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## 2022-2023 Officers and Directors

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Neil Beatty, Community Service  
Bruce Bohnet, Club Service  
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RI President Jennifer Jones  
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## Passing of the Gavel Bev Tonkinson, President 2022-23

George called Bev to the podium to address the Club for her first time as Club President. She began by recognizing our two charter members in attendance, Jim Thompson and Dr. Ian Burgess. She thanked her son Spencer (member of the Stampede Rotary Club) and his wife Kourtney for attending, and went on to thank Kourtney for her creation of our Ribfest Sponsorship Presentation. She thanked former member Pat Wierzbica and his wife Sally (both now Rotarians in the U.K.) for visiting us today. Great to see them both.



Bev noted that the President's Dinner last week was a great evening with a good crowd and excellent food provided by the McKenzie Meadows Golf Club.

She then thanked President George for his dedicated work during his year as President. He had many challenges and was able to lead our Club through encouragement and example.

Bev announced that the Rotary Theme for her year is "Imagine Rotary", and she unfurled and presented her banner. She then introduced her new Board:



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Bev noted that volunteers are critical to all service clubs and offered her sincere thanks to all these members who stepped up to help guide our Club.

She advised that RI's new President, Jennifer Jones, is Rotary's first female President and is also a Canadian, from Windsor Ontario. Jennifer is visiting Calgary during the Stampede, and will be participating in the Parade by walking with a group of Rotarians from City Clubs. Bev, Anthony and Rob will be representing Chinook in this group.

This year's motto of "Imagine Rotary" encourages us to think of a Rotary where anything is possible, where members and guests feel welcome, *cont'd on page 3 ...*

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President George called our meeting to order at 12:20, welcoming all participants, followed by the singing of O Canada, with George holding a taped copy of the music to the microphone. While a little rustic, it worked well and our efforts sounded good. He noted the lovely sunny day for this first week of July, and the fact that we had 6 guests today pushing our total to over 30.

After lunch, he recalled our meeting to order at 12:35. He thanked Stephen and Anne for the great job they do in creating our e-Arch, noting the exceptional job they did with today's edition. He then thanked Paul Hussey for his work in organizing our "house committee" which sees that our meetings are set up properly, with Greeters to welcome us. He noted that Paul G. would be our Scribe for today's meeting.

## Chase the Ace:

Rob introduced our Chase the Ace segment by advising that we have 44 cards left in our deck, and that our weekly prize would be \$72. More importantly we are earning \$96 for our Club. This week's ticket was drawn and Joe Hooper was the winner. Joe picked the 15th card which turned out to be the King of Spades (too close). The general pot still remains (currently at \$692).



## Birthdays and Anniversaries:

Rob announced our **birthdays** for July starting with Bart Dailley on July 5th, Jim Thompson on the 12th, Bob Montgomery on the 15th, Bev Tonkinson on the 17th, and Herb Imler on the 18th. Our **anniversaries** include Paul and Beti Gaudet on the 6th (48th), Ron and Lise May also on the 6th (26th), Bruce and Bernice Bohnet on the 8th (50th), Rob and Angela Wolfson on the 22nd (22nd), Jack and Patsy Steen on the 26th (54th), Anne and Michael Dale on the 30th (27th), and Bart and Barbara Dailley on the 31st (51st).

## Sunshine Report:

Dale reported that Gord Billings' celebration of life was being held on Friday, July 8th at 10am at McInnis and Holloway on Banister Road.

George then called Bev, this new year's President to the podium and the gavel was passed.

Following Bev's presentation, Anne Dale, as Chair of our Foundation Committee, presented a Paul Harris Pin +2, to President Bev. Bev commented on how easy it is to become a monthly donor to the RI Foundation (or the CRCF) and before you know it, you too will be receiving a Paul Harris Fellowship.



Bev asked that we all check our "pin box" for such things like Director Pins, PE or PP or President pins, and turn them into Dale so we can reuse them.

## Rotary Minutes:

- Hank announced that we have received sufficient positive interest in a Okotoks Dawgs baseball game on August 5th. He has paid the deposit so asks that those who have agreed to go, give Al or himself \$40 per person which includes admission and dinner.

- Rhea called up Pat and Sally Wierzbza and presented them with our Club Banner to take home to their Club in the UK. She also asked them to seek a contact with the RI President Elect,

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safe and comfortable. Rotary is in more countries than the UN, and is one of the top 10 organizations in the world.

