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ZOOM Meeting Minutes

January 5th, 2021

Scribe: Paul Gaudet

President Rob opened our meeting at 12:05 by welcoming everyone and introducing a video of 'O Canada', a wonderful version featuring The Tenors. We had 35 participants on ZOOM today. Rob specifically welcomed Jack Steen to our meeting and noted that this was his first time joining us on ZOOM. It's always great to see new faces on ZOOM.

Rob welcomed 2021 by wishing everyone a Happy New Year. He thanked all those who attended our 'Happy Hour' last week, and noted that Canada is going into the finals tonight against team USA in the World Junior Tournament.

Rob then noted that today's scribe would be Paul Gaudet and advised anyone who had information for our minutes to contact either Paul or Stephen directly. He also noted that our Club would appreciate volunteers for taking our minutes for the months of March through June. He then thanked Stephen and Anne for all their work preparing and distributing our e-Arch each Tuesday.



Rob initiated our 'Sunshine Report' by noting that we have two of our members wearing casts these days: Janet Popoff who injured her arm by taking a fall, and Tammy Truman who injured her foot the same way. Rob wished them both well and hoped for a quick removal of their casts. There were no further news about other members being ill.

Rob announced that he was pleased to continue our Rotary Recognition Program by highlighting a member who was sponsored into our Club in 2005 by Norm Myden with the classification of Oilfield Services Retired. He has been active on our International Committee for many years, and was also a leader in

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fund raising at Spruce Meadows for many years. He and Lois are active in our fellowship activities, and can always be counted on to step up when asked. Of course we are speaking of Neil Beatty. Congratulations Neil for this well deserved honour!

Rob then called on Syed to present his 'Classification Talk'. Syed was speaking to us today from Pakistan. He advised that he earned his MD in Pakistan, and after practicing for a couple of years, he noted that was very little expertise in audiology in that country. As a result he went to St. Louis, Missouri and earned a Masters in Audiology. He returned to Pakistan and practiced for a year before receiving an excellent opportunity in the Middle East. Syed, his wife and two young boys lived in this area for many years, only moving to Canada (Toronto) in 2003, when their boys were ready to enter high school. In 2008 they moved to Western Canada.

His joining Chinook Rotary came about due to his wife joining the Rotary Club in Islamabad. She encouraged Syed to join a Club in Calgary and at the time, he was treating Ian Burgess. One thing led to another and he decided to join Chinook. Syed decided to put together a project through Rotary to provide training, diagnosis and treatment in Pakistan for children with hearing deficiencies. Pakistan is a country with 220 million population, yet only has 200 audiologists, not nearly sufficient to meet their needs. He was successful in raising support through the Islamabad Rotary Club (as well as through our own club), and is presently awaiting approval by Rotary international. Syed expects to remain in Pakistan for a few more months before returning to Calgary.



He tells us that their boys are now both in their early 30s, one living in Calgary (working in the marketing field and also is a trained chef), and the other in Toronto (an MBA working for Johnson and Johnson also in the marketing field). Syed's wife has two great interests: raising sheep (which they do in Pakistan) and baking, (mainly cakes and cupcakes). Rob thanked Syed for his presentation.



Bev took over to present our Birthday and Anniversary Report for January.

