

ZOOM Meeting Minutes

March 16th, 2021

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President Rob opened our meeting at 12:05 by welcoming everyone and introducing a video of 'O Canada', an inspiring version featuring the beautiful nature of Canada, including photos of our native animals, wonderful landscapes and waterways.



We had 37 participants on ZOOM today, including 4 guests: DG Mary Turner, ADG Garfield Ganong, Justine Wild (Rotoract) and Karen Murray (Inclusion Alberta).



Rob 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 asked about volunteers for the Scribe job, and Tammy stepped forward and offered to cover April (thanks Tammy!). He then thanked Stephen and Anne for all their work preparing and distributing our e-Arch each Tuesday. They continue to be huge contributors to the success of our Club, and to keeping us connected with each other.

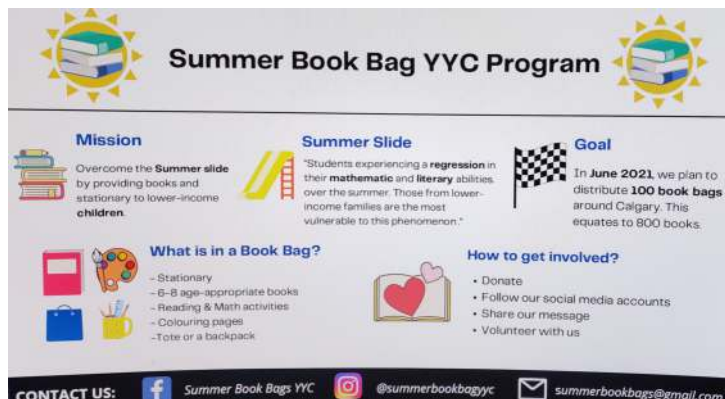


Rob then introduced **Justine Wild**, who is presently in the process of establishing the **Young Professionals Rotaract Club** in Calgary. Rob explained that this group had recently held a "Pitch Night", at which a number of their members presented various charitable projects, which were then selected for financial support by a vote of those in attendance. Our Club had agreed to donate \$1,000 to the event, and it was Justine's group that won our donation. Their project is referred to as "**Summer Slide**", which is a phenomenon that happens to children of financially disadvantaged families during the summer. While at school, such students have access to all the tools of the education system, however when school is adjourned for the summer, they don't have such access, and "slide" behind their peers from more advantaged situations. Justine's group is arranging for bags/backpacks of books and school supplies to be provided to such students and their families, in the hopes of reducing this effect. Their goal for this first year is to produce 100 such "book bags", and

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they are very appreciative for Chinook's donation which will see them a long way towards reaching this goal. They are also looking for donations of books (audience is generally elementary students) or bags. If you have any books, bags of stationary to donate, contact Justine at justine.wild@ucalgary.ca



Summer Book Bag YYC Program

Mission
Overcome the **Summer slide** by providing books and stationary to lower-income children.

Summer Slide
"Students experiencing a regression in their **mathematic** and **literary** abilities over the summer. Those from lower-income families are the most vulnerable to this phenomenon."

Goal
In **June 2021**, we plan to distribute **100 book bags** around Calgary. This equates to 800 books.

What is in a Book Bag?

- Stationary
- G-B age-appropriate books
- Reading & Math activities
- Colouring pages
- Tote or a backpack

How to get involved?

- Donate
- Follow our social media accounts
- Share our message
- Volunteer with us

CONTACT US: [Summer Book Bags YYC](https://www.facebook.com/SummerBookBagsYYC) [@summerbookbagsyc](https://www.instagram.com/summerbookbagsyc) summerbookbags@gmail.com

Rob thanked Justine for her presentation, and congratulated her on winning the "Pitch Night" event.



Bev then took over to present our **Birthdays and Anniversaries** segment for March. It was a surprisingly light event this month with only three member birthdays and no anniversaries. Graham Boone had his birthday on March 2nd, Stephen Pick on March 9th and Garth Plunkett celebrates on March 28th. We do have two spousal birthdays: Marg Langereis on March 20th and Judy Thompson on the 25th. Rob then presented our Happy Birthday video, which included photos of our young birthday boys, when they were actually young boys.