Bev then outlined her goals and vision for the next year:

- Let's get to know each other better, have more fellowship, move around at meetings and sit with others, get to know more about them.
- Get involved with Ribfest and encourage your family and friends to attend.
- Encourage members to look up courses on our Learning Centre, talk about your own discoveries.
- Encourage members to use the ClubRunner app on their smart phones.
- Update your personal profile information on ClubRunner.
- Membership is important. We should all wear our pin everywhere, and be able to describe the value of Rotary when people ask about it. Each of our members need to be recruiters for Rotary.
- Consider donating to both the RI Foundation and the CRCF in order to help Rotary assist others in both our community and our world.
- Get involved in committee work, this is how we can give back.
- Try harder to be a regular attendee at our meetings ... we only have two noontime meetings per month, you can do it.
- We need to be better at our succession planning for key positions. Some of our members are in the same positions for a long time and deserve to be replaced to try other things (such as Treasurer, International Service, Secretary).
- Bev plans on personally speaking to each of our members prior to September, to find out why they joined Rotary and what they would like be involved with in Rotary today.
- Share information about yourself, what you would like to see as fellowship ideas, and how you would find new members.
- We will be posting our monthly Board Meeting Minutes on ClubRunner so members can keep current on what our Club is doing. Take a look at ClubRunner on a regular basis. If you don't know how to do this, ask a fellow member for help. We need to all be comfortable checking out our ClubRunner website for information.
- Our Directors plan on reporting to the members through our regular meetings on a more frequent basis to improve our communication and knowledge.

- How about visiting other Clubs, either on your own or with a group?
- We encourage everyone to attend our evening Pub events for fellowship and friendship.
- Encourage members and their families to visit our Nature Park.
- Begin implementing new ideas and ways of doing things. Let's try ending our meeting by reciting the 4 Way Test.

Bev thanked all the volunteers who worked at our recent Casino. This will provide much needed funds to help in our various projects.



She closed her remarks by quoting John Wesley:

*"Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as you ever can."*

This is your Club, we need your ideas ... let's not talk about them, let's do them!

*Photos courtesy George Van Schaick*

## The 4-Way Test of the things we think, say or do

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?



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## New Rotary Year Begins

July 19th  
July 28th

TBD

Evening Networking Meeting @ 5:30pm  
@ Penny Black Pub in DouglasGlen, 11520 - 24th Street SE  
\*\* let Rob know, by July 27th, if you are thinking of attending  
[robwolfrotary@shaw.ca](mailto:robwolfrotary@shaw.ca)



## Membership and New Club Development Month

August 2nd

Rob Wolfson, with Dave Taylor and Tarila Uti from In Front Marketing  
RibFest Promotion

## Basic Education and Literacy Month

September 9th, 10th, 11th RibFest at McMahon Stadium

# Meeting Minutes

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who is from Scotland, and invite him to Calgary's RI Convention in 2025.

- Anthony noted that our Ribfest volunteers should take the Proserve Certificate Course online if they haven't already done so. Those who took it for our 2019 Ribfest are fine, as it is good for five years. You can still volunteer without attaining this certificate, however it would be helpful if you did so. If you are wondering if you did get it for 2019, check with Anthony, he has the list.

- Rob entertained us with a video of cartoons which were based on the high cost of fuel today ... funny but true.



- Rob donated \$10 for the awesome President's Dinner, and also for the meetings he had to miss in June while he was involved in the Canadian 5 Pin Bowling Championships, which were held in Newfoundland. His mixed team won a silver medal! Congratulations Rob!

Our **next meeting** will be on Tuesday, July 19th at noon.

George thanked everyone for attending today and offered best wishes to all. Meeting adjourned at 1:30.

*Photos courtesy George Van Schaick*

## Sergeant at Arms:

Hank put on his "Sgt at Arms" hat and asked Anthony to stand, and then proceeded to outline several offenses for which he was fined \$5. Spenser was called on to provide the cash.

The Sergeant then fined all without pins, without name tags, those who attended the President's Dinner (for their wonderful evening), and those who didn't. All fines were \$2 for each offense.



## Good News/Bad News:



- Pat Wierzba told us how pleased he and Sally were to have the opportunity to join our meeting today and see a good number of his Rotary friends. He also expressed sadness for those who were no longer able to be here.
- Janet expressed her pleasure in seeing Pat and Sally again attending our Club, even if it is for a brief visit.

- Anne was happy to share that Garth (Plunkett I think) was our first member to join this year's "Move for Polio" Campaign. She looks forward to signing up many more.



## Who knew!?

- Dr. Seuss' publisher once bet him that he could not write a book using only 50 different words. He decided to prove him wrong and ended up with Green Eggs and Ham.
- It's impossible to sneeze with our eyes open.
- What did George Washington Ferris Jr design for the 1893 Columbian Exposition? .... The first Ferris Wheel.
- Name one of the climate cycles in the Pacific Ocean that has a global impact on weather patterns. .... El Nino or La Nina
- What is the smallest country (land area) in the world — Malta, Monaco or Vatican City? .... Vatican City
- The hashtag key on your keyboard (#) is called an 'octothorp'.