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"There are three things I have learned never to discuss with people ... religions, politics and the Great Pumpkin!"
Charles M. Schultz



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ZOOM Meeting Minutes

October 19th, 2021

Scribe: Tammy Truman



26 members and 3 guests logged in at noon today. President George Van Schaick led the meeting. My personal favourite rendition of O Canada was performed via YouTube by THE TENORS.

501st Legion Damon Heron & Liz Wall

Today's Guest Speakers were Damon Heron and Lisa from the 501st Legion.



This is a group of around 150 adults from Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Northwest Territory who promote interest in Star Wars. From this writer's perspective it's a group of adults who like to dress in costume many times a year and not just Halloween ... 😊

They build and wear film quality costumes for Star Wars related events. They contribute back to the community through costumed charity and volunteer work.

Our club knew this firsthand as they came to RibFest this year, and kept the folks in their vehicles entertained while in line for ribs.

The 501st Legion is the most feared stormtrooper corps in the Empire, composed of specialized troops of every discipline. The 501st works under the direct command of

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the Sith Lord Darth Vader, earning them the moniker Vaders Fist. A legion is organized by global rules, coordination, and administrative functions. The Garrisons are the units of operation within a geographic area. Detachments are the on-line units focused on construction and mentoring of a single costume or subsets of costumes.



This 501 chapter was the first Canadian squad, born in 2004, became official garrison in 2005, and now has over 150 members. They dedicate themselves to doing charitable work and being in the community (like participating in charity walks).

They look forward to having a convention every year where many provinces of like-minded Darth Vaders and Star Wars people get together and hang out. The speaker shared that they are like one big family. The last convention they raised over \$10,000 from their members, and donated this to Make a Wish Foundation.

If you would like them to attend an event:

<https://www.501st.com/request.php>

As they are all volunteers they will never charge a fee for attending. They cannot guarantee specific characters or numbers. There are limitations on advertising their presence and on what activities they can participate in, based on Lucasfilm preferences. An event coordinator will work with you to finalize all details

Club Business

Anthony shared the details of the Remembrance Day meeting. 'Rotary Remembers' is on November 11th at the Carriage House Inn. If you are not



comfortable in person, it's also available on-line. Ticket price is \$35.00. All those attending will have to show proof of double vaccination.



Garth Sabirsh was today's lucky winner of Chase the Ace. Garth was not in attendance at the meeting, so Rob will contact him, and will let us know if Garth does or does not draw the Ace for the big jackpot.

Rob Wolfson was very excited to share a pic on his bowling score of OVER 400!! Very rare and hard to achieve. Congrats Rob!

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
HC	15	45	65	90	105	100	136	151	164	179
SW	12	47	72	84	91	114	129	142	177	199
RD	45	80	110	140	185	230	225	320	365	410

Rob Wolfson TH 788
Wolfson GTH 2914

At same time he thanked all those who reached out to encourage him to run as DG nominee. He appreciated the vote of confidence, but with work commitments right now, he has to decline.

Peter Bickham then led the Chinook Club Society AGM.

Notice of Chinook Rotary Club Society Annual General Meeting October 19th, 2021

1. Adoption of October 20th, 2020 minutes (previously distributed to all members by email). Joe Hooper/Bev Tonkinson moved and seconded — Carried
2. Review and approval of 2020-2021 audited financial statements (previously distributed to all members by email). Neil Beatty/Bill Stemp moved and seconded — Carried
3. Election of At Large Society Board Members for 2021, who will serve until the next Annual General Meeting:



Peter Bickham, Tammy Truman, Garth Sabirsh, Anthony Tonkinson will remain on the board. Board members added to the Society Board are Bev Tonkinson, Al Holt and Dean White.

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RibFest Moments Slide Show

by Rob Wolfson





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- The 501st works under the direct command of the Sith Lord Darth Vader, earning them the moniker "Vader's Fist."
- They served Vader from the purge of the Jedi Temple through the Battle of Hoth and beyond...

In Reality. . .

Since 1997, the 501st Legion has spread the magic of Star Wars worldwide through authentic costumes and has become the leading force in fan-based charitable events.

We are dedicated to brightening the lives of others & building relationships with the community.



The 501st Legion is an all-volunteer costuming organization comprised of over 13,000 members, spanning over 60 countries worldwide.

OUR MISSION



To **Promote** interest in *Star Wars* through building and wearing film-quality costumes.

To **Facilitate** the use of members' costumes for *Star Wars*-related events.

To **Contribute** back to the community through costumed charity and volunteer work.

