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## Roots2STEM

Dean White

Pam introduced our speaker, our own Dean White, who would tell us about Roots2STEM. Dean is a Professional Engineer who has enjoyed an engineering career in numerous parts of the world. He has been working in recent years to develop Roots2STEM, and has been nominated as Entrepreneur of the Year for three consecutive years.

Dean outlined that Roots2STEM is a non-profit educational organization inspiring and sharing the passion of STEM+A (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math, and the Arts) through innovative hands-on learning. With small class sizes and professional engineering instructors and mentors, they provide a uniquely diverse and inclusive setting where budding scientists (6-18 years old) have access to state-of-the-art equipment including robotics, 3D design printing, laser cutters and much more. Some of the programs offered are:

- Junior Engineers
- Aerospace Academy
- Summer Camps
- Maker Faire
- Mentoring (Rotary)
- EMF Science Centre
- Space Camp
- Chinook Rotary Programs
- School Programs



The Rotary Mentoring Program involves working with a number of students from Fairview School who visit the STEM facility on Friday afternoons. They create small projects, and benefit from the fellowship of both the Rotary volunteers and their fellow students.

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## Calgary Stampede

John Hufnagel, President



Bart Dailley introduced our speaker, John Hufnagel, President of the Calgary Stampede. Bart reminded us of John's stellar credentials to be the leader he has been for the Stampede. We have separated his playing career from his coaching career for clarification

purposes:

### John's playing career:

John was an All-American at Penn State University in 1972, where he was the starting quarterback for three seasons (1970-1972), with a 26-3 record under head coach Joe Paterno.



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May 2nd, 2023

Scribe: Paul Gaudet

President Bev was at the podium to chair our meeting today and called it to order at 12:16. She began by welcoming everyone and thanking them for attending. We had 25 attendees which included two guests: Bob Wiens from the Rotary Club of Calgary Stampede, and Jeff Shaw who is a guest of Sharon.

Bev introduced our **Indigenous Fact** for today which highlighted that no two Indigenous Communities are the same, regardless of their geographical location. Each First Nation has their own way of doing things and their independent way of life will differ greatly from other First Nations. Such factors as dialect, traditions, culture, community and society will differ from community to community.

Bev **thanked** Paul for being our Scribe as well as Moe and Anthony who were our Greeters for today. She thanked Stephen and Anne for the great job they do in creating our e-Arch, and 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. We also need to thank Neil and Hank who stepped in as our “at the door” payment persons, complete with a working credit card system. Bev thanked George for chairing the previous meeting while she and Anthony were in Vancouver.

Moe introduced our two guests and everyone enjoyed our standard welcome song.

After lunch, Bev related a famous Rotary quotation: “The Rotary Way is to light a candle. I light one, you light one, 1.4 million Rotarians light one. Together, we light up a world”.

## Club Business:

### Birthdays:

Paul announced our three birthdays for May: George Kimura on the 2nd, Al Holt on the 9th, and Garth Sabirsh on the 25th. We have four spousal birthdays during May: Bev Pettigrew on the 5th, Beti Gaudet on the 6th, Carol Van Schaick on the 27th and Lise May on the 30th.

### Anniversaries:

We have 2 anniversaries this month: Al and Bev Pettigrew on the 2nd (65th), and Jim and Judy Thompson on the 15th (58th). Congratulations and best wishes to all!

## Sunshine Report:

There were no health items raised today so hopefully our members are well.

## Members’ Minutes:

- Bob Wiens thanked our Club for assisting his Club (Stampede) with a grant application for one of their international service projects.
- Pam Montgomery told us about the Carstairs Heritage Festival & Parade of Kilts being held on Sunday, June 4th at the Carstairs Memorial Park and Curling Rink. It is free family fun and runs from 10:30am to 4:30pm with the actual parade taking place from 11am to 12pm. Pam invites everyone to take the brief ride north to enjoy a wonderful day of festivities.
- Rob is representing the Calgary Rotary Clubs Foundation and was pleased to advise the amount of this year’s interest distribution to Chinook of \$12,140. He thanked everyone who contributed to this Foundation in the past, and asked everyone to consider donating to it this year. This Foundation grows over time

as the various participating Clubs, through their membership, continue to donate. While the principal continues to grow, the interest generated is disbursed annually to the Clubs on a percentage basis. So, any donation will continue to earn funds for Chinook service projects, forever. Sounds good doesn’t it?

## Chase the Ace:

Rob announced that our daily ticket winner from last week (at Limericks) was Michael Spears, who won the weekly prize of \$90 and then proceeded to choose the 9 of Hearts. This week’s winner was Janet Popoff who (represented by Hank) who earned \$75, and chose the 2 of Hearts and. The good news (for the rest of us) is that they didn’t pick the Ace of Spades so the pot continues to grow. There are only 17 cards remaining, and the pot is over \$2,500 !! Pretty good odds to win!

