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ZOOM Evening Networking Meeting

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President Rob opened our meeting at 12:02 by welcoming everyone and introducing a new version (to us) of O Canada performed by the Leo Twins.

We had 27 participants on ZOOM today including our guest speaker.



Rob noted that today's scribe would be Paul G and asked if **we require new scribes?** Paul advised that with the new Rotary year beginning in July, we require 12 members

Social distancing since 1967



to volunteer to take a month each of preparing our minutes. Please contact Paul and choose a month (or two). Rob then thanked Stephen and Anne for all their work preparing and distributing our e-Arch each Tuesday (and congratulated them on their connection to the victorious Montreal Canadiens).

Samaritan's Purse

Randy MacDonald, Regional Manager, Donor Ministries



Rob then introduced our **guest speaker, Randy MacDonald**, who is the Regional Manager of Donor Ministries at Samaritan's Purse (SP).

He opened his remarks by noting that his goal today is to provide insight into what's happening with SP. He hopes COVID precautions will soon permit us to visit their new office premises in northeast Calgary, and promises that we will be impressed. He knows something about Rotary as his dad was President of a Club in Mission, B.C.

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SP is a non denominational evangelical Christian organization providing spiritual and physical aid to hurting people around the world. Some of their projects include Children's Ministries, Operation Christmas Child, Water and Sanitation, Women's Programs, and Crisis & Disaster Relief.

The majority of their activity is involved with Disaster Relief, and they stand ready to send airplanes full of assistance on a quick response basis. Their goal is to be "on the ground" at a disaster site within 72 hours of the event. They must be asked to join the relief program by the appropriate Government authority, however this is not usually an issue. They also work hard to avoid corruption on site, and are proud of their record of getting funds into the right hands, those who need it. Recently they have been active in Lebanon, Bangladesh and Iraq. They have 180 projects underway in 30 countries. In addition, they try their best to take a long term view to help the recipient countries to make sustainable changes.

Another of their major projects is Operation Christmas Child which is the reason most people know of SP. They work with public donors to prepare shoeboxes full of various items (toys, clothing, educational items) for shipment to youth around the world. More specifically, they distributed 9 million shoeboxes last year worldwide with 373,188 coming from Canada. An update during this year of COVID is that they have introduced 'build a box online' whereby one can donate funds and SP's staff will collect the items and fill the box on your behalf.

Randy then discussed the tragic situation currently occurring in India due to the COVID pandemic. India, with a population of 1.3 billion is currently seeing daily death counts of 4,000 due to COVID. SP is working with partners to send oxygen concentrators to this area, and is producing hand sanitizers for public use. They are also building facilities next to hospitals which act as triage sites, and are helping to train much needed staff for both the agricultural and health care industries.

SP is also involved with the problem of contaminated water in the third world. They have been providing 'in-home' bio sand filters

for many years, and also have designed a community sized water cleaning system (52 in use currently). Randy pointed out that 842,000 die annually from contaminated water around the world.

Randy's final update was to introduce SP's newest program "Grow Hope Campaign", whereby they will be building agricultural schools within countries in need, to train people on sustainable food production and water treatment technology. He believes that there is a massive storm brewing in the area of the food shortages in many parts of the world, which will be compounded by higher costs for what food there is. He estimates that 1/3 of the world cannot afford to eat a healthy diet, and further that 3.1 million children died in 2020 due to malnutrition. SP believes this is a long term problem best solved by educational and sustainable solutions.

Rob thanked Randy for his presentation and noted our Club's long time involvement with Operation Christmas Child (thanks to the efforts of Bart). He told Randy about Rotary's Polio Plus campaign to eradicate polio from the world, and advised that in appreciation for his presentation today, a donation would be made by our Club to support this effort.



Sunshine Report:

Rob told us that John Charrett has been going through chemo treatment for prostate cancer, and that things were proceeding quite well. Best wishes to John for a speedy recovery and return to good health.

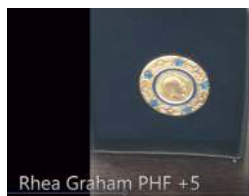


Bev was next up with our monthly **Birthday and Anniversary Report** for June. Our members enjoying a birthday this month are Syed Ahmed on the 4th, Alina Oprea on the 6th, *cont'd on page 3 ...*

<p>Our Programs:</p>	<p>Operation Christmas Child</p>	<p>373,188 Boxes from Canada</p>	<p>COVID-19 Outbreak in India</p>	<p>Water Projects</p>
<p>Global Hunger Crisis - Grow Hope</p>	<p>Canadian Ministry Projects</p>	<p>Pop-up Gardens (PUGS) - Calgary Pop up gardens will be approximately 28"x 12"x 8" and have a soil volume of 35 Litres.</p>	<p>https://www.samaritanaspurse.ca/</p>	<p>Samaritan's Purse INTERNATIONAL RELIEF</p> <p>rmmcdonald@samaritan.ca 250-581-2141</p> <p><i>Thank you!</i></p>

Dave Wylie on June 12th, Joe Hooper on the 16th, Al Pettigrew on the 22nd and Rhea Graham on the 28th. Our Anniversaries are Peter and Sharon Bickham celebrating their 50th on June 5th, Al and Jeanette Holt, their 48th on June 16th, and Anthony and Bev Tonkinson, their 43rd on June 17th. Congratulations to all for reaching these milestones and best wishes for many more. Rob played our celebration video together with appropriate photos kindly provided by our members. This is a wonderful monthly tradition and all members who have birthdays or anniversaries in July are asked to forward their photos to Bev.

