



The Rotary Foundation and Social Media

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Just for Fun

George introduced our own Anne Dale, Chair of our Foundation Committee.

Anne is pleased to chair the Foundation Committee as she believes in the Foundation and the different things it does to improve our world: improving the environment, children's health and well being, clean water, and education, to highlight a few areas. We need to do a better job communicating what we are doing.



Anne called on Rhea to present her with a Paul Harris Fellow Pin +5, recognizing her significant



level of support to the Rotary Foundation. Rhea was asked why she continues to support the Foundation, and she noted that the Foundation returns 50% of funds donated back to the District level, which uses it to support various service projects via their District Grant Program. Our Club has worked on many projects which have included both RI and District Grants.

Anne moved on to Social Media, specifically Facebook, by showing us Calgary Chinook's Facebook page (online) and noting that we currently have 240 followers. Anne controls our page and is asking for more of our members to sign up as followers and to provide stories and pictures. You can send them to Anne and she will put them onto Facebook. Facebook has 3 billion users from all age groups so it represents good potential for effective communication. Instagram is another Social Media system and we are in the process of developing an Instagram site for our Club, and it will be linked with our Facebook site.

2020-2021 Officers and Directors

George Van Schaick, President
Bev Tonkinson, President Elect
Rob Wolfson, Past President
Dale Perret, Secretary
Al Holt, Treasurer

Syed Ahmed, International Service
Dean White, Youth Service
Neil Beatty, Community Service
Bruce Bohnet, Club Service
Sandy Swan, Club Operations
Garth Plunkett, Club Financial

RI President Shekhar Mehta
Rotary Club of Calcutta-Mahanagar, West Bengal India

District 5360 Governor Martin Parnell
Rotary Club of Cochrane

Potential new members can look up the various Rotary Clubs and select the Club which is active in areas they are interested in. Anne advises that Facebook is inexpensive (to advertise in) and easy to learn.

Anne reports that Anthony and Bev as well as Stephen and Anne use Facebook (as well as many more Club members), so we should set up an account and "like" Calgary Chinook Rotary Club.



Facebook is a really good way to talk to the world. We can advertise our upcoming speakers and tell potential attendees how to prepay for lunch and select their menu. We need to let people know we are here and what we do.

If you have any questions about Facebook you are encouraged to contact Anne and she will help.

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President George called our meeting to order at 12:15, welcoming all participants. We joined in for the singing of O Canada.

After lunch, George recalled our meeting to order. He thanked Stephen and Anne, noting that they were “on the road”, for the wonderful job they do in creating and distributing our e-Arch, thereby allowing our membership to be aware of what is happening in our Club. He thanked Paul Hussey for all his work in organizing our “house committee” which sees that our meetings are set up properly. He noted that Paul G. would be our Scribe for today’s meeting and encouraged our members to join Paul in taking a turn at scribing for a month. He also thanked Rob for his support in many areas where he regularly steps up to help get things done.

George welcomed back Sandy Swan from her winter home in Mazatlan, and noted that it was great to see Fred Jessee who was in attendance today.

Chase the Ace

Rob introduced our Chase the Ace segment by advising that we have 49 cards remaining and that the daily winner will be receiving \$78. This week’s ticket was drawn and Rhea Graham



Sunshine Report

George asked for any information on the health of our members and no reports were offered.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Rob played our video outlining the names of our members who are having Birthdays or Anniversaries for the month of May. Our member Birthdays are George Kimura, Al Holt and Garth Sabirsh, and our spousal birthdays include Bev Pettigrew, Beti Gaudet, Carol van Schaick and Lise May. Best wishes to all.



Our Anniversaries are Al and Bev Pettigrew, Graham and Mary Ellen Boone, and George and Carol Van Schaick. Happy Anniversary! Rob encouraged folks to send in different photos for our monthly videos.

Good News/Bad News

- Jim was pleased to share that he gets a new hip on May 27th.
- Hank gave \$20 Happy Bucks to tell us about attending the recent Thursday evening meeting at Limericks. He wants to inspire others to support this evening meeting.
- Rhea reported on the upcoming, May 14th, District Conference. It is a one-day event in Cochrane (short trip from Calgary, back in the early evening, same day). Register on the District website. In addition the day’s events are being presented virtually for those who are not able (or willing) to attend in person. Register on the District website for this format also.



Rotary Minutes



Rhea reminded us that the month of May on the Rotary calendar is a Celebration of Youth. She advised that our Club has continued to support Youth throughout COVID due to our ongoing support projects, by both volunteering and funding them. She provided two examples, the first being our partnership with Roots2STEM which has been able to hold workshops for Aboriginal youth, as well as conducting our mentorship program for Fairview students. Her second example was our work with the New Service Generation Exchange by which youth from around the world can participate in a virtual exchange experience. Our District, and our Club through Rhea’s leadership, held the first such virtual exchange last year and, as a result, Rhea is hosting a “break out” session on the subject at the upcoming Rotary International Convention in Houston.

Rob reported that our Flames Second Scoring Pool has now ended and he has sent \$300 profit to Treasurer Al. Our NHL Playoff Pool is now underway with 32 participants.