As March 14th is the **44th anniversary of our Club Charter**, Rob took the opportunity to single out and congratulate our four Charter members who are still active: Jim Thompson, Ian Burgess, Tom Sorenson and Herb Imler. Rob then presented a series of photos commemorating our Charter group, and subsequent group photos from years past. There were also pictures of many Club events ... all in all a great presentation of memory moments.



Rob then introduced our ADG Garfield Ganong, who was to introduce our **guest speaker, DG Mary Turner**. Garfield told us that Mary was born in Toronto, and relocated to Edmonton in 1982 to attend University. She subsequently relocated to Olds where she joined their Rotary Club in 2008, and became Club President in 2013/14.

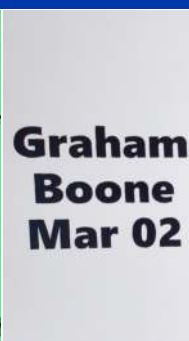
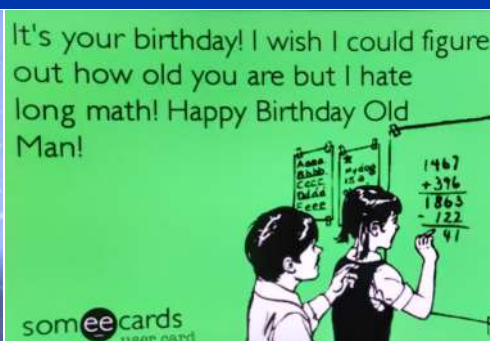
She and her husband Steve have hosted three International students and have attended three Rotary International Conventions.

DG Mary began her remarks by congratulating Chinook members on the occasion of our 44th Anniversary. She explained that due to COVID and our pivot to ZOOM meetings, she is able to visit her District Clubs twice rather than the traditional practise of visiting each Club once. She noted that all Clubs are missing the same things: Club meetings, personal fellowship, various activities. She asked our members to take a moment to think of things we



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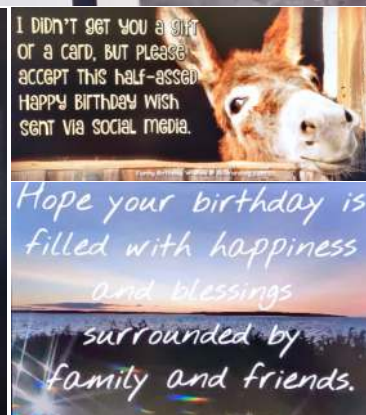
March Birthdays (& no Anniversaries!?)



**Stephen Pick
Mar 09**



**Garth Plunkett
Mar 28**



Rotary Chinook 44th Anniversary



44 years
16060 days
385440 hours



Charter Member
& Rotary
Chuckwagon
pins

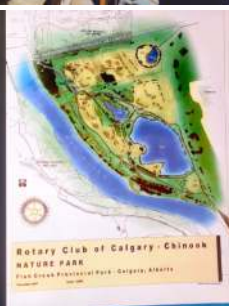


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Nature Park
-On paper





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have been able to accomplish notwithstanding COVID, and then she opened the floor for us to verbalize them. We came up with many items including fellowship events such as our wine tasting event, our bottle drive, our new society signature event, our new meeting schedule, to name a few. Mary congratulated us for the initiative we have shown during COVID. She recommended an article in a recent RI Magazine entitled "Lowering the Temperature" which highlights the benefit of a Rotary culture that values inclusion and welcoming our members.

She challenged us carry out an exercise she was introduced to in San Diego during DG Training. "Close your eyes and envision what your ideal Rotary meeting would look like. Your best experience." Then take the time to write down and share the ideas. During COVID is a good time to brainstorm new ideas, plan for when we get back to regular meetings and activity. Ask yourself, "are there things we can do differently?"

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She then outlined some of the activities that the District is involved in, such as the two sessions they presented with the CMHA on dealing with stress and ways to improve mental health. They are presenting webinars each month on subjects of interest to Rotarians, which are well attended.