Relationship with Lucasfilm

- The 501st Legion is a Lucasfilm recognized *Star Wars* costuming group, as such we follow the generally accepted ground rules for all *Star Wars* fan groups.
- The *Star Wars* IP is loaned to us graciously by Lucasfilm, Ltd./Disney for all the good that we do and wonder we bring to people's lives.
- Legion members must never use our costumes or the IP for personal profit or gain.

star wars fan groups



REBEL LEGION

- The "good" guys. (Rebel scum)
- Rebellegion.com

MANDALORIAN MERCS

- Non-canon, custom variations on Boba Fett armor
- Mandalorianmercs.org

SABER GUILD

- Sith/Jedi that specialize in lightsaber demonstrations
- Saberguild.org

how is the legion organized?

- **Legion:** Global rules, coordination and administrative staff.
- **Garrisons:** Units of operation within a geographic area.
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BADLANDS GARRISON

YOUR LOCAL CHAPTER OF THE 501ST

- We cover Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Yukon and NorthWest Territory.
- First Canadian Squad in 2004.
- Official Garrison in 2005.
- Over 150 members.



what does the legion do?



trooping

Each event or "troop" that we do generally fall into 3 categories:

- Charitable
- Community
- Promotional (requires LFL approval)



Library events



Charity walks



Community/charity events



conventions



Friendship & family



how do you request us?



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Congrats Garth S on your \$2159 Win in Chase The Ace !!!



Donation Acknowledgement

This is a donation made by our club to support the Calgary Chinook Team as a whole. These were cash donations handed to me for Move for Polio and collected at the President's Dinner.



Thank you for your recent online contribution of CAD \$250 directed to Polio Fund.

For decades, Rotary has been a leader in the battle against polio that has reduced worldwide cases by more than 99.9 percent. With your help, the number of cases will continue to shrink, and we'll keep up prevention and surveillance until we're sure polio is gone forever. We're closer than ever to ending this devastating disease.

Your contribution was made in honour of 'Move for Polio'. Thank you again for supporting The Rotary Foundation.



A generous gift to The Rotary Foundation has been made in honour of Move for Polio by RC Calgary Chinook members.

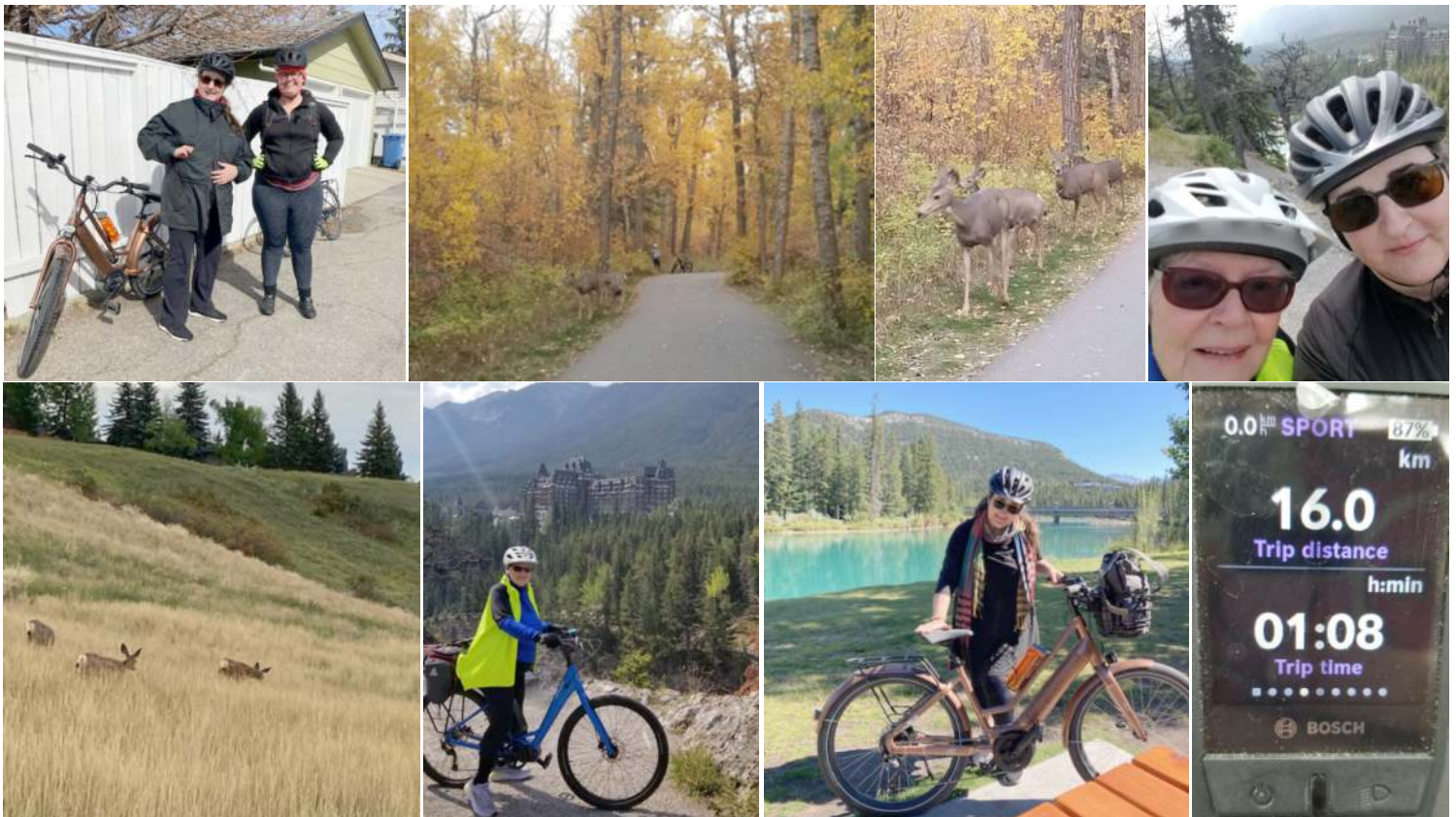
Thank you to RC Calgary Chinook Members for their generous support.



