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ZOOM Meeting Minutes

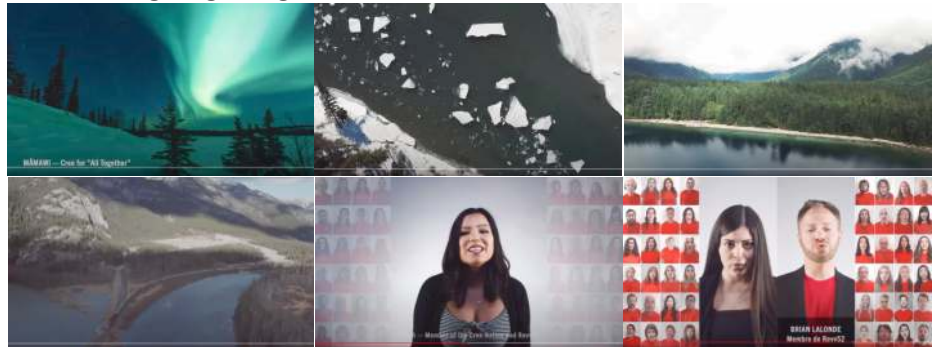
May 4th, 2021

Scribe: Paul Gaudet

President Rob opened our meeting at 12:05 by welcoming everyone and acknowledging that this is a special day for all Star Wars fans: May the 4th becomes "May the force be with you".



He introduced a video of O Canada, which included an inspiring prelude and our Anthem being sung in English, French and Cree.



We had 30 participants on ZOOM today including our guest speaker, Kevin McInnis, Karen Murray from Inclusion Alberta, and Kathryn Breaker, one of our Friends of Chinook Rotary.

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 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.

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2020-2021 Officers and Directors

Rob Wolfson, President
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District 5360 Governor Mary Turner
Rotary Club of Olds

Teen Challenge Program Kevin McInnis



Rob introduced Kevin McInnis, who is speaking for the second time to our Club. He is a former Calgary Police Officer and Pastor for the Department. He retired as an Officer in 2004 and then as a Pastor in 2013. He is now involved with an international, faith-based, addiction treatment centre which operates under the name "Teen Challenge". He is speaking to us today in this regard.

Kevin started out by telling us some of the
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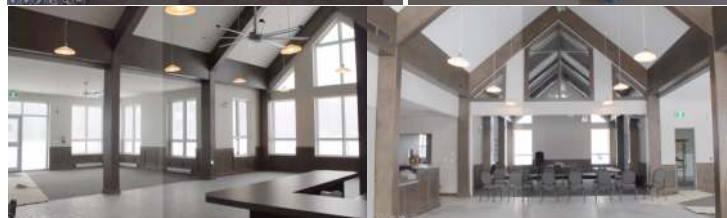
history behind "Teen Challenge". In 1958 the founder, David Wilkinson, became aware of a trial taking place in New York City which involved youth and gang activity. He went to NYC and became engaged with teens in that city which involved dealing with drugs, addiction and the crime related to feeding same. In 1960 the first residential program began in a small residence, dealing with drug addiction from a Christian Faith perspective. Now there are over 200 such residences providing addiction treatment in the United States, and 1,100 worldwide. Closer to home, there are 20 operations across Canada. In 1987, a local ranch became a Teen Challenge residence, and this is where Kevin currently works with addicted young men.

Kevin played a 5 minute video showing a presentation given by a 22 year old recent graduate of the program to his church congregation. It was a sad story with an encouraging end. He was a young Albertan who started using cocaine at the age of 14. He dropped out of school, worked part time but kept getting fired due to his drug habit. He was living on the street and was involved in some 'shady' activity to fund his habit. He tried a detox program, made progress but couldn't seem to make it past 2 to 4 months sober before relapsing. In 2019 he hit rock bottom and accepted that he would die on the street. His parents signed him up for Teen Challenge, a 12 month faith based program, in August of that year. He successfully completed this program and has remained involved as a graduate assistant for a 6th month period. He notes that he has been given a second chance at life, and has been 1 year 7 months sober at the time the video was

made. Kevin has worked with this young man throughout his program and continues as his mentor.