She told us about the upcoming (May 1st) **Virtual District Conference** which has a theme "Navigating a New World". The conference will include four segments:

- A. Diversity, Equity and Inclusion — a core value of Rotary presented by a key speaker
- B. Youth and the Future of Rotary — a youth panel discussing youth engagement in Rotary
- C. Mental Health in the COVID World — presented by a speaker from CMHA who is also a Rotarian
- D. The Way We Navigate Rotary — a presentation by two speakers telling us how Rotary has inspired their lives

D.G. Mary encouraged us all to sign up and participate. There is a \$20 sign-up fee to cover expenses, otherwise no extra costs. She noted that Earlyactors, Interactors, Rotoractors and their parents have been offered free attendance, so there should be a significant number of youth and potential new members participating.

DisCon 2021 Navigating A New World	The Roadmap	The Way Forward
Engage with Thought-Provoking Speakers	Diversity, Equity and Inclusion	DR "BOWTIE" JENKINS Inclusion Boot Camp: This is not your typical Diversity, Equity and Inclusion talk. Come ready to be inspired and motivated! (Come ready to work!)
Connect with Youth & Rotarians in a vibrant gathering of all ages	Youth and the Future of Rotary	YOUTH PANEL The Future is YOUTH: Revolutionizing Rotary through youth inclusion; combating obstacles, bridging the gap, and shifting the conversation of youth engagement within Rotary.
Participate in Fun Fellowship Opportunities	Mental Health in a Covid World	KAREN GALLAGHER-BURT Resetting the World with Wellness: Explore our shared mental health experience during the pandemic; learn the role wellness plays in our lives, consider how to support ourselves and others, and discuss the sacred for mental health.
• Round Table Discussions • Games and More...	The Way We Navigate Our Rotary Journey	CHRISTINA HASSAN & VALARIE WAFER The Power of Rotary: Our real life examples of how Rotary has inspired the way we live, work, and serve as we navigate our own new worlds.
Generate New Ideas + Create a "Spark"		

Mary then turned the meeting back to Rob who thanked her for the exciting update from the District level. He joined her in encouraging all our members to sign up and enjoy the District Conference.

Rob referred everyone to page 13 in our most recent RI Magazine (March Issue) to see an article on our **Club's Limericks** evening program. We are proud to be included in this International Magazine. Good job Rob!

It was time for our **Chase the Ace** draw, and it was Ron May who was our weekly winner (earning \$78). Sadly he wasn't attending today so we'll have to wait to see which card he picks. Be

