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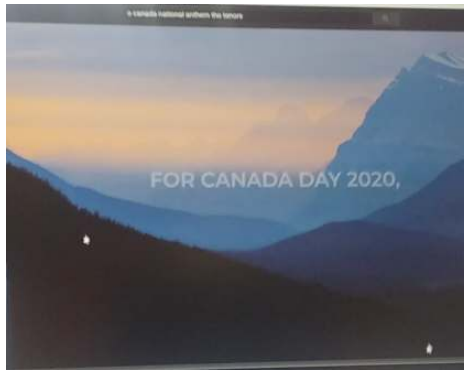
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Dale Perret, Secretary
Al Holt, Treasurer

Bev Tonkinson, International Service
Dean White, Youth Service
George Van Schaick, Community Service
Michael Spears, Club Service
Bill Stemp, Club Operations
Bob Gentles, Club Financial

RI President Holger Knaack
Rotary Club of Herzogtum Lauenburg-Mölln, Germany
District 5360 Governor Mary Turner
Rotary Club of Olds

July 14th, 2020

At this meeting, for the second time, we used "Break-out Rooms" whereby members were initially assigned to a 'room' with a lesser number of fellow members with whom they could visit prior to the start of the meeting. Promptly at noon all members were transferred to the actual meeting. This process makes it easier to visit and chat as trying to do so in the larger format is difficult.

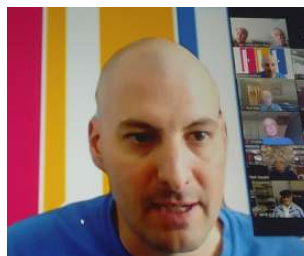


Scribe: Paul Gaudet

President Rob hosted our eighth zoom regular meeting. He opened our meeting at 12:05 by welcoming everyone to the first meeting of this Rotary year. He introduced a video of 'O Canada', another inspiring version. We had 35 participants which included a number of guests. He announced that Bob would be acting as Scribe but that he would be late to the meeting due to another appointment. We welcomed our guests with our standard 'welcome' song, which indicated once again that we are still in need of a taped version.

Rob asked our members in attendance for any information about the health of our Club, however there was no new items to report.

Paul noted that we need to have a number of our members step up and help us to take the minutes of our regular meetings. Many members cannot attend our meetings for various reasons, and it is therefore important that we prepare a meeting summary and include it in our ARCH so everyone can follow our activities. We would like to recruit 12 members with each one taking responsibility for one month of the year. You are encouraged to delegate a week or two of your month to other members so more will see how easy a job this really is. Bob Montgomery has started us off by taking July and August. Please consider helping out your fellow members. Contact myself to pick your month, September through June are still available



Rob then made a number of announcements:

- Our Club dues of \$300 are now payable, effective July 1st
- He advised that our Strategic Plan meeting last Tuesday evening (July 7th) went very well with a lot of great ideas offered and discussed, both regarding our meeting structure and ideas to help increase our membership. Our next

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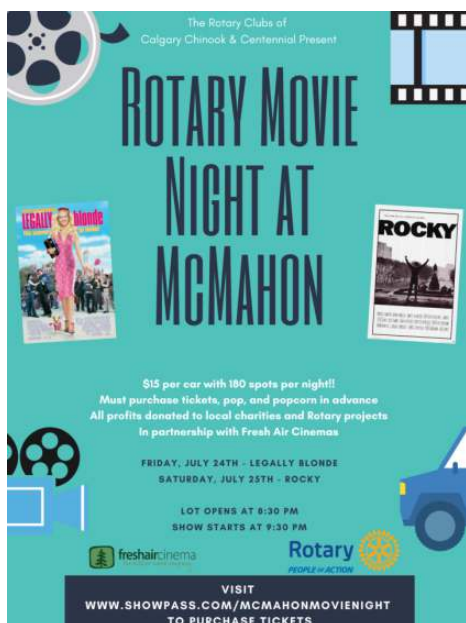
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meeting on our Plan will take place at 7pm on Tuesday, July 21st to discuss the use and goals of our Society and as well, to consider fund raising opportunities. Rob asked everyone to please participate in these zoom meetings so our Club can benefit from your experience and ideas.

- Rob confirmed that we are planning to co host (with Centennial) a two day 'drive-in movie' event on July 24th and 25th.



Joe Hooper, who, together with Garth Plunkett, are organizing volunteers for this event, requested that our members consider joining our volunteer group for a 3 hour shift on Friday and/or Saturday night, the 24th and 25th of July at the McMahon Stadium parking lot. Volunteers need to wear a face mask and be there by 7:30pm. Please contact either Joe or Garth to sign up. Rob advised that this event is designed to keep Rotary's profile in the minds of Calgarians as well as to give our members an opportunity to enjoy a community event while remaining safe.