Rob then called on Anthony (who is standing in for Peter) to present our latest **Paul Harris Fellowship**. He began by noting that our fight against Polio is ongoing and only two countries remain with cases: Afghanistan and Pakistan. Our donations to Rotary International help make this happen. Our newest PH recipient is Rhea Graham who has reached the level of PH + 5. Congratulations to Rhea for her generosity and leadership.



Bev took the floor to remind everyone about an upcoming fellowship opportunity - the **Rocky Mountaineer Train Trip** - July 14th and 15th at a price of \$1,000 per person (an extra supplement of \$125 for singles). The overnight hotel in Kamloops on the first night is included, as are the food and drinks. This opportunity includes 2 rail cars with capacity of 68 per car of which only 34 will be made available in order to be safe. Anthony highlights that this is a "gold leaf" trip with observation cars being used. It is truly a once in a lifetime opportunity at this price, so

please give it some consideration. So far the Tonkinsons, Bickhams and Thompsons have signed up so you will be in good company.

It was then time for our **Chase the Ace** draw and it was George Van Schaick who was our weekly winner (earning \$99). He chose the King of diamonds so the big pot remains available. The Jackpot is up to \$1,247!



Anne Dale highlighted the **assistance of Graham Boone**, and thanked him for all his expertise and guidance during the Grant process for "Days for Girls" in the Dominican Republic.



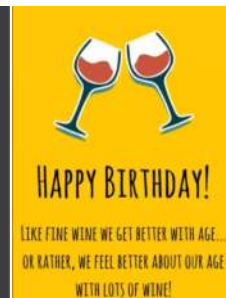
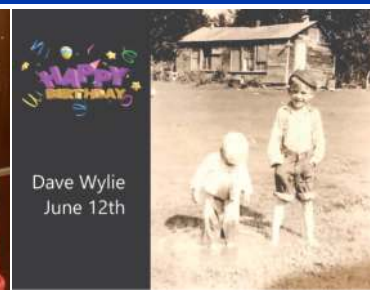
Rob announced the results of our **regular season hockey pool** which ended recently. Michael Spears won first place and \$265, President Rob won second and \$190, and Peter won third and \$75. Thanks to all who took part.

Congrats Michael on your win!!
\$265 richer and most importantly...bragging rights!!

Rank	Team	Total	W	L	GP	PTS	GF	GA	PP
1	Spears	1180.75	6	0	12	12	0	0	0
2	Rob	1180.0	5	1	12	11	0	0	0
3	Peter	1179.75	5	1	12	11	0	0	0
4	Others	1187.0	1	11	12	2	0	0	0

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June Birthdays & Anniversaries



Rotary Fellowships Month

June 9th

June 12th - 16th

June 15th

June 24th

June 29th

"House of Friendship" Virtual Project Fair — @ 6:30pm

2021 Virtual Rotary International Convention — details coming soon!

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

Guest Speaker: Kirby England — Beavers in Fish Creek Park

Dixon's Evening Networking Meeting — via ZOOM @ 7pm

Guest Speaker: Ron May — 'Belcanfran' non-profit student exchange program

Pass the Gavel — Social Event (potentially at McKenzie Meadows if

we can do outdoors safely)

and **'Skip the Depot' Fundraiser bottle/can drop-off at Tonkinsons'**



New Rotary Year Begins

July 30th to August 2nd

RibFest Drive Through Event @ McMahon Stadium — volunteers needed, details to come

Basic Education and Literacy Month

September 17th - 19th

Annual Peace Park "Reach Across the Border" — watch for details



ZOOM Meeting Minutes

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Our **Sergeant At Arms** was introduced with a video showing funny cartoons.



Rob told us about his latest **podcast (Dollars & Sense with a Couple of Gents)** which featured a real estate update by Spencer Tonkinson. Spencer is the son of Anthony and Bev and is a member of the Stampede Rotary Club. He talks about the strong current market in Calgary after a record number of sales in April, and the podcast is very well done (listened to it today and recommend it).



Good News / Bad News

• Dave and Ruth Wylie are ending two weeks of homelessness and looking forward to getting established in their new place.

• Hank has just begun wearing his new hearing aides and reports much more noise than usual coming from the kitchen when Janet is putting away the dishes. You just can't win!



• Dale was a proud grandmother when she told us about her granddaughter Deborah graduating from University.



George has circulated our **list of committees** and is asking each member to select a committee or two, or three, to participate in during the upcoming Rotary year. This is a great way to give back to our community and the world by helping our Club operate more efficiently and effectively. We need you to get involved, so please review the committees and send your choices to George this week. Don't put it off, jump right in!



Rob reminded us of the upcoming **'House of Friendship' Virtual Project Fair**. They have 15 great presenters and each Rotarian selects four to participate in when they sign up. Two of the presenters are

our own, Dean on Roots2STEM, and Rhea on our newest youth exchange project. Contact Rob if you have any questions. Go on to our District website and sign up.

Our **next meeting will be on Tuesday, June 15th** and our speaker will be Kirby England speaking about the beavers in Fish Creek Provincial Park. As many of our members enjoy visiting this wonderful Park, we hope you will all join us to hear this presentation.

Our **"Dixon's" evening meeting will be held Thursday, June 24th**, and our speaker has not been confirmed as of yet.

On the final Tuesday of the month, June 29th, we are planning a "hand-over" meeting so please mark this on your calendar, and join us to thank Rob for all the work he has done on our behalf this year, and to encourage George as he begins his Rotary year as President.

Rob wrapped our meeting by thanking all in attendance, and wishing everyone a great Rotary Week.