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ZOOM Meeting Minutes

October 20th, 2020

Scribe: Paul Gaudet

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District 5360 Governor Mary Turner
Rotary Club of Olds



President of the Rotoract Club at the University of Calgary.

President Rob opened our meeting at 12:08 by welcoming everyone and introducing a video of "O Canada", an entertaining version by the pop group "Walk Off the Earth".

We had 29 participants which included 1 guest. Rob introduced our guest, Shirin Koukhanfar, who is the current



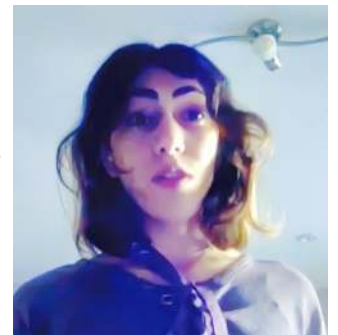
Rob then noted that today's scribe would be Paul Gaudet. He also noted that Paul has asked for volunteers to help share this job throughout the upcoming winter and encouraged our members to step up. Paul highlighted that Tammy has volunteered to be our



scribe for the month of November and he thanked her for doing so.

Our speaker scheduled for today's meeting, Stephen Thomas, was unfortunately unable to attend, so Rob took the opportunity to have a few of our members provide us with updates which proved very useful and informative.

Our first update was from Shirin, our guest from the University of Calgary, who told us that their Rotaract Club was operating during these COVID times under strict guidelines provided by the University. They could not meet in person nor could they take part in any type of activity, charitable or otherwise, which would put them at risk. As a result they were meeting only by ZOOM and decided to take the opportunity to focus on improving their Club by working on recruitment for their post-COVID period. They are able to keep in contact with their host Rotary Club, the Rotary Club of Calgary, and are hoping to get involved with Christmas hampers in December. They are also using social media to encourage volunteer involvement in the community.



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Peter Bickham introduced us to the **AGM of our Society**, advising that everything was in good order, with a quiet year being experienced year to date due to COVID restrictions.

- He called for adoption of the minutes of last year's meeting. Moved by Joe Hooper and seconded by Ron Hardy, motion carried.
- Next he called for adoption of the year end financial statements (audited by Bob Gentles and Joe Hooper). Moved by Bill and seconded by Stephen, motion carried.
- The third agenda item was election of 4 Members-at-Large to be on the Society Board; Peter Bickham, Garth Sabirsh, Tammy Truman and Garth Plunkett. All elected.
- The fourth item was the election of auditors, and Bob and Joe were elected once again.

Peter officially adjourned the AGM at 12:26pm (AGM completed in just 5 minutes).




Rob asked for updates on the health of our Club and once again there were no offerings. We take this as good news and hope it continues.

Rob asked Dale to provide an update on our 'mask' order, and she advised that the initial order only included the "People of Action" variety and not the plain blue one. They have now re-ordered to correct the situation, and delivery will be held back until both varieties are on hand.

Dale then proceeded to give us an update on "ShelterBox", a charity which is supported by our Club and in which she remains personally involved. This organization was begun in 2000 in England and has a mission of providing emergency shelters to families who have lost their homes due to natural disasters. They cover the entire Globe by working in partnership with local agencies, which provide local knowledge, and allows them to get on the ground quickly to the spots where most help is needed.



 **ShelterBox** ShelterBox provides well-constructed tents, along with cooking and other quality equipment to provide the shelter and tools needed to survive disaster situations. They also provide solar lights with chargers attached, which can be critical for nighttime survival. There is a great need for ShelterBox assistance around the world, especially in areas which include refugees, and Dale hopes to see our Club provide support again this year. She concluded by thanking those volunteers who help out each year with VIP parking at Globalfest, which allows ShelterBox to advertise and display their products to the public there each summer.

Tammy updated us on the subject of COVID travel Insurance. She provided an example of an actual situation where a client in his 80s paid \$225 to provide COVID insurance for \$1,000,000 to cover

a two week trip to Mexico. Candidates for COVID insurance have to be able to answer 'no' to 7 health related questions (Tammy can provide the details). She advised caution before signing on with airline coverage for \$100,000 in COVID insurance.



