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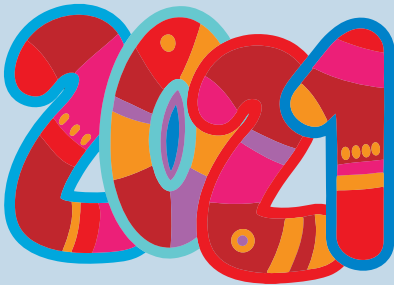
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**Our meeting is on ZOOM ...**  
**Join in**  
**today at noon!**



### DisCon 2021 News

It is with a heavy heart that I must inform you that, along with the support of the organizing committee, I have made the decision to pivot from our original plans to have a district-wide in-person conference to a district-wide virtual conference.

**This one day event will be held on Saturday, April 17, 2021.**

Between the uncertainty of the timing of vaccinations, and when the Medical Officer of Health will allow us to gather again, I feel that this is the most appropriate decision for our District. The safety and health of our Rotary family is my primary concern as we navigate these uncharted times.

Together we will Navigate a New World, guided by inspiring speakers and interactive sessions that inspire and challenge us in doing the impactful work of Rotary. Please stay tuned as we continue to update the District Conference 2021 website in the upcoming weeks. There will be revisions to scheduling, pricing and content, as well as information on what to expect the day of the virtual conference.

The silver lining is that now travel and accommodation expenses are no longer a barrier, this opportunity provides an even more inclusive event for more youth and more members of our Rotary family to attend.

Looking forward to seeing you online Saturday, April 17th!

*Yours in Rotary Service - Mary Turner, District Governor, 20-21*

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## Rotary Employment Partnership E-Blast

D5360 & D5370

 Inclusion Alberta

January 2021

### Vocational Services Month

*"Vocational Service is the very essence of Rotary. It is what sets Rotary apart from other service organizations. The concept of vocational service is rooted in the second point of the Object of Rotary which calls on Rotarians to encourage and foster 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. Rotarians every day put these ideals into action by using their professional skills to serve their community, practicing their profession with integrity and guiding others in their professional development."* (Niel Berg, PDG D5360. Retrieved January 4, 2021 from [Rotary5360 website](https://www.rotary5360.org/)).

During Vocational Services month, we are encouraging every Rotarian to get involved with the Rotary Employment Partnership. As a Rotarian, you can make a big impact by introducing the partnership to others! If they are interested in knowing more, please call your local Rotary Employment Partnership Coordinator, and we'll do the rest!

Here's a little elevator pitch to help guide your conversation.

*"Have you heard of the Rotary Employment Partnership? It's a partnership between Rotary and Inclusion Alberta to change the 80% unemployment rate for people with developmental disabilities. We do this by finding real work for real pay, and Inclusion Alberta provides the supports necessary to ensure long term success."*

Because of Rotarians like you, Stephen and Scott have incredible careers!



\*This photo was taken in 2015\*

*In 2015, Stephen (left) started working at Alta-Gas as an office ambassador. Stephen brings so much joy to his workplace. Today, he continues to be the best ambassador from home (for now).*

*This opportunity was created by the Rotary Club of Calgary Centennial.*



*Scott (above) began working for Driving Force as a detailer 15 years ago and he is considered a model employee who is never late for his shifts and gives 100% effort in completing his duties!*

*Thanks to the Rotary Club of Edmonton Mayfield for opening the door to this incredible career.*

\*This photo was taken in 2011\*

If you are interested in knowing how your workplace or Rotary Club can become involved, please contact:  
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**Trina Steed**, Inclusion Alberta Provincial Director, Employment Partnerships: [tsteed@inclusionAlberta.org](mailto:tsteed@inclusionAlberta.org) | 780-451-3055 ext. 426



## Rotary Employment Partnership Expansion

We're growing! Just in time for the new year, Inclusion Alberta received funding to expand the Partnership, to work with Rotary in tackling the extremely high unemployment rate for people with developmental disabilities. Across the province, 4 new coordinators have joined the team! Highlighted this month are the 2 new Calgary Coordinators Karen and Courtney.

### Karen Murray



Hi, my name is Karen, and I'm excited to join the Rotary Employment Partnership team! I grew up in Sherwood Park, then upon graduating with an Adapted Physical Education degree from U of A, I ventured south. Early on, I worked for the City of Calgary as an inclusion trainer and a fitness instructor for people with disabilities. My recent roles have included advocacy, community relations, and event management for non-profit organizations, while my volunteer roles have mainly centered around our kids' sports. I became connected to Inclusion Alberta in 2018 when I supported an employee at the Calgary Public Library; this experience inspired me to pursue the REP coordinator role.

I love outdoor activities such as hiking, skiing, biking, snowshoeing, and camping. Travel, gardening, and creative activities are among my favourites as well. I look forward to connecting with families, Rotarians, and employers in this new adventure!

### Courtney Wilson



Hello, my name is Courtney Wilson! I started working for Inclusion Alberta part-time in July of 2019, and I am so delighted to now be a part of the Rotary Employment Partnership. I am a born and raised Calgarian, and love exploring the city and its parks, paths, and restaurants. I enjoy staying active by playing softball, hiking, and skiing, and like to paint and play guitar in my downtime. For the past year I have worked as an Employment Mentor for Inclusion Alberta, experiencing first-hand how employment can empower and benefit people with disabilities. I have always had a passion to create change, and I am excited to work with others to help shape our communities into more inclusive places for all.

*Stay Tuned for the February E-Blast, where we will introduce the new coordinators in Edmonton and Lloydminster*

### Call to Action!

Although we find ourselves in very difficult circumstances with this pandemic and increased restrictions, Rotary has been able to create **34 new jobs** across the province since the pandemic began. We need Rotary to continue to spread the news about inclusive employment within your networks, now more than ever.

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"Follow" your District Facebook Page for regular updates from the Rotary Employment Partnership.

January 2021

## Vocational Service Month

January 19th

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

Joshua MacDonald — Meals on Wheels

January 28th

Dixon's Evening Meeting — likely via ZOOM

Trevor Thomson, 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

February 9th

Off site — If we can meet in person. If not, then no meeting.

February 16th

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

Dan Doherty — Mexico home building project

February 25th

Dixon's Evening Meeting — Wine Tasting Social with Sommelier with Calgary East, featuring Wines of Australia and Argentina

## 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 9th

Off site — If we can meet in person. If not, then no meeting.

Common Crown Brewery Tap Room

March 16th

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

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

March 25th

Dixon's Evening Meeting

Scott Orban, McKenzie Meadows

'How COVID Has Impacted the Golf Industry'

March 30th

No meeting

## Maternal and Child Health Month

April 6th

Veronica Lawrence, Calgary Women's Emergency Shelter

## Events/Happenings

April 17th

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



## 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.**



## Chinook NHL Box Pool Now On!

An angel asked God what He was doing. "Making Canadians," He said.

"Awww they're so nice," said the angel.

"Oh yeah? Watch this," said God as He dropped a hockey puck.

