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



ZOOM Meeting Minutes

October 6th, 2020

Scribe: Paul Gaudet

President Rob opened our meeting at 12:05 by welcoming everyone and introducing a video of "O Canada", this time a fun version by a pop group "Walk Off the Earth".



We had 29 participants which included 3 guests. Our guests included two Scouting representatives, Steve Vickers and Colin Williston and our new Asst DG, Garfield Ganong. We welcomed our guests with our standard "welcome song". Rob then noted that today's scribe would be Paul Gaudet and proceeded to thank Stephen and Anne for all the work they do getting our e-Arch written and distributed each week.



Rob then asked Dale Perret to introduce today's speaker, Steve Vickers, who is a Scout Leader with the Troop 264, which our Club has sponsored for many years.

Dale started out by recognizing the late Bruce MacDonald who, as a long time Chinook member, was instrumental in establishing our sponsorship of 264 Somerset Bridlewood Scout Troop. We helped the Troop get started and

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proudly note that they have been self-sufficient pretty much from their beginning. There has been a long term relationship between Rotary and Scouting, both in the USA and Canada, dating back to 1930, and Chinook is pleased to help maintain the connection. Dale passed the podium to our guest speaker, Steve Vickers.



Steve told us that he is originally from Britain, having moved to Canada in 2004. He became involved in Scouting the same way most adult volunteers do, through his children and has stayed involved. Much like us, his Troop has been doing their best to work through the COVID Pandemic and soon learned to take advantage of ZOOM

Technology to connect with each other. As they were unable to gather in person, they wanted to recognize the personal achievements of their members and, as a result, prepared a very creative and amusing video (which they played for us online), showing the various Scout Rovers being awarded their medals, mainly from their homes.



Steve then told us about a special group of Rovers (Scouts between the age of 18 to 25) which are referred to as Medical Venturers, who receive specialized medical training to help out in community based activities. Steve was involved in getting this group established 5 years ago, and noted that it involves Rovers from a number of different Troops in our area.

Steve noted that Scouting has changed in recent years becoming more self directed, involving more personal self-development under the guidance of their leaders. Their activities are more community oriented with even the younger Beavers (aged 5 to 8) getting involved by choosing a community project to become involved with.

Steve opened the floor to questions and Dale asked how they were able to keep their older aged members involved. He responded by noting that these individuals build a close connection over their years in Scouting, becoming good friends who have learned to share many interests, including physical activities as well as a community focus. They value their connection with Chinook Rotary as it helps keep them connected to their community values. Ian Burgess suggested that their older members attend a Rotary meeting as we would surely welcome their interest.

Rob thanked Steve and Colin for their presentation and advised them about our standard donation to Polio Plus in appreciation for their presenting to us today.



Bev was up next with her "Birthdays and Anniversaries" segment. She and Anthony were joining us from their family's home in Vancouver, so a special thanks to them both for taking the time to join us today.

Our Birthdays for October are: Paul Hussey Oct. 1st, Peter Bickham Oct. 2nd, Michael Spears Oct. 9th, Anne Dale Oct. 18th, Hank Popoff also on the 18th, John Charrett Oct. 23rd, and Fred Jessee on the 24th. Happy Birthday to all!

Our members with Anniversaries during October are Rae and Carol Campbell celebrating their 55th on Oct. 2nd, Garth and Barb Plunkett with their 48th on the 7th, Hank and Janet with their 54th on the 8th, and Syed Ahmed and Faari Sajjad with their 33rd on the 25th. Best wishes to all!

The best part of our monthly celebrations has become Bev's collection of pictures from those celebrating birthdays (mostly as young children) and wedding photos from those celebrating anniversaries. A wonderful looking group for sure. These videos can now be seen on our website though the assistance of Dean White (thanks to Dean for keeping our website up to date and interesting).



Rob asked for any update on the health of our Club and received no information. We take this as good news and hope it stays the same.

Paul updated the Club regarding our recently received "Rotary Citation" Award. He noted the wording used by RI in their announcement:

"Congratulations, your Club has earned the Rotary Citation, the most significant award a Rotary Club can achieve, for 2019-20. During a year that was challenging for many Rotarians around the world, your club demonstrated a commitment to achieve its goals, which ultimately helps strengthen Rotary and shape our future. Once again, congratulations on a successful year as Club President."