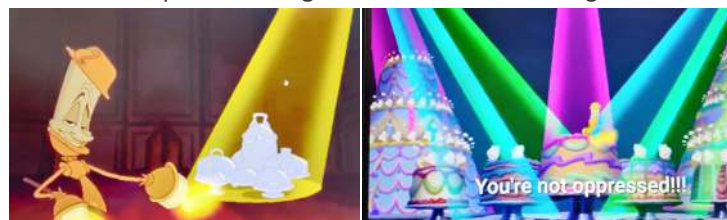
Syed provided an update on the on-going work for the global grant for the hearing project in Pakistan that the Club supports. He and Graham Boone will continue to co-ordinate this activity.

Dean provided an update on "Roots 2 STEM". They moved into new premises in June, and hosted 140 participants in their summer camps which, while lower than in normal years, worked well with the standard safety protocols. Their mentoring program is upcoming in January so they will require volunteers to assist the students. Those members who are comfortable and would feel safe working under proper protocols but inside, should reach out to Dean. Rob asked Dean if Rotaract students could volunteer as mentors and Dean said they could. Shirin agreed to bring up the opportunity at their next ZOOM meeting which is scheduled for next week.



Anthony reminded everyone about "Rotary Remembers" which takes place on November 11th at 10:30am on ZOOM. This is an initiative of all the Calgary Rotary Clubs, and is our way in this pandemic, of honouring our veterans who served, fought and died for our freedom. The subject of our excellent speaker this year will be "Liberation of the Netherlands", a campaign in which Canada's role was pivotal. Please join us in supporting this event. Anthony can answer any questions you may have.

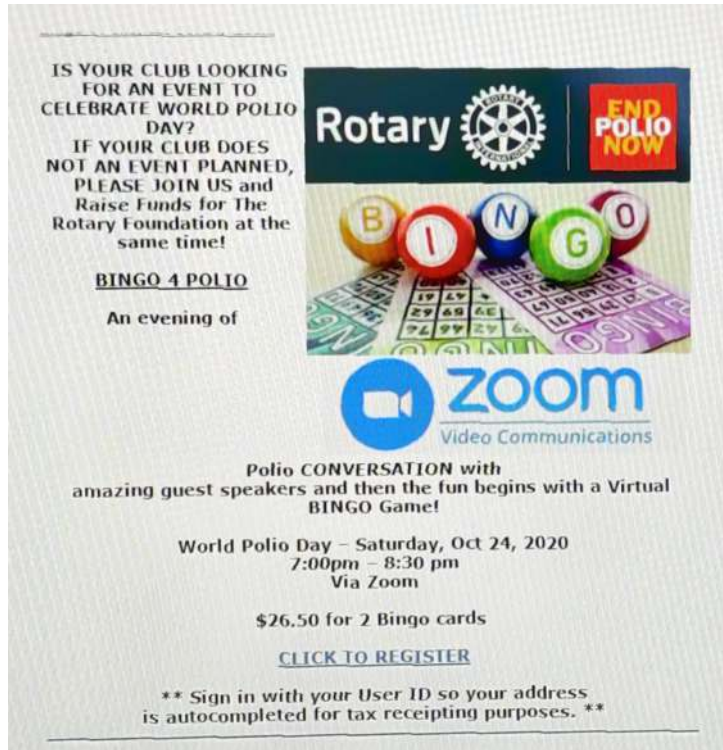
Rob presented two comedic videos and cartoons as Sargeant at Arms material; the first one from Jim Thompson entitled 'Good Deed for the Day', and the second all about wearing a mask. It's fun to break up the meeting with these smile-inducing videos!



Rob then moved on to a couple of announcements:

- He updated us on the fund raiser to support World Polio Day, October 24th. He has been working closely with Marlene Doherty (District Chair) and they have arranged a virtual Bingo game and will also present interesting speakers to let us know how the fight to eradicate Polio from our world is progressing. This virtual event will cost \$26.50 per person (remember Bill Gates


is still matching Rotary funds 2:1) which will provide you with two bingo cards. The event can be found on the District website and will run from 7 to 8:15 on Saturday night. Sign up and help us fight Polio.



