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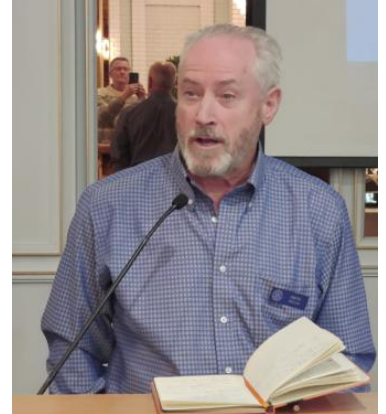
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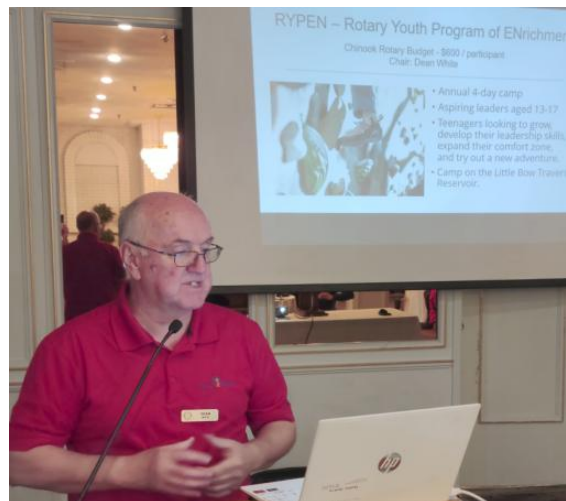
Meetings:

Greeters — Paul H
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Youth Services, Dean White

Rypen — Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment	\$1,200
Ryla — Rotary Youth Leadership Awards	\$1,200
Rayec — Rotary Alberta Youth entrepreneurship	\$0
Interact — Henry Wisewood High School	\$1,000
Rotaract — U of C and Community	\$0
Bursaries/Scholarships	\$9,700
Scouts — Somerset Bridlewood	\$700
Capstone — Mentoring program Fairview school	\$8,200
Total	\$22,000



See page 4 for Dean's Power Point slides ...

REPORT



Reports

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Greeters: Peter B, Bob M

Attendance: 23 guests including Margaret Johnson (John C) and Sonny Abed (Cardston R.C.)

Pres Rob opened the meeting with **Indigenous Facts**, and This Day in History:

- In 2021, Alberta's Indigenous population was 284,465, comprising 6.8% of the provincial total
- The majority identify as First Nations (51.2%), Metis (44.8%), or Inuit (1%)
- Alberta has Canada's largest Inuit population



This Day in History:

1789 first U.S. Electoral College chooses George Washington as President, and John Adams as VP

2004 Mark Zuckerberg launches Facebook from his Harvard dormitory room

Announcements:

- Dan Doherty's (past DG) wife Marlene, had brain surgery after she suffered from a fall. She awaits further treatment.
- Our Carriage House lunches will cost \$33, beginning in March
- Millenium Rotary Club is sponsoring a play at The Pumphouse Theatre, February 28 - March 6th, \$60 including reception
- Fish Creek Rotary Club is holding a Trivia and Music Bingo Night on March 8th, cost \$60

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays: Kim Levenson, Albert Amaniampong, Pat Hutchinson, Vlad Sasarman, Sharon Fraiman

Anniversary: Haime and Josette Fraiman

Club Anniversaries: Bruce B (39yrs), Neil B (20), George VS (19), Dean W (9), Sharon F (6)

Photos courtesy George Van Schaick

Mexico School Supplies

Bev Tonkinson

Anthony and I attend the Rotary Club of Bahia de Jaltimba La Panita when we visit Mexico. This is the same club that our friend Sydney Richmond belongs to. Although she lives in Calgary, she spends her winters there, therefore she is a member there. Charlene Bearden, who is Administrator for District 5360, also spends her winters there working remotely. She offers a lot of her time with the club there.

There are many schools in the area that are extremely poor. With a \$200 donation from our Club, and \$50 from us, we were able to purchase school supplies. Westjet did not charge us for this piece of luggage. These supplies were given to Sydney as she knows exactly which schools will benefit.

Directors' Reports

There was no Speaker today ... our Directors gave presentations on their areas.