## Sergeant at Arms:

Hank Popoff was our Sergeant for this meeting and was fining \$2 per offense. He fined those who were not wearing their pins or their name tags, and then fined our greeters for not being on site when our first guests arrived. He fined Ron May for continuing to talk at his table after Bev convened the meeting, and then went from table to table with questions regarding the most recent Rotarian Magazine.

## Good News / Bad News:

Hank switched to good news/bad news and asked for contributors.

- The first speaker was Rob who rose to offer \$10 and an apology for his decision not to proceed as President Elect next year. While he had hoped to do so, further consideration of his other responsibilities resulted in a change of mind which he regrets but had to be made.
- John Charrett made a donation to tell us about his recent trip to Morocco. He reports that it is a great place to visit.
- Bob Montgomery noted that we have reached our 2nd anniversary of doing our Meals on Wheels delivery project, and thanked those participating: Dave Wylie, Wayne, Neil, Hank and Bob.
- Ron May just returned from Europe and loved southern Italy. They had lots of flight issues but in the end their trip was wonderful.
- Anthony then stood to thank God that Ron is not our guest speaker.
- Al Pettigrew highlighted that he and Bev have both birthdays and their Anniversary in May, so its a busy month for them.

## Speaker’s Presentation:

Pam introduced our speaker, our own Dean White, who would tell us about Roots 2 STEM.

## Dates to Remember:

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| May 5-6  | District Conference in Lethbridge  |
| May 9th  | Lager at the Legion (noon to 2)  |
| May 16th | Regular Meeting at the Carriage House with one of our most popular speakers, John Hufnagel, President of the Calgary Stampede. |

Let's have a great turnout!

Bev thanked everyone for participating today and closed with a group reading of Rotary’s “4 Way Test”. Remember ... Imagine a world that deserves our best.

Meeting adjourned at 1:30pm.



Past President George called our meeting to order at 12:16, welcoming all in attendance, followed by the singing of O Canada. We had 44 participants at our meeting today which included 16 guests and 28 Club members (est attendance Post COVID!). Our guest speaker was John Hufnagel, President of the Calgary Stampeders. Our other guests included 6 members of the Millennium Club, a member of Fish Creek Rotary, and a member of the Rotary Club of Kamloops West. We were also pleased to have a number of prospective members, and guests of members attend.

Our **Indigenous Fact** for the day was about education. It is a myth that all indigenous peoples have status. In fact Inuit and Métis peoples do not have status, but are indigenous to Canada.

George **thanked** Paul for being our scribe today. He also thanked Ron and Sharon (our greeters today) for making everyone feel welcome.

Ron and Sharon jointly introduced our guests and we provided everyone with a hearty version of our welcome song.

George called us back to order and thanked Stephen and Anne for all they do for our Club, most notably the



regular production of our e-Arch which is important for those members who cannot attend the meeting. He also thanked Paul H and his volunteers for ensuring that our meeting room is set up and ready for our meetings each day. In addition, we also wish to thank both Hank and Neil for operating our payment system and allowing us all to pay for lunch, good job guys.

George presented a **Rotary Fun Fact**, pointing out that the very first service project provided by the first Rotary Club was the installation of public toilets or comfort stations in Chicago in 1917. At the time, public restrooms were typically found only in saloons, and unaccompanied women were not permitted to enter saloons.



### Sunshine Report:

Pat advised that he made lots of calls to members checking their health and asking if they knew of anyone being ill. He did not hear about any issues currently. Monty advised that he had heard from Jim Thompson who is experiencing some complications with his recent hip surgery and was disappointed to miss this meeting.

### Club Business:

- We are still in need of a President Elect to follow in Anthony's footsteps. In addition we are still seeking one more Director to fill our Board positions. Please consider joining this group and help in guiding our Club. Contact George or Bev if you are interested.
- We are working on setting up for a successful Ribfest in September, and we are asking everyone to review their contacts and consider if they could be potential sponsors for this event. We have first class sponsor information which Bev would be pleased to forward to anyone you suggest.
- Remember that our next evening meeting will be next week, on Thursday, May 25th at Limericks, 5:30 to 7:30.

### Rotary Minutes:

- Hank told us about information he learned at the recent District Conference concerning Rotary's ongoing battle to defeat Polio. Apparently a new vaccine has



been discovered which will assist in dealing with a new variation of Polio. Rotary continues to work with the Gates Foundation in raising funds to fight Polio and they continue to match all funds raised by Rotary on a 2 for 1 basis. Our District is also matching donations for Polio so a donation by any Club Member will generate a significant multiple indeed! This is a great opportunity to assist with this battle.



