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Dale Perret, Secretary
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George Van Schaick, Community Service
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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!



Rotary Remembers 2020

November 11th, 2020

Scribe: Stephen Pick

The Rotary Remembers Team put together another exceptional Remembrance Day presentation ... this year on ZOOM.



Jim Fitzowich was the MC and did a great job of keeping things on track aided in the background by District Admin Charlene.



DG Mary Turner gave a moving talk on her family history in respect to WW2.

Following the national anthem, Harold Aitkenhead (sp?) led the benediction, that was followed by the Last Post with photos in the background. President Rob Wolfson read the honour role for our club of those who have served.



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Rotary Foundation Month

November 17th

ZOOM meeting at noon ... be sure to join in!
Speaker: Ben Sargent — "Calgary Hubs"

November 26th

Dixon's Networking Evening — via ZOOM, 7 - 8:15 pm
Speaker: Mark Stephens, Stampede's Grey Cup Broadcaster

Disease Prevention and Treatment Month

December 1st

Club Assembly — Strategic Plan and Membership Committee Updates
Peter Bickham / Moe Tynan and Rhea Graham

Events/Happenings

May 14th - 16th, 2021

DisCon 2021 in Drumheller — Mark your calendar and plan on attending!



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Lest We Forget

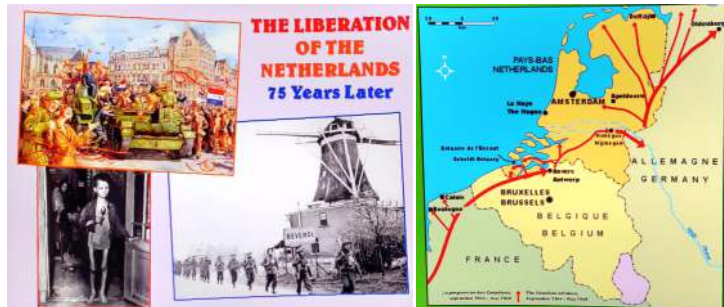


Lest We Forget

The speaker, Dr. Stéphane Guevremont was excellent and not only gave the story of the Canadian army advance through the Netherlands, but also the impacts on the civilian population. It provided a window into the devastating impact war has. Anthony Tonkinson thanked the speaker for his presentation referencing some of his and Bev's family history.



As always it was an event not to be missed, and we all look forward to gathering together in person for Remembrance Day in 2021.



Did You Know?

Jim Thompson, Club History

Did You Know? This month, November 16th to be exact, is the 45th anniversary of the first published newsletter of our Rotary club. Issue 1 Volume 1, was started by charter President Gregg McLellen, who passed away January 30 2013. It wasn't called the Arch then — that came a little later. Gregg struggled with the names Shoelast, Shoestring & Shorts ... we got him back on track quickly!

Our club was to become a member of RI, chartered March 14 1977. There are still 4 of us that were charter members. There hadn't been any new clubs in District 536 for the previous 10 years. District 536 covered all Alberta, a corner of SW Saskatchewan and a piece of NE BC then. We chartered with 30 members, and 3 new members were inducted April 12, 1977 — our Charter Night Celebration at the Palliser Ballroom.

Member recruiting in those early days was vastly different than today. A prospect was proposed by an active Rotarian, even from another Rotary club. The prospect was invited to see Rotary at a routine luncheon or two, and if he expressed an interest in joining, his name and classification was published in the newsletter, for member comment. If even one objection was recorded, an invitation to join was not presented. The classification distinction was carefully maintained to assure one person per classification, and one 'additional active' same classification, if approved by the one holding the career reference. Gender was eliminated by Bylaw amendment meeting of the Board February 5 1990 as directed by RI.

Our Board annually develops a selection of members to stand for positions on the Board, with the respective candidates' full approval. This are for the next Rotary year. Nominations are also asked from the general membership and occasionally, this has resulted in a decision by ballot. It is a great honour to serve on the club's Board and perhaps escalate to President.

Fond memories for this scribe ... back in 1980 when I was a Board member, I was asked to let my name stand for VP, leading to President in 1981/82. You had to be a Board member for at least one full term. I was surprised when my long time friend and fellow charter member, Ron Smith, was nominated from the general membership to oppose me. It was good fun politics, and I won by a slight margin. Ron got the nod for President in 1984/85, unopposed.