It is to recognize the high level of stress that front line workers in this field are facing right now, leading to burn out, and mental health and well-being issues. Front line workers give at a risk to their own mental well-being. The program strives to recognize these efforts and offer peer support. Since starting just 12 days ago, it has been picked up in 4 provinces, and over 1000 workers have been

recognized. See the link in the slides for more info and to support.

A short Q&A session recognized the efforts of this incredible program. Volunteer time is not possible right now ... they will advise us when this opens up. They are still accepting donations of winter wear, socks and underwear at the Donation Centre — 3640 - 11A Street NE.

Rob recognized the speaker with a donation to Polio Plus.

The Sunshine Report was limited to Janet Popoff — great news that her cast is off! This was good news in many ways as Hank is now off dish duty so sanitation has improved.



Tammy Truman, Chair of the Member Recognition Committee made her first "Just Because" Award to Bart Dailey. Bart has been a pillar of the club since he joined in 1992, serving as President in 2002 and as MC at many events with his great voice. Bart's recent C2Q

daily emails have been interesting, informative, lighthearted and serious, and have been uplifting in many ways.



Bev Tonkinson announced the Birthdays — Albert, Pat, Gord and Ron. There were no Anniversaries, so she put out a call for the membership committee to address this deficiency. Remember to send a photo to Bev when she requests it!

Paul Gaudet then gave a report on the Signature Project Review. The details of the review have been circulated and a copy attached to this newsletter.



It was then on to Chase the Ace. Al Holt won the \$87 pot, but drew the 5 of Diamonds so the pot rolls over, and will be \$656 next draw. Note the next month's (March) cost will be \$30 so get your funds into Al to remain in the game.



ADG Garfield gave a few comments on the District activities. The Virtual District Convention will be on May 1st. Sign up soon on the District 5360 website. Club Leadership Training is also open for registrations. DG Mary Turner is doing virtual club visits, and will

attend our March 16th meeting.

Dean White gave a brief update on things at Roots2STEM, and will be making a short presentation on the partnership with Chinook at an upcoming meeting. There is a partnership video on the Club Runner site for all to view. Go to the home page and click on "Programs" then "Partnership" to see the video. Anthony Tonkinson has stepped up to be the Club Liaison with Roots2STEM.

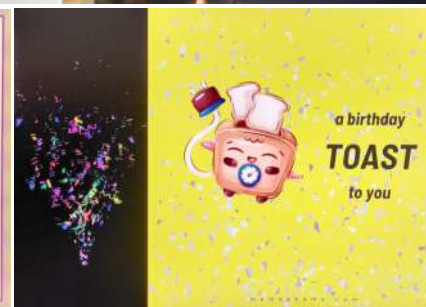
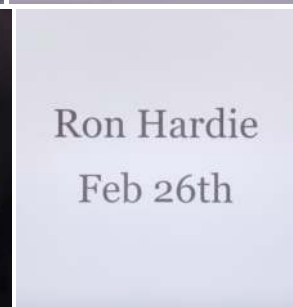
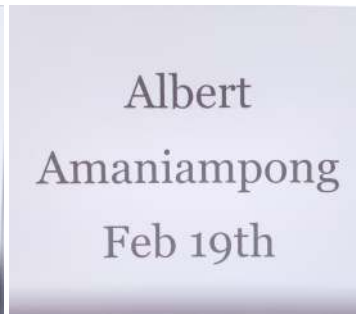
President Rob advised us all to check out the March Rotarian as the Club's Networking Night will be featured in it.

On March 2nd we will be having a joint meeting

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February Birthdays (no Anniversaries !?)



Did You Know?

Jim Thompson, Club Historian

Did You Know? As a club we will be soon celebrating our 45th anniversary, since Chartering in RI back in 1977, and the four of us remaining Charter Members have been involved the whole way, and several months before Charter. We have seen many good fellow Rotarians pass away during four and 1/2 decades, others come and go as Active members, some briefly contributing (perhaps not finding Rotary their way to give back to the community or other distractions), others retiring and relocating while still staying connected to Rotary in their new communities. No service club can be all things to all people, Rotary works for me. The Four Way Test display is set beside my computer. I look at it every day, and believe I follow it well.

Our club has had some interesting events of Service Above Self, some strange tragedy, lots of great fellowship, and much cause for celebration.

A few such events to remember perhaps ... the bizarre passing of member Dr David Chevalier, introduced as a new member, the evening we were chartered. He was on holiday in Mexico when we were advised he drowned in the ocean. Years later, a friend who was with him, reported to us through me, that he in fact was murdered! That story came many years after, with the suggestion we should look into how authorities handled his death. Not our place to do so. Charter Member George Raham, now a member of the Canmore Rotary Club, placed our Club Banner at the base camp on Mt Everest on a trip there. We have always felt he gained us the highest position for Rotary recognition! Former Charter Member Bob Muskett, was transferred by the bank to Banff. Shortly afterwards, while out for a stroll after dinner with a friend they came face to face with an angry grizzly bear and attempted to get away. Bob's friend tripped, the bear attacked him and savagely injured him. Bob got away, but his friend later died.