Teen Challenge has been quite successful in treating young men (there are separate operations for women) with drug and addiction challenges. Kevin estimates a 75% completion rate which is considered very good. They provide food and housing for their students and have a \$1,000 entrance fee. They utilize private sponsors to support their operation. The students are provided with counselling services, Christian education and help achieving their GED if needed. Some locations have business training through thrift store operations or garages, depending on the skills of their students. Students can give back to the community by outreach and story telling to local church groups or schools. They are taught how to deal with their anger and how to build healthy relationships. They currently have 50% capacity of 6 students in their program (regular capacity is 12).

They are just completing a \$5.5 million (all funded privately) building expansion which will increase their capacity to 24 students, 6 graduate assistants and staff. Kevin wrapped up his remarks by noting that so far COVID-19 has killed 2,100 people in Alberta and that in the same period, opioid overdoses have killed 1,300. His point is that drug addiction is a very serious problem in our society.



Rob thanked Kevin for his presentation and advised him that in appreciation for speaking today, we would be making a donation to Rotary's Polio Plus.

Sunshine Report

Rob provided an update on John McBean, who is being treated for anxiety and stress at Carewest and expects to remain there for a while yet. We received an email from John saying that he hopes to join us on ZOOM in the near future. We hope to see him soon and wish him the very best. Monty reported that he has been speaking to Mary Billings regarding Gord's health. He has been admitted to hospital as a result of injuries from a fall. She advises that he will be entering an assisted living program upon release. We all wish both Gord and Mary the very best.



Bev then took over to present our **Birthdays and Anniversaries** segment for May. We celebrate 4 member birthdays this month; George Kimura (3rd), Al Holt (9th), Bill Churchward (16th), and Garth Sabirsh (25th). Our Spousal Birthdays include Bev

Pettigrew (5th), Beti Gaudet (6th), Mary Billings (15th), Carol Van Schaick (27th), and Lise May (30th). Our Anniversaries for May include Al and Bev Pettigrew (63rd on the 2nd),

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Graham and Mary Ellen Boone (56th on the 15th), Jim and Judy Thompson (56th on the 15th), and Gerald and Margaret Langereis (66th on the 27th). Rob then presented our happy birthday and anniversary video which included photos of our young birthday boys and happy couples. Congratulations to all! If you have a birthday or anniversary in June, please send photos to Bev.

It was time for our **Chase the Ace** draw and it was Garth Plunkett who was our weekly winner (earning \$84). 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 36 cards left, assuming Garth misses the Ace) before the end of May so you can participate for June. The Jackpot is up to \$1,064!



Next up was Anthony who was pleased to present Peter Bickham with his latest Paul Harris Fellow +7, a truly generous level of giving to the Rotary Foundation. Thanks Peter for your leadership and generosity.



Rob reported on the recent **Virtual District Conference** (held May 1st). He advised that there were a number of amazing presentations, great break-out discussions and lots of youth participation. The participants donated \$11, 135 for mental health. Rob took the opportunity to thank Kathryn Breaker (Friend of Chinook Rotary) who spent countless hours helping to organize and present the Conference agenda. The next District Conference is scheduled for May 14th, 2022 in Cochrane.

Rob was especially pleased to announce that the Rotary Club of Calgary Chinook has been awarded the **Glen Peacock Award** by our District Governor, Mary Turner. This award is presented annually to the most outstanding medium sized (49 to 100) Rotary Club in District 5360. The DG's award presentation (read by Rob today) outlines the specific reasons that our Club was chosen and Stephen will print this wording in our next e-ARCH. Rob congratulated all our members for their part in earning this prestigious award.



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From DG Mary Turner on receiving the Club Award

I chose your club for the award. It is given to a club between 49 and 100 members in size. It recognizes club service, engagement with the community and innovation.

When I visited your club I was struck by a number of things that you are doing which I have not found in other clubs of your size, or to the development that you have achieved.

The movie night, a first ever way to not necessarily raise money, but raise goodwill and awareness of Rotary – your partnership with others showed me your willingness to collaborate to make a bigger impact and extend your reach.

The transition of your club to meet at a different times of the day regularly each month to accommodate younger members who are working, and still holding on to some tried and true traditions.

Your newsletter is top shelf, the Roots 2 STEM program is very innovative and incorporates a mentorship program for youth which we as Rotarians have yet to develop. Rotary has trialed a one year Rotaract Rotary mentorship, but not with a younger age group – something I need to work with Doug MacDonald on (Vulnerable Sector).

You are also well on your way with the strat plan, which will set your directional arrows for the journey ahead. Something that so many clubs are lacking right now.

