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Zoom meetings are just modern seances



"There's someone who wants to join us."
"Elizabeth, are you there?"
"We can't hear you."
"Can you hear us?"

2020-2021 Officers and Directors

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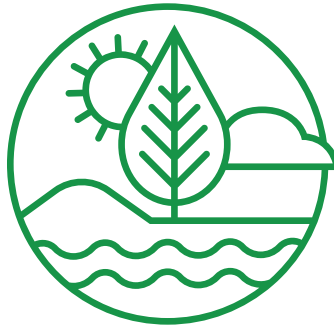
RI President Holger Knaack
Rotary Club of Herzogtum Lauenburg-Mölln, Germany

District 5360 Governor Mary Turner
Rotary Club of Olds

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



Supporting the Environment



Through the years, Rotary has carried out thousands of projects to protect the environment. In just the last five years, we've allocated \$18 million to projects that help our planet.

Members have even more opportunities to focus on issues that are important to them, now that the environment is one of the causes we focus on.

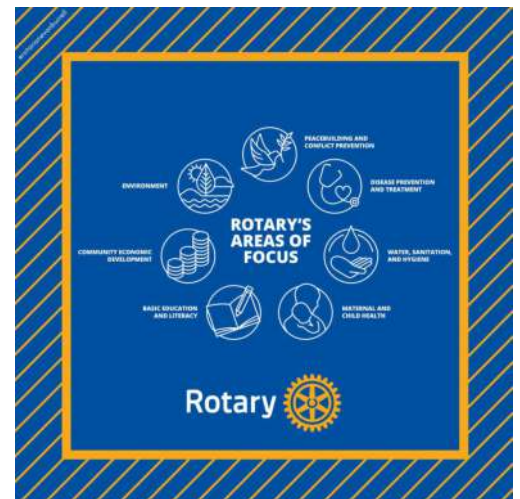
Rotary Chinook has been active in this area in the past with our support of water filters and solar lighting to name just two. Work continues on the proposed solar power project in Mexico.

ENVIRONMENT

Under the Environment Area of Focus, Rotary members and participants tap into funding for initiatives such as:

- Restoring habitat, planting native vegetation, and removing invasive plant and animal species
- Protecting endangered species and preventing illegal wildlife trade
- Addressing overfishing, pollution, and coastal erosion
- Educating communities in conservation and resource management
- Supporting eco-friendly agriculture and sustainable fisheries
- Promoting the use of traditional and Indigenous knowledge in resource management
- Supporting the transition to energy-efficient transportation
- Eliminating exposure to environmental toxins
- Reducing food waste

This additional Area of Focus will receive a lot of District attention over the next year, and also will be featured at the virtual RI Convention in June.



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Youth Service Month

May 18th

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

Directors' updates and new RI President's video

May 27th

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

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

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

June 12th - 16th

2021 Virtual Rotary International Convention — details coming soon!

June 15th

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

Guest Speaker: Kirby England — Beavers in Fish Creek Park



You May Want to Know!

No one in my family before me was a Rotarian. My business partner was one and became District Governor when the geographic area of the District was huge, covering all of Alberta, from the NE corner of BC and SE corner of Saskatchewan, but did not reach into the USA.

After becoming a Charter Member of our Club in 1977, I served as his P/R rep, and travelled with him to several clubs in the district during his year. I met many very interesting business leaders in other communities doing this. There was always a sort of nervous apprehension when the DG came to visit. His mandate was clear— visit every single club within his year, carrying the message of RI, and encouraging endorsement of other potential candidates for membership within the community visited — a tall order for some very small clubs. The emphasis was on Classification diversity, a real issue to many. Women were not members in those days, and Rotary ANNS sub groups were mostly in city clubs, and very few at that.

Judy and I went to the RI Convention in Rome along with Father Greg MacLellan, our Charter President, in 1979. A wonderful experience I have highlighted before, with extended travel through various parts of Italy, Monaco and concluding in France. The entire trip, involving several couples from the Calgary South club and other southern Alberta clubs, was organized by the Claresholm and Nanton Alberta clubs which both disbanded shortly thereafter.

Strathmore has never had a Rotary Club despite the efforts of a few DGs to establish one there. Many of Alberta's small towns have Lions Clubs, but Rotary in Alberta, it seems, just doesn't connect with some small town demographics.

Of the 44 or so DG's (District Governors) I have known during my time to date in Rotary, two really stand out as the very best examples of "Service above Self", those being Gardie Shaw, PDG, a member of the Calgary South Rotary Club, and Doug Martin, PDG, a member of the Rotary Club of Calgary. They were Co-Chairmen of the 87th annual RI convention held here in Calgary, an event that received international accolades as the "Best Ever", with 24,963 registered attendees from 126 countries! Our club in its entirety, and I believe every Rotarian in the city and many from elsewhere in the District, volunteered to make that convention the "Best Ever", under the guidance of Gardie and Doug.

Gardie was also an investor in the successful launch of the McKenzie Meadows GC venture I was the co-ordinator of, and later I served as President/CEO. The golf club connection with our

Jim Thompson, Past President 81/82, Club Historian

club resulted in the birth of our club's "Nature Park", on a strip of land originally designated for further golf-related development. The golf club, at no charge, originally assisted with materials and shaping the land for the Park. The golf club staff have assisted with annual maintenance of the trailways and extended picnic services annually, on-site, to serve our annual gathering. The golf club also has hosted a number of President's year-end dinner parties, and thoroughly enjoys the close relationship developed over the past 25 years. A salute to Rotary is posted at the upper 10th hole tee box, overlooking the course.

Aren't we overdue to have an outstanding member of our club become District Governor?

"Skip the Depot" Fundraiser #2

Hold on to your empties!!

We have arranged for "Skip the Depot" to pick up all the bottles/cans we can collect in Tonkinsons' driveway for the pick-up date, **Wednesday June 30th**.

Members and Friends, drop off your bottles/cans in their driveway on Tuesday June 29th !!

The address is **12119 Lake Louise Way SE**, in the community of Lake Bonavista. (phone # 403 271 4026)

Please put your bottles in plastic bags ... the bigger the better! Consider reaching out to family, friends and neighbours to increase your collection!

If you have bottles but not the means to deliver them, please contact Paul G and we will try to arrange pick up. Any members who can help pick up bottles for delivery to Tonkinsons' driveway, please advise Paul.

Special thanks to Bev and Anthony for once again hosting the pick up site at their home.