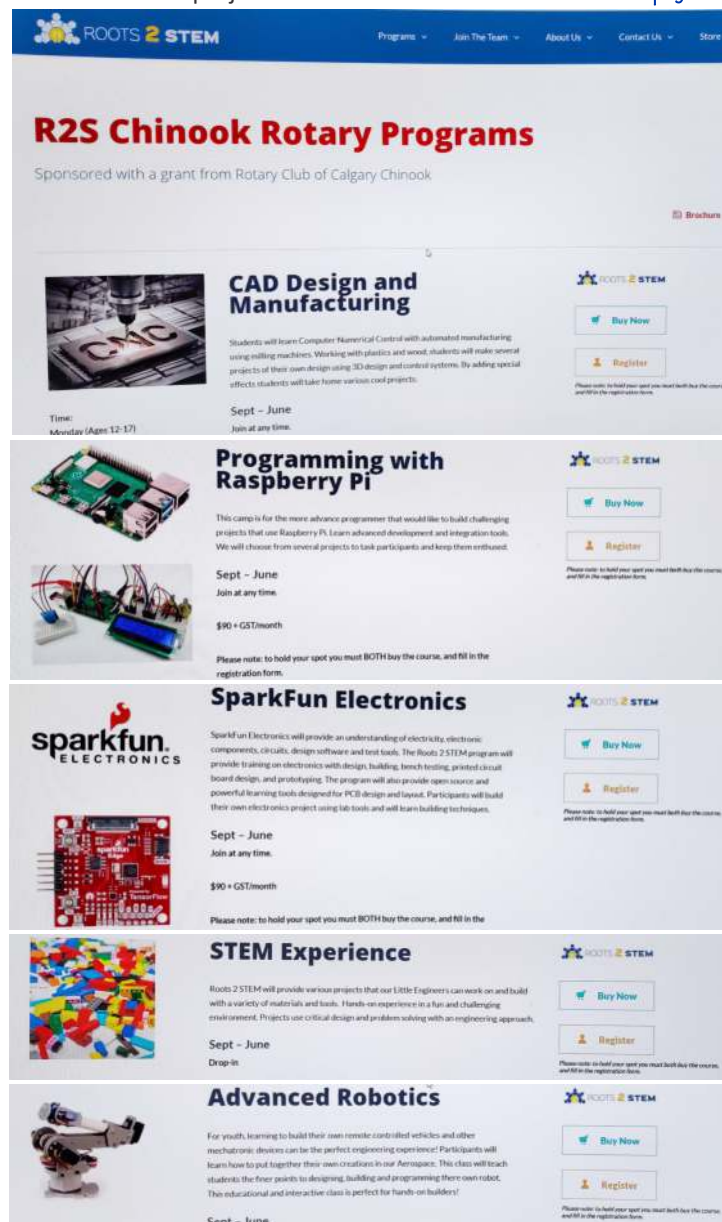


sure to send your \$20 to AI (only 38 cards left after Ron picks, assuming he misses the Ace) before the end of March so you can participate in April. The Jackpot is up to \$812!



Rob asked Dean to tell us about our new **Society Project**, which provides scholarships for disadvantaged students to take STEM courses at the new Roots2STEM campus. These STEM experience courses are very interesting for youth generally and are also being offered to indigenous students. There will be numerous and varied courses offered in the STEM Philosophy. Rhea congratulated both Dean and Chinook Rotary for developing this exciting educational youth program. We began this partnership with Roots2STEM in 2017 as part of our Mentorship program with Fairview Junior High, and it's great to see it grow to include this new project.

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R2S Chinook Rotary Programs

Sponsored with a grant from Rotary Club of Calgary Chinook

CAD Design and Manufacturing

Students will learn Computer Numerical Control with automated manufacturing using milling machines. Working with plastics and wood, students will make several projects to their own design using 3D design and control systems. By adding special effects students will take home various cool projects.

Time: 12:00pm (April 12-17)

Sept - June

Join at any time.

Buy Now

Register

Programming with Raspberry Pi

This camp is for the more advanced programmer that would like to build challenging projects that use Raspberry Pi. Learn advanced development and integration tools. We will choose from several projects to task participants and keep them enthralled.

Sept - June

Join at any time.

\$90 + GST/month

Please note: to hold your spot you must BOTH buy the course, and fill in the registration form.

Buy Now

Register

SparkFun Electronics

SparkFun Electronics will provide an understanding of electronics components, circuits, design software and test tools. The Roots 2STEM program will provide training on electronics with design, building, bench testing, printed circuit board design, and prototyping. The program will also provide open source and powerful learning tools designed for PCB design and layout. Participants will build their own electronics project using lab tools and will learn building techniques.

Sept - June

Join at any time.

\$90 + GST/month

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Buy Now

Register

STEM Experience

Roots 2STEM will provide various projects that our Little Engineers can work on and build with a variety of materials and tools. Hands-on experience in a fun and challenging environment. Projects use critical design and problem solving with an engineering approach.

Sept - June

Drop-in

Buy Now

Register

Advanced Robotics

For youth, learning to build their own remote-controlled vehicles and other mechatronic devices can be the perfect engineering experience! Participants will learn how to put together their own creations in our Aeronautics. This class will teach students the finer points to designing, building and programming their own robot. This educational and interactive class is perfect for hands-on builders!