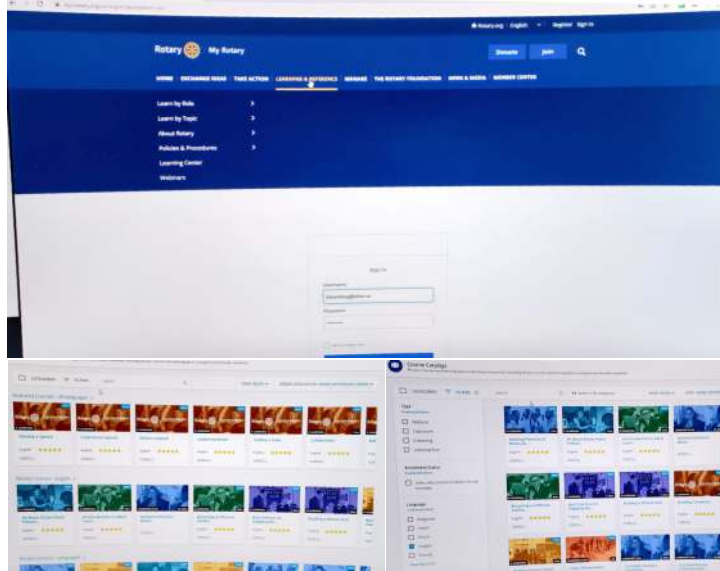
She reported that there were 5 member birthdays this month: Bruce Bohnet, Jack Steen, Tom Sorenson, Dick Snel and George Van Schaick.

There were two spousal birthdays: Mary Ellen Boone and Maria Stemp. Happy Birthday and best wishes to all.

We also have a single anniversary to celebrate, Bill and Peggy Churchward, 44 years, congratulations! Rob played a music video while birthday and wedding photos were displayed, a great way to know our members better.



Rob took a few minutes to discuss the RI Learning Centre. He is a member of our District Committee which has taken on the responsibility of introducing the Learning Centre to all our District membership. He noted that the Centre is a great way to learn about Rotary and what it does, as well as a great way to learn how to perform many of the leadership roles within Rotary. There are also courses on Toastmasters designed to help us to become better speakers and communicators. He recommended visitors to this site begin by watching 'Rotary Basics', a truly motivating and informational course. If you find a course which you enjoy or find useful, please share this at one of our meetings.



Rob proudly announced the continuation of our 'Chase the Ace' program. By sending \$20 to Al Holt prior to the beginning of each month, you will be allocated 5 tickets which will get you involved with the draw for each meeting that month. The funds raised will be distributed 40% to our Club, 30% to the daily winner and 30% to the progressive pot. The prize at our meeting today for having his ticket drawn was \$72 and went to George Van Schaick. He picked the Jack of Hearts, so our grand prize is still available with 43 cards remaining in the deck (one of which is the Ace of Spades). Our grand prize pot is currently at \$410.



Peter took the virtual podium to make his report on our newly approved Society's 'Signature Demonstration Project'. He had recently sent out a full report on this project to each member which we recommend everyone review. The context for this exciting new project is the Society itself. It was set up a number of years ago to allow us to



raise money and to fund worthy projects. The restraining factor has turned out to be the bylaws of the Society which were approved at the outset. We can only support a limited number of activities, but the key is that one of the permitted uses is to support the education of

those in need. We noted our relationship with Roots2Stem, an educational non profit based here in Calgary and run by our member, Dean White, with which we have been working in our Fairview Mentorship Program. These two factors were mingled into the creation of an educational opportunity to train disadvantaged youth in our community. We can also use our Society to accept third party donations from non-Rotarians who wish to help fund our program. This project will require approval by each successive Board and reports from Roots2Stem are to be made quarterly. This project has been approved by the Society Board, as well as by our Club Board.



Rob asked Paul to comment on the difference between this Society Project and our ongoing search for a Club Signature Project. Paul advised that the three projects currently being considered as potential Signature Projects (our existing Nature Park, Acadia Food Pantry and Bethany Riverview) will ultimately result in a signature project

being selected for our Club. We will then move forward with an ongoing Society project (Roots2Stem) side by side with our Club Project. The level of support for both will be dictated to a great extent by our ability to raise funds in the years to come.