Friendship Exchange to Brazil

Anthony and Bev Tonkinson

After a very rocky start, this Friendship Exchange finally happened. In the summer we were meant to host a group from District 4760 in Brazil. 5360 was going to be hosted in Brazil in November.

Originally we had youth coming, which isn't an RFE. Then a DG and his wife and a teenage boy were coming. The DG had health problems and had to cancel. Then a lady named Erica had booked her trip and was definitely coming, although she is not a Rotarian. Rod McMhon, Inbound Counsellor, felt we had to help her. Several Rotarians stepped up, including the Butts, and Liliana and Andrzej (from Kindersley) and hosted. By all accounts she was very well looked after. As



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there was so much confusion, several people who had signed up for the Exchange dropped out. In Canada we had no idea who was hosting, there was no itinerary.

Bev and I had booked our flights (Bev found a good price for the air tickets). We were going even if there was no Exchange. Then Gordon and Laraine Butt from Lethbridge joined us, as did Liliana and Andrzej. We arranged to fly to Belo Horizonte on Saturday, November 9th, on the same flight. We met Laraine and Gordon for the first time in Rio airport that morning. They turned out to be a wonderful couple, and we had many good times together. Bev and I had been in Rio for a few days and the Butts flew into Rio the night before. We were met at BH airport and taken to our host family's homes. Bev and I met Valdir and Vanessa, our hosts. These people were so friendly we felt like we had known them for years. Neither spoke English, but their daughter Vittoria and her boyfriend, Moises, did. In fact Vittoria taught English, and she had been in Florida working at Disneyworld. When Vittoria wasn't around, Bev and Vanessa used Google Translate.

Our days in BH were full. Most of the trips were arranged by Erica. Very often she came with us. Her teenage son Vito, who had a pretty good grasp of English, was with us most of the time, even when Erica couldn't make it. Another Brazilian, Elen, also took us on trips. Claudia, a Rotary President, joined us on many occasions as well. The Butts went to her club, whilst we attended Valdir's, and they met the DG. We met Yasmon and her boyfriend. Yasmon took us on a hike in BH up to a viewpoint. She and her husband are taking a road trip ... they are driving all the way south to the tip of South America, and then driving up to Alaska. This is a TRF fundraiser. They hope to raise \$1million. They hope to be in Calgary for the Convention, and Bev has offered them a place to stay. We were picked up by a bus (15 passenger) for all our day trips, usually from our location. The Butts and the Klebeks used Uber a lot to get to and from.

Highlights:

- We attended two soccer matches. The first was arranged by our host Valdir. The noise never stopped! ... people singing, drummers, flags waving. The second was hosted by Paulo, a Rotary Club President, and Director of the Soccer Team. He hosted us in his suite with drinks and food included. He gave each of us a team jersey. On one of our last nights in BH, he hosted us for a Brazilian BBQ. Unfortunately the Klebeks had already left for Rio.
- We went to a very large group of underground limestone caves, followed by a cool dip in a pool at the bottom of a waterfall.
- We went into an old gold mine. Entry was by using a small open carriage on tracks. The carriage was on a cable which controlled descent and pulled the carriage back up the steep incline. There were large pools in the mine and scuba divers were using them.
- We attended two concerts, both put on by the BH Symphony. The first had various members perform classic pieces. The second was the full orchestra with the addition of guitars and a band drummer. The music was from Elvis to Queen. Almost all well known favourites from that era.
- One location was closed so Erica improvised. She was taking us for a walk into a waterfall. We met two fellows who had a plantation deep in the bush. They said they would take us. They had machetes, and they used these to cut away some of the dense brush. We came across a small pool with a very small waterfall. It was hard to navigate around so we called the trip off. We weren't too sure about the machetes either. Anyway, they

invited us to their farm. This was more like a market garden with all kinds of vegetables and fruit growing. One of the wives was in the kitchen. She gave us some of her baking, and we bought some of it.

- A very large morning open street market, selling clothes, food, jewellery, and home made items.
- We visited museums, and walked around BH.
- A bar/restaurant overlooking the city.
- A beautiful historic town, where we walked around in pouring rain.
- One day on our own. The Klebeks had gone to Rio. We cycled around the lake, 18km, in BH.