Sept - June

Buy Now

Register

Water and Sanitation Month

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

April 20th

Veronica Lawrence, Calgary Women's Emergency Shelter

Francis Akinouye — "Youth Issues"

Youth Service Month

May 1st

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

Rotary Fellowships Month

June 12th - 16th

2021 Virtual Rotary International Convention — details coming soon!



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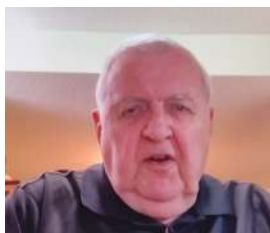
Rhea took the floor to tell us about her recent involvement as a District Representative with an exciting new Virtual Youth Exchange pilot project, the **New Generations Service Exchange (NGSE)**. The student, Juliana Nishitani, is 22 yrs of age and she is from District 4420 and lives in Sao Paulo, Brazil. She is virtually visiting Clubs in Medicine Hat, will then move on to 2 weeks visiting Clubs in Red Deer, then Calgary, and finally wrapping up her visit in Lethbridge. While in Calgary, she will be virtually visiting Fish Creek Rotary. This is a wonderful idea and an ingenious way to use ZOOM to have a student visit a new country and learn something about Alberta and Canada. Hopefully we will find a way to meet Juliana while she is visiting Calgary?

Rob suggested we should visit the Fish Creek Rotary Club meeting next Monday as they will be featuring the **new Interact Club at Strathcona-Tweedsmuir High School** which happens to have Rob's daughter Kaiya as their new President. Rob is a proud Rotary dad for sure.

Rob expressed a big thank you to Bob Montgomery for setting up a delivery route for **"Meals on Wheels"**, and staffing it with Chinook volunteers.

Rob confirmed that we will be proceeding with **RibFest in August** as a 'drive-through' event. We will need lots of volunteers so plan on joining the group in early summer. We should all be vaccinated by then? We will be collaborating once again with the Centennial and Calgary East Rotary Clubs.

On the **Good News/Bad News** front, Jim Thompson told us about having his pain relief shots delayed due to the massive vaccination effort underway against COVID 19. Unintended consequences strike once again.



Our **Sergeant-at-Arms** consisted of a few video cartoons which brought smiles to all.

Our **next meeting** will be on Thursday evening, March 25th at 7pm. At this meeting Scott Orban of McKenzie Meadows Golf Club will tell us about how the golf industry is responding to COVID-19. Join us for this interesting discussion.

There will be no meeting on March 30th so our **next regular Tuesday ZOOM meeting** will be April 6th when Veronica Lawrence

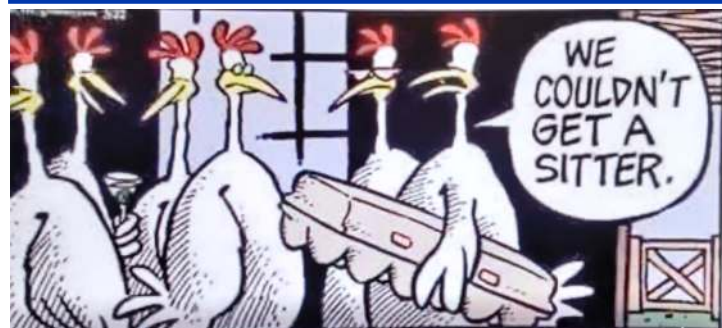
will tell us about Calgary's Women's Emergency Centre. At this meeting we will also receive a detailed breakdown of where we have spent this year's Local Donation Budget. Be sure to participate and hear about some wonderful charities and how we helped them through our donations.

Rob wrapped our meeting by thanking all in attendance and wishing everyone a great Rotary Week. Our meeting adjourned at 1:15pm.

From Rhea Graham to Everyone:

Chinook Club has 19 current members who have been Chinook Club Presidents an awesome successful retention strategy

Sergeant at Arms



Four CEOs of beer companies are having a meeting and they decide to get a drink.

The CEO of Budweiser orders a Bud Light.
The CEO of Miller orders a Miller Lite.
The CEO of Coors orders a Coors Light.
The CEO of Guinness orders a Coke.

The three CEOs then ask him,
"Why aren't you ordering a Guinness?"

He replies, "If you guys aren't drinking beer, then neither will I."