Rob introduced our guest speaker, District Governor Mary Turner from the Rotary Club of Olds. We are proud to have her join us so early in the new Rotary year.

Mary is an excellent speaker and is clearly very enthusiastic about her challenges as our new District Governor. She noted that Rotary has recently announced that our "Environment" will be Rotary's 7th Area of Focus, which is good news and will help us be even more relevant in today's world. Rotary would like to see more women in Rotary as District Governors, and younger District Governors would also be a step in the right direction.

She told us about the four "Asks" from our new RI President:

- We should be able to relate to the new Interact models of Clubs, 'e-clubs' and/or 'cause'-based Clubs. In other words we must open our minds to new types of Clubs, welcome them, learn from them, and work together to make all successful. We also should consider making Zoom technology a part of our post pandemic future as it has many positive features.



- Clubs should have at least one meeting per year where they discuss two questions: "Where do we want to be in five years?" and "What is the value Rotary brings to you?"
- We must continue to support Polio Plus until we have finally defeated this disease and eradicated it from the world.
- "Be bold. Take action steps."

Mary announced that next year's (this Rotary Year) Rotary District Conference will be held in Drumheller from May 14th to 16th. Mark your calendar and plan on attending.

Rob thanked our District Governor for her presentation and told her that we looked forward to working with her throughout the year.

Rob introduced our new Board members for the current year, including our three sitting Directors Bob Gentles, Michael Spears and George Van Schaick, and our three new Directors Dean white, Bill Stemp and Bev Tonkinson. He also noted that Al Holt will remain as Treasurer and Dale Perret is our new Secretary. Rob then announced that Jim Hennessy, who was our President Elect, has made the difficult decision to resign from our Club for personal reasons. Jim remains a strong supporter of Rotary and we wish him the very best and thank him for his service.

Rob played a video of our new Rotary International President, Holger Knaack, a member of the Rotary Club of Herzogtum Lauenburg-Molly, Germany. The video outlined a number of his goals, which Mary had presented during her remarks.



Rob then outlined his goals for the year as President of our Rotary Club.

He began by thanking Alex Soutar and the rest of his nomination committee for expressing trust in his abilities to do a good job. He feels a great responsibility to represent and lead our Club through a successful year.



In his own words:

We went for a family walk this past weekend around the Willowpark golf course, and it made me think that our club is like a home in that wonderful neighbourhood. It is mature, has a great history, is in a great location, has amazing charm and character, and the residents recognize the value of the community. There are some who leave undoubtedly but most people stay there forever after they get settled in the community.

But even with the all of those positive attributes there are some changes happening in the community. For sure some homes have been gutted and torn down and now new builds have emerged but, for the most part, the foundations

are strong and it is just some internal renovations required to give it renewed strength, vibrancy and optimism. I compare our club to the fixer-upper not the new build.

Like we have discovered in our club's recent Strategic Planning sessions, we do many things well ...

- International Service — we have 2 global grants approved and in progress, not to mention many members participate in the RFEs and International Conventions.
- We have an amazing local donations committee (we recently donated \$10,000 to both the Children's Make a Wish Foundations and Variety's Children's Charity Go Baby Go project. We are collaborating with other clubs (we all know our long history with Fish Creek), we have partnered with Centennial for fund raising, and helped Sarcee among others in donating to the Leftovers Foundation. This is just to name a few.
- Our Youth Mentorship Program at Roots 2 STEM is phenomenal thanks to Dean White and our past Youth Service Directors John Charrett and Rhea Graham.
- And we all know we can have lots of fun when called for (think of parties at the Tonkinsons and Xmas parties and the seniors' lunch organized by Tammy).

But we cannot be blind to the fact that although our foundation has provided a great Rotary home for 43 years, it is time to take a look around and have the intellectual honesty that some modernization and 'touch-ups' are in order. Like when our Willowpark home was built over 40 years ago, the Rotary world has also evolved and we must ensure our home stays desirable (so it doesn't become the tear-down).

Change can be scary as it is the fear of the unknown. COVID-19 has forced us to adapt on the fly and try things differently. Who would have thought, even for long but short months ago, we would all be zooming with regularity and efficiency, and only meeting twice a month. As you heard, our RI President Holger Knaack has coined our theme for new year as 'Rotary Opens Opportunity' and my goal for our club's 2020/21 Rotary year is to help guide us through these doors of opportunity.

My first goal is membership ... we must try to grow our membership both from a diversity and quality perspective. We can't keep doing things the same, as it is not working so we must try a few things differently to see what works, in helping us attract those like-minded individuals to us, who see the value of this home and more importantly keep them in the neighbourhood. We must remember that nothing we do is set in stone, so we must not be afraid to try. When we look at the blueprint for the renovation if it isn't coming together the way we had envisioned, we can pull out the sledge hammer or eraser and write a new plan.