Rob then took on a more serious subject by telling us that he is worried about our future. The two years of COVID have seen changes to our Club ... less members being

the most apparent. We are trying our best to get back to “in person” meetings and have been asked to confirm and pre-pay for our luncheon meetings. Rob advises that he visits many of the Rotary Clubs in our District and they are experiencing the same challenges. This is our new normal, and the challenge is ours to adopt.

Another item is our Thursday evening meeting which takes place each month during the fourth week. This structure was approved by our Board last year as a strategy to show a more flexible meeting structure, and hopefully encourage new membership. These meetings have not (as of yet) enjoyed much member support, and we would like to encourage more participation. Rob has put a great deal of hard work into developing this evening meeting concept, and we should give it a shot, enjoy the fellowship and the opportunity to meet Rotarians from other Clubs. The format is very enjoyable (a personal comment as I attend regularly) and the meetings are over by 7pm, not a late evening. Our **next evening meeting will be on May 26th at Limericks**, and will be hosted by Brian Carnahan, President of Calgary East (Rob will be away).

Sergeant at Arms

Tammy volunteered to carry out a more traditional Sergeant at Arms and did so very effectively. The Good News is that she limited our fines to a loonie (per occurrence) which limited the damage. She fined Sandy for looking so good after a winter in Mexico, George for having a birthday on the same day as our

meeting, members who weren't wearing Flames gear, and everyone who has been fortunate enough not to have been infected with COVID. She fined Jim's tablemates to calm him down due to not being able to enter through the hotel's side door. It was fun to enjoy the creative fines Tammy came up with!

George introduced our speaker ... our own Anne Dale, Chair of our Foundation Committee.



Our **next meeting will be at noon on Tuesday, May 17th**, and our speaker will be John Hufnagel, General Manager of the Calgary Stampeders. Spring Training Camp has begun and the annual draft has been completed so John will be able to tell us what he expects to see this year. John is extremely busy this time of year (his time is precious) so his taking the time to join us confirms his fondness for our Club, and the special relationship he has with Tammy and Bart. We really need to show him that we appreciate his presentation, and the way to do this is by attending our luncheon on the 17th. We hope to see you there.

George thanked everyone for attending today and offered best wishes to all. Meeting adjourned at 1:40pm.

Photos courtesy George Van Schaick

The e-Arch Needs Scribes !!

Please help!!

The minutes help out those who don't make it to the meetings, and also help provide a historical record of our club.

Contact Paul G to sign up for a month ... it's just 2 meetings



Spring FunDrive Report by Paul Gaudet

We had promised to let you know how much money we made from our Value Village drop-off held on April 27th.

We have confirmed (funds received) \$601 from our efforts, which, while not a large amount, makes a nice donation to the Ukraine effort.

Once again, thanks to all who participated and to those who helped deliver the donations. We are not sure if we would do this again next Spring but if you would like to, let us know.



'Skip the Depot' Fundraiser

With spring upon us we felt it was time for another fund raising bottle exchange. President Elect Bev agreed, and once again she and Anthony have agreed to allow us to use their driveway.

Please mark your calendar for **Tuesday June 28th** and put aside some cans and bottles for our collection. We'll confirm details later, but we wanted to give everyone a “heads up” today.

“Skip the Depot” will pick up our bottles from the Tonkinsons' driveway on the 29th (of June, not May) so we have to drop them off the day before.

Bring us your empties!!

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.



Youth Service Month

May 17th
May 26th

John Hufnagel, President & General Manager, Calgary Stampeders
Evening meeting @ Limericks — 5:30 - 7 pm, 2nd floor Guinness Room
with members of Calgary East

Rotary Fellowship Month

June 7th
June 16th & 17th

Dean White — Roots 2 STEM
Casino Fundraiser at the Elbow River Casino — please help!
contact Joe Hooper for info and forms

June 21st
June 28th
June 30th

Directors' Year Summaries
"Skip the Depot" Fundraiser — drop your empties in Tonkinsons' driveway
President's Ball Dinner

New Rotary Year Begins

July 5th

Passing of the Gavel from George to Bev

Membership and New Club Development Month

August 2nd

Rob Wolfson — RibFest Promotion

Basic Education and Literacy Month

September 9th, 10th, 11th

RibFest at McMahon Stadium



Evening Meeting @ Limericks April 28th

Photos courtesy George Van Schaick



- As I watch this generation try and rewrite our history, I'm sure of one thing: It will be misspelled and have no punctuation.
- Me: "I can't see you anymore ... I'm not going to let you hurt me again."
My Trainer: "It was one sit-up."
- As I've gotten older, people think I've become lazy. The truth is I'm just being more energy efficient.

- I haven't got anything done today. I've been in the Produce Department trying to open this stupid plastic bag.
- Turns out that being a "senior" is mostly just googling how to do stuff.
- God promised men that good and obedient wives would be found in all corners of the world. Then he made the earth round ... and laughed and laughed and laughed.
- I'm on two diets. I wasn't getting enough food on one.
- I put my scale in the bathroom corner, and that's where the little liar will stay until it apologizes.
- Hard to believe I once had a phone attached to a wall, and when it rang, I picked it up without knowing who was calling!
- So you've been eating hot dogs and McChickens all your life, but you won't take the vaccine because you don't know what's in it. Are you kidding me?
- "Wisdom is the reward you get for a lifetime of listening when you would rather have talked." ~ Mark Twain