Rob continued with a few announcements

- Our virtual Christmas Party went very well. It was well attended, very entertaining and raised \$1,050 for the Calgary's Women's Centre.
- The 2021 NHL season starts up next week and we have set up a pool at a cost of \$30 per entry. Rob has opened this pool to other Clubs and put it on the District website in an effort to attract additional players to improve our fundraising potential. Our members are encouraged to consider participating.
- It was great to see our upcoming RI President, Canadian Jennifer Jones, at our December 21st shared ZOOM meeting. She was very impressive and will undoubtedly be an excellent leader. One of the goals she talked about was improving Rotary's visibility, a very worthy objective.
- Paul highlighted the details of today's Bottle Drive, and encouraged our members to participate if possible. He also

thanked Bev for the idea, and both her and Anthony for allowing us to use their residence as a collection point.

Rob then introduced this week's 'Sergeant at Arms', while thanking Jim Thompson for much of the material. It provided excellent comic relief with smiles evident all around.

He next asked for any 'Good News/Bad News'. Dale told us sad news about losing her



Thanks! Bev and Anthony!

'baby' brother (at the age of 68) just before Christmas. He had been terminally ill, but was looking forward to Christmas prior to his passing. We offer condolences to Dale and her family.

Rob played a three minute video of the 35 year old 'We Are the World' production as it contains a great message of

hope and remains completely relevant today.



As noted, there will be no regular meeting next week (note that our Board meeting will be held by ZOOM at noon on Wednesday, January 13th).

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 13th by ZOOM. Our speaker will be Joshua McDonald from 'Meals on Wheels' so join us and hear all about this wonderful charity helping to feed so many in our city. We hope to see you there.

Our meeting was adjourned at 1:20pm. Have a great Rotary week.





Bruce Bohnet
January 7th



Jack Steen
Jan 12th

Tom Sorenson
January 18th

Dick Snel
January 24th

George Van Schaik
Jan 30th



Two golden rules to a Happy Marriage:

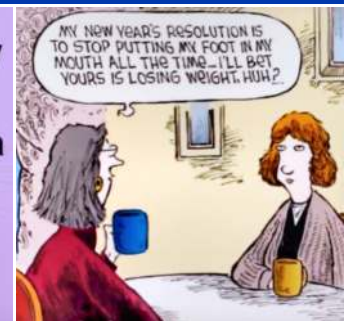
1. The wife is always right.
2. When you feel she is wrong slap yourself and read rule number 1 again.




Sergeant at Arms



Lockdown can only go 4-ways. You'll come out a monk, a hunk, a chunk or a drunk. Choose wisely. 🧐



ROTARY CLUB OF CALGARY CHINOOK 2021 NHL BOX POOL

Rotary



\$ 30 entry (deadline is Wed. Jan 13th at 5pm).

30% - to Chinook Rotary to help support it's projects and donations

70% - payout to top 3 participants (1st 35% - 2nd 25% - 3rd 10%)

Box Pool format for simple entry so everyone can play (i.e. you may make 1 pick from each of the choices in each of the 24 pre-populated boxes).

You can join online by copying and pasting this link into your browser:

<http://www.officepools.com/invite/classic/m/HQG48ECJ>
or email me directly and I can email you the pick sheet.

Website: www.officepools.com

Pool Name: ChinookRotary

Password: goFlamesgo (both no spaces and case sensitive)

You may also email robwolfrotary@shaw.ca or call/text (403) 560-6471

Please send email funds transfer to the same email and use 'Rotary' as the password.

Please feel free to share the invitation among other hockey fans.



An update on our Bottle Drive last Tuesday ... Our net money raised was \$254.24!

We spared 294 kg from the landfill, saved 1,010 kWh of energy, and prevented 155 kg of greenhouse gas emissions by recycling with "SkipTheDepot".

Thanks to all who participated with special thanks to Bev and Anthony. We are thinking we could do this every several months so please consider saving your returnables for our next "Bottle Drive".

While the amount of money raised is not large, it is a convenience for our members, and we have lots of projects which could use the support.

Stay safe, be kind,
Paul



Bev and Anthony moved all the bags and boxes into their garage for the night ... this is the haul ready for pick-up the next morning!



What can we learn from our battle with the polio virus to help our fight against the coronavirus?