Bev and I went with our host Mauro, to meet a bunch of his friends who happen to be Exchange students. Mauro went to Winnipeg for a year and his friends exchanged around the same time, in the early nineties. The most disappointing fact was they are not Rotarians. Mauro is a college professor and is very busy so doesn't have time at the moment. Hopefully he will be at a later date. We met many former exchange students on our trip. All said they had great experiences but hadn't joined Rotary.

Chase The Ace Previous Winner



Today's Chase the Ace winner Janet Popoff and Paul Harris Presentation

The Ace lives for another day ...



Pres Rob closed the meeting with The 4 Way Test.





Club of Calgary
Chinook

Youth Services

RYLA – Rotary Youth Leadership Awards

Chinook Rotary Budget - \$600 / participant
Chair: Ron May



- Annual conference
- Foster mutual growth and success
- Young leaders discover themselves, each other, and their communities.
- Graduates support and challenge one another to form a better society

INTERACT

Chinook Rotary Budget - \$1000 for projects
Chair: Ron May



- Connect with leaders in your community and around the world to:
- Take action to make a difference in your school and community
 - Discover new cultures and promote international understanding
 - Become a leader in your school and community
 - Have fun and make new friends from around the world

Bursaries / Scholarships

Chinook Rotary Budget - \$9000
Chair: Dale Perret



- Bursaries are awarded based on academic endeavours as well as the student emulating our Service Above Self creed.
- It is important to recognize the effort the student puts forth in commitment to their school and community

RYPEN – Rotary Youth Program of ENrichment

Chinook Rotary Budget - \$600 / participant
Chair: Dean White



- Annual 4-day camp
- Aspiring leaders aged 13-17
- Teenagers looking to grow, develop their leadership skills, expand their comfort zone, and try out a new adventure.
- Camp on the Little Bow Travers Reservoir.

RAYEC – Rotary Alberta Youth Entrepreneurship

Chinook Rotary Budget - \$1100 / participant
Chair: Ann Dale



- Week-long August camp
- youth ages 13- 15
- interested in business and entrepreneurship
- educate youth about marketing, advertising, preparing a cash-flow statement and writing a business plan.

ROTARACT

Chinook Rotary Budget - \$1000 for projects
Chair: Dean White



- Rotaract clubs bring together people ages 18 and older to exchange ideas with leaders in the community, develop leadership and professional skills, and have fun through service.
- In communities worldwide, Rotary and Rotaract members work side by side to take action through service. From big cities to rural villages, Rotaract is changing communities like yours.

Scouts

Chinook Rotary Budget - \$700 for fundraising
Chair: Dale Perret



- 264 Somerset/Bridlewood Scout Group
- Club provides Chinook Rotary badges which are worn on their scarves and will be visible when they are part of the jamboree.
- Club supports fundraising campaigns.

Chinook Rotary Mentoring Program

- Ongoing mentoring program with Fairview School
- Teacher selected students
- Supported by Rotary mentors
- Experiential learning projects
- Confidence and self-esteem
- Friendships through team-work and collaboration



Youth Services

BUDGET

RYPEN	\$1,200
RYLA	\$1,200
RAYEC	
ROTARACT	
INTERACT	\$1,000
MENTORING	\$8,200
BURSARIES/SCHOLARSHIPS	\$9,700
SCOUTS	\$ 700
TOTAL	\$22,000

Peace Building and Conflict Prevention Month

February 18th
February 27th

Shaundra Bruvall, Director of Communications, AlphaHouse Society
No Evening Meeting, due to the Curling Bonspiel

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Month

March 18th
March 27th

Jordan Guildford — Gems for Gems
Membership Mingler at Carriage House Inn @ 5:30pm

Environmental Month

April 1st

Michelle Eng, Refugee Ministries Pastor. FAC Calgary



Lager @ The Legion



February

PEACEBUILDING AND CONFLICT
PREVENTION MONTH

*"It isn't enough to talk about peace. One must believe in it.
And it isn't enough to believe in it. One must work at it."*
Eleanor Roosevelt

Bottle Drive Fundraiser

Bring us your empties!!

Members and Friends, drop off your bottles/cans in
Tonkinsons' driveway **on or before**
Tuesday March 11th !

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.