Your club is innovative, not afraid to try new things and take a chance – that is how we learn and grow. That is the direction we need to support. Congratulations on being a leader, an innovator, and community builder.

Mary

Mary Turner, District Governor
Rotary Club of Olds
Rotary International District 5360

Glen Peacock Award for Outstanding Rotary Club Medium

Presented to

Rotary Club of Calgary Chinook

for outstanding medium Rotary club reflecting the themes of
Rotary International and District 5360 2020-21

May 1, 2021


Mary Turner, District Governor

Rob thanked all the participants in our **Hockey Pool** as the season winds down this week. He is especially pleased because he is ranked number 1 with a big lead.

Standings

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RANK	★	TEAM	TOTAL	T	Y	W	M	GP	P/G	+
1	★	The Prez	1001.5	0	19	19	39.25	1091	0.92	2
2	○	Grampas A	983.75	0	24.5	24.5	45	1061	0.93	2
3	○	Grand M	977	0	25.5	25.5	46.5	1041	0.94	4
4	○	Spears	976.5	0	14	14	33.5	1137	0.86	3
5	○	BicksPicks	969.5	0	17.5	17.5	29.5	1124	0.86	2
6	○	2 Minutes for Looking so Good	962.5	0	24	24	36.5	1122	0.86	2

Our **Good News/Bad News** category raised four announcements: Ruth told us about Bill Gates and his wife announcing their divorce, Al Pettigrew told us about his son Jamie acquiring a new 36 foot cruiser (he lives on Salt Spring Island) — so we know where Al and Bev will be going as soon as travel opens up! — and Dean White told us that his newly established school has been officially approved by the Provincial Government. Congratulations to Dean. Lastly, Rob was delighted to announce that he has received his first dose of vaccine.



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

Our **next meeting** will be on Tuesday, May 18th and will be a Club Assembly. Our Directors will provide reports on their activities this year. Be sure to attend so you will be updated on our activity. Our **May Dixons Evening Meeting** will be on May 27th, and our speaker will be presenting on the subject of Financial Education of Our Youth. Rob noted that the speaker originally scheduled for this meeting, Brad Field, will join the other Mayoralty candidates in a Rotary Town Hall being arranged closer to the Election in the Fall. We believe this is 'fair to all concerned'.

Rob wrapped our meeting by thanking all in attendance and wishing everyone a great Rotary Week. Our meeting adjourned at 1:13pm.

Chase the Ace !



Close, but no cigar!!
Garth Plunkett picked an unlucky #!
and the fun continues ! ...
the Jackpot is \$1,064 +



Sergeant at Arms





COMMUNITY SHRED DAY

SUNDAY MAY 16th

UNFORTUNATELY DUE TO NEW COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS, THIS FUND RAISER HAS BEEN CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. HOPEFULLY JUST POSTPONED FOR A MONTH. KEEP YOU POSTED.

11 Street NE

Shred your confidential documents while helping charity. All shredded paper is baled, recycled and repurposed into new paper products!

Shredding done for a donation to the **Rotary Club of Calgary Olympic**. Donations from this project will go to fund the training of two CNIB Guide Dogs.

More information at RotaryOlympic.org or info@rotaryolympic.org

Shredding Partner



Youth Service Month
May 18th

May 27th

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

Directors' updates and new RI President video

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

Guest Speaker: Bruce Groberman, Director of Financial Education at North Point Financial Academy



Rotary Fellowships Month
June 1st

June 12th - 16th

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

Guest Speaker: Randy MacDonald, Regional Manager, Donor Ministries — Samaritan's Purse

2021 Virtual Rotary International Convention — details coming soon!

May Birthdays & Anniversaries



George
Kimura
May 3rd



Al Holt
May 9th



Bill
Churchward
May 16th



Garth
Sabirsh
May 25th



HAPPY BIRTHDAY
I'm not saying you're old,
but your birth certificate
is on papyrus.



Happy Anniversary



You two are
a perfect match

Al & Bev
Pettigrew

May 02, 1957
63 years



Graham & Mary

Ellen

Boone

May 15, 1965

56 years



Jim & Judy
Thompson

May 15, 1965

56 years



Gerald & Margaret Langereis

May 27th, 1955

66 years



Wishing you all the happiness
and love in the world
and congratulations
on your
anniversary...
Happy Wedding
Anniversary
to you both!