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Report to the February 2nd, 2021 Meeting

First, our process:

- Our Signature Project Review originated as part of our Strategic Planning process, which had its beginnings with our first ZOOM Committee meeting on May 7th. We developed a plan and set of goals and delivered them to our membership by a ZOOM meeting on June 23rd. As our membership supported our recommended set of goals, we proceeded to our action stage by delegating the various goals to individual committee members for follow up.
- We decided to have additional ZOOM meetings (a separate meeting for each goal) in order to encourage our membership to participate by adding their suggestions and providing guidance.
- The investigation into Signature Projects for our Club was the goal which was delegated to myself, so I recruited two additional members to form a sub-committee, and we held a ZOOM meeting with our membership on August 4th to discuss existing projects and to consider new ones. We came away from that meeting with a number of projects to consider. We choose three to proceed with, and each member of our sub-committee took one and agreed to investigate it and to prepare a report which would in due course be shared with our membership for their consideration.
- It took us a while to complete our investigations and prepare our reports, however on December 12th we emailed the three reports to our membership, and asked them to kindly review the information and to prioritize them in terms of their interest. We asked them to convey these choices back to our Committee.
- We waited a week and then on December 19th, emailed the same information out to our membership a second time, asking for their input.
- After another two weeks, we collated our results and came up with our recommendations. We presented these to our Board Meeting on January 13th, and received their support to proceed.
- On January 18th, we shared these results and recommendations with our membership by email.

Due to COVID restrictions, all our meetings had to be conducted using ZOOM, which unfortunately limited some of our members' participation. However, given this situation, our process was thorough and as inclusive as possible.

Results and recommendations:

The final results (1st place votes) are as follows:

1. Nature Park	46%
2. Acadia Pantry	32%
3. Bethany Riverview	22%
Total	100%

We believe it is a positive feature that we received a diverse selection of responses, and is indicative of three excellent alternative projects.

So what is the next step?

We recommend highlighting the Nature Park for additional support from our Club. We note also that our 10 year agreement with FishCreek Park is up for renewal next year in April, so this would be job one, to negotiate a renewal. Jim Thompson is working on this, and anticipates a successful renewal. Jim

confirms that he has a committee in place to handle everything which needs to be done at this point, and that they will begin working on a budget review as soon as appropriate.

With regard to the Acadia Food Pantry, we recommend that our local donations committee consider supporting this charity (which they have just done by virtue of a \$2,000 donation), and also that once COVID restrictions permit, our Community Service Committee investigate setting up some type of volunteer activity for our members to participate in.

We suggest not proceeding with any specific activity with Bethany Riverview at this time. Depending on our financial resources going forward, we could consider additional support at a later date.

Special thanks to Dale and George K for their assistance on this project.

Paul Gaudet

Chair of Signature Project Sub Committee, part of our 2020 Strategic Planning Committee

Did You Know?

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On a happier note, we began accepting ladies into full club membership in 1992. Tammy Truman joined us in 1994 and has been a wonderful example to all of her dedication to SERVICE ABOVE SELF. Many will recall her introducing a great project, "CAPSULE OF LIFE", to our club, in cooperation with the Calgary Firefighters. Our capsule is still in the fridge as directed, in case of an emergency. Tammy, as all know has championed the Seniors Christmas Party and our own Christmas Party for many years, until the beast COVID-19 cancelled both in 2020.



Normally, for the past 30 years, Judy and I would be somewhere much warmer playing golf at this time of year. We miss it big time, but as Albertans, we are used to winter. Our last home in Arizona we sold a few years ago, but still keep in touch with many American and Canadian friends who remain there. These are worrisome times for all.

Stay well, wear a mask, maintain social distancing and get the vaccine when your time is available.

I might have a slight drinking problem ...

My husband asked me to toast some bread for him. I raised my wine glass and said, "Here's to bread!"



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!

Karen Oullette, Donor Ministry Supervisor, Samaritan's Purse Canada

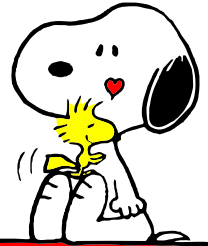
DG Mary Turner — District Update

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 13th

Off site — Common Crown Brewery Tap Room — if we can meet in person; if not, then no meeting (depends on health restrictions)



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with a club in Idaho. Past RI President will be on ZOOM presenting information on the new Environment Area of Focus. More info on this to come.

On February 25th at 6:00pm there will be a ZOOM virtual wine tasting event with Calgary East. Cost is estimated at \$70 for 3 wines and a charcuterie plate, that will be provided to you. Let President Rob know if you are interested.

The meeting finished with a number of Sgt at Arms items provided to Rob by Jim Thompson.

Next Meeting: February 16th, 2021

New MONTHLY Budget
Gas \$0
Entertainment \$0
Clothes \$0
GROCERIES \$1624



When you realize it's the last year
you'll be able to play with Legos.