In 1988, polio paralyzed 350,000 children a year in 125 countries. Today, thanks to the efforts of Rotary and its partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI), a 99.9% reduction in polio cases worldwide has been achieved. Only two countries continue to report cases of wild poliovirus: Afghanistan and Pakistan. Around 19 million people who would otherwise be paralyzed walk today, and 1.5 million deaths have been prevented.

As the world wears off the COVID-19 pandemic and promising vaccine candidates emerge, we face the daunting task of ensuring that all people, including those in vulnerable communities, are vaccinated. What are the key components of the polio eradication program that can be applied to the fight against COVID-19?



- John Hewko, General Secretary & CEO, Rotary International in Rotary Voices

Alliances

Strong alliances between governments and organizations are vital to fighting disease. The formation of the GPEI, a public-private partnership between Rotary, WHO, UNICEF, CDC, the Gates Foundation, GAVI, and governments, ensures the diverse input of a variety of organizations with different expertise.

Confidence Building

To build trust in vaccines among parents and caregivers and to combat misinformation, the polio program collaborates with local influencers, religious leaders, educators, health institutions, tribal elders, and the media. These community-tailored approaches play a critical role in increasing confidence in polio vaccine and immunization in general.

Infrastructure

Elements of the infrastructure for polio eradication — comprising laboratories, millions of healthcare workers and innovative technology y— are already being used against COVID-19, or will be used in the future. For example, the vast polio surveillance network, which detects the polio virus in humans and the environment, is now being used to identify suspected cases of COVID-19. The polio program also developed a cold chain system — made up of freezers, coolers and cold boxes — to store the vaccine and keep it cold while it is transported over long distances, which can be useful in the deployment of a COVID-19 vaccine.

Ending a disease is a huge commitment. But when governments, multilateral institutions, and non-profits like Rotary mobilize together, nothing is insurmountable. The remarkable progress made in eradicating polio constitutes a plan to overcome COVID-19, especially for the distribution and acceptance of an effective vaccine to achieve the long-awaited end of this pandemic.

The Environment - Rotary's New Area of Focus

Rotary shares an interest in protecting our common legacy: the environment.

We are committed to supporting activities that strengthen the conservation and protection of natural resources, advance ecological sustainability, and foster harmony between communities and the environment. We empower communities to access grants and other resources, embrace local solutions, and spur innovation in an effort to address the causes and reduce the effects of climate change and environmental degradation.

The Rotary Foundation will enable our members and their community allies to take action in these ways:

- Protecting and restoring land, coastal, marine, and freshwater resources
- Enhancing the capacity of communities to support natural resource management and conservation
- Supporting sustainable agriculture, fishing, and aqua-culture practices
- Addressing the cause of climate change by reducing the emission of greenhouse gases
- Strengthening ecosystems and communities affected by climate change
- Supporting education initiatives that promote behaviour that protects the environment
- Advocating for sustainable consumption to build an economy that uses resources more efficiently
- Addressing environmental justice issues and public health concerns



\$18.4 million in Foundation global grant funding has been allocated to environment-related causes in the past five years through our support of community economic development and water, sanitation, and hygiene projects

Vocational Service Month

January 19th

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

Joshua MacDonald — Meals on Wheels

Dixon's Evening Meeting — likely via ZOOM

Dan Adams, KPMG Enterprise

— Tax Implications Due to COVID-19

January 28th

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!



Job Vacancy



Anyone interested in working for the betterment of children and improving their life's

success potential, please come forward and join our Society/ROOTS2STEM Collaboration Project.

We need a **Project Leader** to come forward from our membership, to be our point person liaising with R2S to maximize club benefits.

The job is to ensure that volunteer opportunities are announced and filled in co-ordination with R2S.

Anyone interested, please contact me.

Peter Bickham
Society President



Calling All Scribes !!

Scribes needed!!

We have the job covered for January and February.

We are looking for help from March through June.

Please help!!
Contact Paul Gaudet to volunteer.



RI Convention Houston 2022