Gifts to The Rotary Foundation sustain vital programs which alleviate human suffering, foster greater cultural understanding, and eradicate polio worldwide.

May this gift bring joy and happiness to you, while bringing hope and peace to someone in need!

Anne & Rhea 'Moving for Polio'



Economic and Community Development Month

October 28th

Dixon's Evening Meeting — on ZOOM @ 7pm

Speaker: John Crosser, Rotary Club of Calgary Fish Creek
ASPIRE Financial Wellness



Rotary Foundation Month

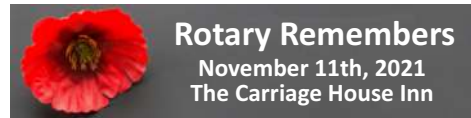
November 11th

November 16th

Rotary Remembers @ The Carriage House Inn

Gary Webster, Centennial Club

Child Adolescent Mental Health Park Project



ZOOM Meeting Minutes

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4. Discussion of audit process for 2021-2022 financials. The process has changed and now Auditors will be chosen as needed, 2 members from Chinook Rotary who are in good standing.
5. Other business as necessary.
None

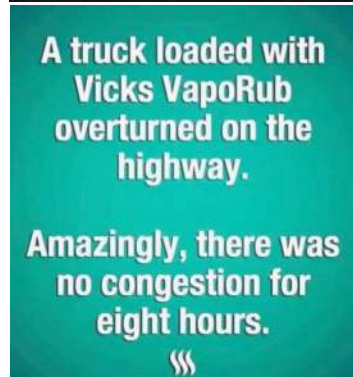


This and That

- Our 3rd Bottle Drive is happening October 25/26. Drop off in the Tonkinson driveway.
- On November 4th 'Inclusions Alberta' is having an on-line breakfast. Bev Tonkinson has sent out details in an earlier email.
- Hard to think about Christmas already, but the Board has asked the writer to look into it as they would like to proceed with this event. I asked for a show of hands of who would go out perhaps to a restaurant, with that many people a few weeks before Christmas. Lots of hands were raised. I encourage you to send me your ideas on how to have a safe event.



Sergeant at Arms



Rotary Remembers

@ The Carriage House Inn

10:30 am - 1:00 pm
(doors open at 10:00am)

11 NOVEMBER
REMEMBRANCE DAY

Let's not forget

Guest Speaker Tom Leppard, B.A., M.A.

Canadian Military Historian, who will share fascinating stories about Calgarians who served

This event will be live-streamed for those who prefer not to attend in person.

Tickets \$35.00 for in person

Ticket registration deadline: November 4th
(due to COVID, no walk-ins allowed)

Register on-line at rotary5360.ca for in person or live-stream



Christmas Party Update

After many discussions and emails with various club members, I will not be perusing organizing a club Christmas party. I have given this much thought and trust me, this message did not come easily on my part. There are just too many unknowns and challenges and risks in my opinion to organize this type of event.

Like all of you I never thought I would be saying such a thing after 20 months of dealing with COVID. I will pray that things continue to get better and evolve so that we may all meet in person comfortably in the foreseeable future.

Tammy Truman