Paul noted that while working on our strategic plan this past summer, it was clear to the committee that while we certainly have our challenges, we do have many strong features to our Club, not the least of which is the many dedicated members who remain committed to Service Above Self, and he believes this award recognizes these strengths. He thanked all our members and offered a special thanks to our Board of Directors for their guidance and leadership. Finally, he made a special, special thanks to Rob Wolfson, whose leadership is getting us through the COVID chaos, and who led us to the ZOOM technology which has allowed us to continue connecting the world.

Rob then introduced our newly appointed Assistant District Governor, Garfield Ganong, and asked him to [cont'd on page 3 ...](#)



make a few comments. Garfield congratulated our Club on receiving the Citation Award, and advised that he had really enjoyed the presentation from the Scout Troop as he used to be a scout himself. He is a member of Calgary West, a former President, and only recently became an ADG. He reported that Calgary West is

presently having two meetings a month "in person" and two on ZOOM. He looks forward to working with our Club and getting to know our members better.

Bart took the floor to talk about Operation Christmas Child. Commencing October 1st, they are planning to commence volunteer events to check their donated Christmas shoeboxes (similar to the events we have done in the past, but with smaller groups to accommodate social distancing). He highlighted the fact that for health reasons he personally would not be participating this year. Nonetheless, if any of our members (we would need 12) would like to participate in this event, kindly email Bart and he will arrange the event, numbers permitting.



With regard to filling shoeboxes ourselves, Bart asks that anyone who would like to receive boxes, to email him and he will drop them off at your home on October 7th. We presently have 8 members and 2 Friends of Rotary requesting boxes. After filling them you will have to deliver them to specific collection sites (as noted on the instructions) by November 15th.



Syed noted that the Global Grant Program that he has been working on to provide hearing assessment services for children in Pakistan, continues to move forward and looks positive at this point. They hope to receive final approval shortly.

Rob updated us on the ongoing planning for a fund raiser to support World Polio Day, October 24th. He has been working closely with Marlene Doherty (District Chair), and they expect to be releasing details shortly regarding a virtual Bingo game, and will present interesting speakers to let us know how the fight to eradicate Polio from our world is progressing.

With the completion of the Stanley Cup playoffs, the results of our playoff pool are in: first place went to a bowling friend of Rob, second prize to a work colleague of Rob, third place to the son of Peter and Sharon Bickham, and 4th place to Secretary Dale (finally a member in the winnings!). Seriously though we thank everyone for supporting our Club and participating in our Pool, which raised \$205 for the Club.

Rob announced that George Van Schaick has agreed to step into the President Elect role on this year's Board to replace Jim Hennessy, who resigned for personal reasons. Rob thanked

George and advised that he was excited to see him take on this job. Congratulations to George.

Rob then reported on last week's visit to Dixon's Pub for our first indoor, in person, meeting. He noted that while there are a few bugs to work out, the facility on the second floor seems to meet our needs and is safe (lots of room). There were 22 people in attendance, which included guests from a number of other Clubs. Our next evening meeting will be on October 27th and Mark Stevens, the on-air broadcaster of the Calgary Stampeders will be our guest speaker. Rob advised that this meeting will be on ZOOM so more can attend, and he is also looking at having a concurrent inside meeting at Dixon's Pub. Details to follow.

Rob presented several comedic videos and cartoons as Sargeant at Arms material, the last item being a video taken at our Pizza night at Hull's Wood highlighting Rob playing his guitar.



Rob neglected to ask for any "Good News / Bad News" stories, however a couple of members stepped up to share their news. Dale had two items; firstly, she advised that Vessey's has a special on Rotary Polio Tulips, \$18.90 for a box of tulip bulbs. Anyone interested can contact Dale for further details. Dale then told us about her Granddaughter Deborah who has recently completed her University Degree, and did so while making the Dean's Honour List. Quite an achievement and congrats to Deborah. Hank jumped in to enthusiastically tell us about the wonderful lady he married 54 years ago, and how patient she continues to be putting up with a guy like him. Janet is a Saint but Hank is not such a bad guy himself. Congrats to you both! Rob volunteered to pay a fine for forgetting to ask for "Good News / Bad News".