IS YOUR CLUB LOOKING FOR AN EVENT TO CELEBRATE WORLD POLIO DAY? IF YOUR CLUB DOES NOT AN EVENT PLANNED, PLEASE JOIN US and Raise Funds for The Rotary Foundation at the same time!

BINGO 4 POLIO

An evening of

Rotary  **END POLIO NOW**

B I N G O

zoom
Video Communications

Polio CONVERSATION with amazing guest speakers and then the fun begins with a Virtual BINGO Game!

World Polio Day – Saturday, Oct 24, 2020
7:00pm – 8:30 pm
Via Zoom

\$26.50 for 2 Bingo cards

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** Sign in with your User ID so your address is autocompleted for tax receipting purposes. **

- Rob's second announcement was regarding an email from the Carriage House, in which they advised us that they will not be in a position to host any association functions (the category which includes our luncheons) until Government restrictions are lifted.
- He also advised that we have rescheduled our Dixon's (formerly Limerick's) evening meetings from Tuesday back to Thursday to accommodate the more than 12 club members who curl every Tuesday night. (The curling group appreciate this flexibility.) These evening meetings will vary in timing based on whether they are being held virtually (on ZOOM), or in person. The latter are scheduled from 5:30 to 7:00pm so people can attend on their way home from work, and the former from 7 to 8:15pm so as not to interfere with dinner at home. This month's evening meeting is scheduled for October 29th, at 7:00pm (as it will be by ZOOM) and will feature Martin Parnell, DG Elect and a marathon runner who, besides being multi-talented, is also an excellent speaker. The speaker for our November evening meeting (November 26th) will be Mark Stephen, the announcer for the Calgary Stampeders (and a member of the CFL Hall of Fame) and currently a Global radio sports host.

The Cynical Philosopher

I read that 4,153,237 people got married last year ... not to cause any trouble, but shouldn't that be an even number?

Today a man knocked on my door and asked for a small donation towards the local swimming pool. I gave him a glass of water.

I find it ironic that the colours red, white, and blue stand for freedom until they are flashing behind you.

When wearing a bikini, women reveal 90% of their body ... men are so polite they only look at the covered parts.

A recent study has found that women who carry a little extra weight live longer than the men who mention it.



Rob reminded us that our first meeting in November, on the 3rd, would include the popular "Birthdays and Anniversaries" segment, arranged and presented by Bev. The best part of our monthly celebrations is the collection of pictures (mostly as young children) from those celebrating birthdays, and wedding photos from those celebrating anniversaries. So if you

have a birthday or anniversary in November, get busy and find some photos and send them to Bev.

As noted, there will be no lunch time meeting next week as our evening meeting will be on Thursday at 7pm, so our next regular ZOOM meeting being held on Tuesday, November 3rd, at which Dusty Rhodes from the Royal Canadian Legion will be our speaker.

Our meeting was adjourned at 1:00pm.

Have a great Rotary week!

Rotary Remembers 2020



Rotary Remembers



Honouring the 75th Anniversary of
The Liberation of the Netherlands

Wednesday, November 11, 2020

Join virtually with your fellow Rotarians

10:30 a.m. – Noon

Guest Speaker

Dr. Stéphane Guevremont

REMEMBRANCE DAY



Donations in support of our Veterans

will be accepted

"Learn about the liberation of the Netherlands by the Canadian Army in 1944-45 with rare combat photos and films. Discover the Hunger Winter and the key battles to save the Dutch people at the end of the Second World War. A multimedia presentation, not to be missed!"

Sign-up for this on-line meeting on the District 5360 website.

Economic and Community Development Month

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, 5:30-7 pm

Speaker: Mark Stephens, Stampers Grey Cup Broadcaster



Happy Halloween !!

Disease Prevention and Treatment Month

December 1st

Club Assembly — Strategic Plan and Membership Committee Updates

Peter Bickham / Moe Tynan and Rhea Graham

Member News

Syed received this recognition from the club in Pakistan for his work on the hearing project there. This project is something he has spearheaded for a number of years, and it is great that our club can now assist him with it.



Presented by Current President RCIM, Rtn. Dr. Malik Ashraf Hammed, and Secretary RCIM, Rtn. PP Majid Qureshi



REARRANGING MY BOOKSHELVES