Like all contractors you can't just let them go without checking in to make sure they are using the right tile, or wood, or paint. We can all talk about our great new design plans and what it will look

like, but that is just talk. We must also have desire to complete the plans and implement the right execution. My second job is to engage us in the ideas for change and most importantly hold us accountable.

Lastly, I want to make sure we keep having fun. We have to remember why we chose to be a Rotarian, and along with all of the other many benefits, fun and fellowship should be at or near the top of that list. If you are not having fun as a Chinook Rotarian, you are not trying.

As a realtor always says ... location, location, location ... so it is all of our duties to each pick up a hammer or a paint brush or some speckle and complete the renovation, then open our new home for showings so new members considering our community can see what we see.

Our next regular meeting by zoom will be held on Tuesday, July 28th, at noon. Our guest speaker will be a representative from the Bethany Care Foundation outlining the challenges of senior care during the pandemic, and providing details on how their facilities coped during this period. Those of us who attended Limericks zoom meetings have heard this speaker, and can attest that she is well worth hearing. We highly recommend that everyone participate.

Our meeting was adjourned at 1:15pm.

Movie Nights

Check out our billboard advertisement on the electronic billboard at McMahon Stadium on Crowchild Trail!!



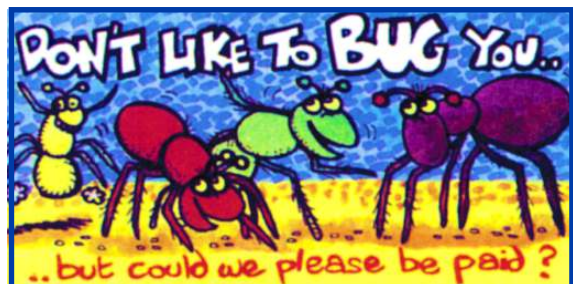
Please share the poster in the ClubRunner email among your family. Ask your kids that may use social media to share it among their friends, neighbours and co-workers.

Also speak to other Rotarians you know in other clubs as we need the power of Rotary People of Action!!

If you would like volunteer we still need some bodies both nights. Please contact Joe Hooper or Garth Plunkett.

It's going to be a great Community Service event which I hope you are proud to be a part of bringing this piece of nostalgia to our city.

Rob Wolfson



Chinook Rotary Annual Dues \$300 due July 1st

If you have not yet paid your dues, please do so asap.
You can easily do so by cheque credit card to Al Holt or
e-transfer to info@chinookrotary.org

Pay \$300 now ... or wait til September and pay \$350!

Meetings

Tuesday, July 28th

ZOOM meeting at noon ... be sure to join in!
Guest Speaker: Gail Urquhart, Executive Director,
Bethany Care Foundation
Annual Picnic in the Nature Park

Tuesday, August 18th

Events/Happenings

July 24th and 25th

Food Truck and Drive-in Movie Event co-hosted with Calgary Centennial
— Joe Hooper and Garth Plunkett are organizing volunteers,
contact either Joe or Garth to sign up
DisCon 2021 in Drumheller — Mark your calendar and plan on attending

May 14th - 16th, 2021

Networking Meetings

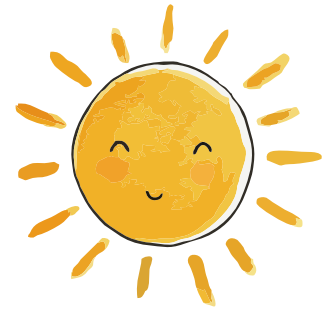
Summer break

Stay tuned for potential impromptu get-togethers

President's Dinner

Saturday, September 19th

@ MacKenzie Meadows Golf Club — contact George Kimura



News from England



Our friends (and former Chinook members) Pat and Sally Wierzbka joined Wroxham Bure Valley Rotary club in England July 13th.

Here are a couple of screen shots that Henry took during their induction. They did not know we were doing this, but sometime ago Sally had innocently mentioned in a note that they were being inducted this Monday. Over some fish and chips on Friday evening Bev, Anthony, Henry and I came up with the game plan. Henry contacted the President of the club and as they say, the rest is history.

Janet Popoff



Congratulations!

We wish to congratulate and express our gratitude to Sydney Richmond on being awarded her Paul Harris Fellowship Certificate and Pin from Rotary International. Sydney's support is a reflection of her commitment to the programs of the Rotary Foundation.

Paul Gaudet

Calling All Scribes !!

ZOOM Scribes needed!!

Paul has done an amazing job of being scribe for the last couple of months. He is looking for someone to take the task on, or share the load with.



Please help!!
Contact Rob Wolfson or
Director of Club Operations Bill Stemp
if you can help out in July and August.

Rotary  Inter-Country Committees
Comités Inter-Pays

New emojis joined Rotary areas of focus.



LET'S DESCRIBE ROTARY IN EMOJIS!

#WorldEmojiDay