There will be no meeting next week (October the 13th) with our next regular ZOOM meeting being held on October 20th at which

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Economic and Community Development Month

- October 20th ZOOM meeting at noon ... be sure to join in!
Speaker: Stephen Thomas, Ex-Professional Rugby Player & Coach
"Search for Excellence, Resilience, Teamwork and Leadership"
- October 24th World Polio Day — ZOOM fundraising activity TBD
- October 29th Dixon's Networking Evening — via ZOOM 7 - 8:15 pm
Speaker: DGE Martin Parnell
"Top 10 Reasons to Get Out of Bed During COVID"

Rotary Foundation Month

- November 3rd ZOOM meeting at noon ... be sure to join in!
Speaker: Dusty Rhodes, President of Legion Branch 285
- November 11th Rotary Remembers via ZOOM 10:30 am - 12 pm
Speaker: Dr. Stéphane Guevremont
- November 17th ZOOM meeting at noon ... be sure to join in!
Speaker: Ben Sargent
"Calgary Hubs"
- November 26th Dixon's Networking Evening — Hybrid: in-person and via ZOOM 7 - 8:15 pm
Speaker: Mark Stephens, Stampede 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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Steven Thomas will speak to us about the pursuit of excellence. He is an experienced Soccer Coach and will tell us about ways to succeed. Our Board meeting for October will be held on ZOOM at noon on Wednesday, October 14th.

Our "Rotary Remembers" meeting this year will of course be held on November 11th, and will be a virtual affair (on ZOOM) so everyone should sign up to hear our excellent speaker, and to take the opportunity to donate to support our veterans. At this point the best way to sign up is to go to the District Website.

Have a great Rotary week! Our meeting was adjourned at 1:08pm.

September Networking Meeting

At our September meeting at Dixon's Pub, we had 22 in attendance which included 6 clubs, 1 Friend of Chinook Rotary and 1 potential new member.

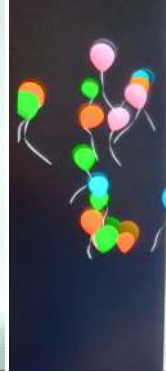
Our speakers were Spencer Tonkinson (Rotary Club of Stampede Park and from the Western Elite Real Estate Group) and Bill Stemp (Rotary Club of Calgary Chinook and from Stemp & Co.). They provided industry updates, related to their respective fields, on the current state of the real estate market.



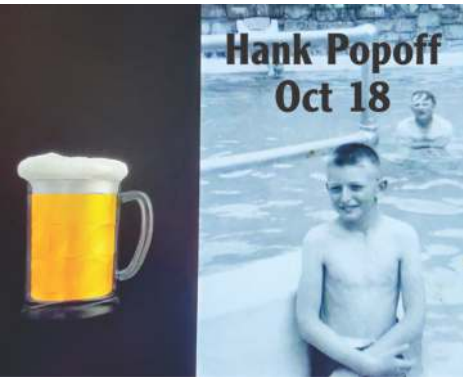
October Birthdays and Anniversaries

**BIRTHDAYS ARE
GOOD FOR YOU.
STUDIES SHOW THAT
PEOPLE WHO HAVE
MORE BIRTHDAYS
LIVE LONGER!**

**Paul
Hussey
Oct 01**



**PETER BICKHAM
OCT 02**



**Hank Popoff
Oct 18**



**John
Charrett
Oct
23rd**



**Fred Jessee
Oct 24**

**Michael Spears
Oct 09th**

**Anne Dale
Oct 18th**

Congratulations and Cheers to
Another Year....

Creating Your Story



Marriage is a
relationship in which
one is always right and
the other is the husband!
**Happy
Anniversary!**



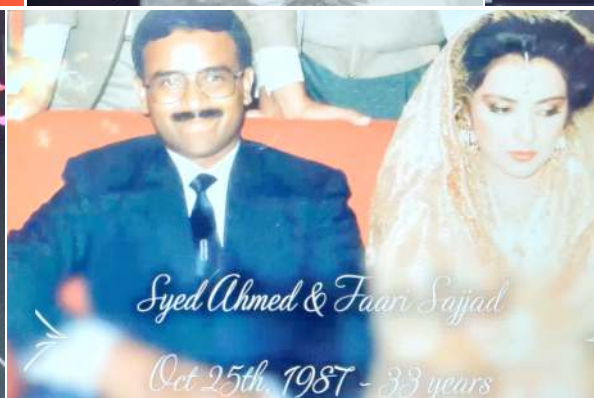
*Rae & Carol
Campbell
Oct 02, 1963
55 years*



*Garth &
Barbara Plus
Oct 07, 19
48 years*



*Hank & Janet Popoff
Oct 08, 1966 - 54 years*



*Syed Ahmed & Faari Sajjad
Oct 25th, 1987 - 33 years*



**"Life isn't about finding
yourself. Life is about
creating yourself."**

-George Bernard Shaw