**Sergeant at Arms:**

Tammy Truman was our Sergeant for this meeting and advised that she was requesting \$2 from members who couldn't successfully answer a series of Stampeders trivia questions. She also highlighted how important it is for greeters to ensure they could properly identify our guests for introduction to our Club. This is done by checking with the guest first to ensure you have the name and pronunciation correct.



**Good News / Bad News:**

- Hank donated to highlight how pleased he was with the two ladies who joined him as guests at our meeting.
- One of our Millennium guests noted their group and how pleased they were to attend our meeting today.
- Rob reported on how proud and excited he was to announce that he was now an official Professional Bowler, having earned a place in the Western Canadian Bowling Tour this past weekend. Congratulations to Rob!
- Neil was pleased to thank everyone for confirming their attendance and meal choice prior to our meeting today, it makes everything much easier.



**Chase the Ace:**

Rob presented our Chase the Ace raffle, having our guest speaker pick a card to identify today's winner, Peter Bickham. As Peter was not at our meeting today, Rob will contact him so he can choose a card. We are now down to 17 cards remaining and a pot of \$2,940. Peter's daily prize is \$78 (more importantly, the Club earned \$160).



Rob advised that there will be three picks in June so kindly send \$30 to Al Holt prior to the first meeting in June. (This of course assumes that Peter doesn't choose the Ace. If he does, then there might be a slight delay in establishing our next draw contest.

**Guest Speaker Presentation:**

Bart Dailley introduced our speaker, John Hufnagel, President of the Calgary Stampeders.

**Dates to Remember:**

- May 25th Fellowship Meeting at Limericks, 5:30 to 7:00
- May 27th - 30th RI Convention in Melbourne Australia
- May 28th CMDA Gala, contact Sharon for tickets
- June 6th Next regular noon meeting

George thanked everyone for attending today and asked all to stand and help close our meeting with a reading of our 4 Way Test.

*Remember, "Imagine a world that deserves our best".*

Our meeting adjourned at 1:30pm.

## RACHEL Education Program in Guatamala

The RACHEL Educational Program in Guatemala is in its second year. Here are a couple of pictures:

About 100 pictures can be seen here:

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Graham Boone





In 1972, Hufnagel became the first Nittany Lion quarterback to pass for more than 2,000 yards in a season. His 2,039 passing yards set Penn State's single-season record for passing yards (since broken), and he remains among the top 10 in most major career passing categories. He finished sixth in the Heisman Trophy voting that year. Hufnagel's final game as a collegian was the Sugar Bowl in New Orleans, a 14-0 shutout loss to the University of Oklahoma.

A 14th-round selection (348th overall) of the Denver Broncos in the 1973 NFL

Draft, Hufnagel spent three seasons with the Broncos, then twelve more in the Canadian Football League with the Calgary Stampeders (1976-1979), the Saskatchewan Roughriders (1980-1983, 1987), and the Winnipeg Blue Bombers (1984-1986).

### Coaching c\Career:

In 1999 John began his coaching period in the National Football League. He joined the Cleveland Browns in 1999 and spent two seasons as the Quarterbacks' Coach. He held the same post with the Indianapolis Colts (2001), the Jacksonville Jaguars (2002) and the Super Bowl-champion New England Patriots (2003). The next season Hufnagel joined the New York Giants where he spent three seasons as Offensive Coordinator from 2004 to 2006.

John went on to coach 15 years in the Canadian Football League (CFL). He compiled a regular season coaching record of 102-41-1, a winning percentage of .712 per cent, best among coaches with more than 100 games. He had a playoff mark of 6-5 and a Grey Cup mark of 2-1, for an overall post-season record of 8-6. He won Grey Cups in 2008 and 2014, with an appearance in the 2012 game. He won the Annis Stukus Award as CFL Coach of the Year in 2008 and 2014.

He was named President and General Manager of the Calgary Stampeders on January 27, 2016. He stepped down as Coach in 2015, and in 2023 as General Manager, he remains Club President.

Bart highlighted that today was the 15th time that John has visited and presented to our Club, and we are very fortunate that he continues to do so.

John began his comments by looking at where the Stamps are today. He likes the team and thought they would finish better last year. We had 11 All Stars on the team last year, the most of any team in the league. He thinks Dave Dickinson is a great Head Coach and will be a great General Manager.

The Stamps appointed three new position coaches in preparation for 2023, all of which have an existing relationship with the team. John confirmed that they try to promote from within their team whenever possible. We lost 2 starters to free agency but signed some of our own. We did well and drafted two new receivers to bolster this always important area. We also signed a new field goal kicker to provide potential continuity for Rene Paradis.

Our first pre-season game is next Monday at 2pm against the Edmonton Elks. He hopes the existing air quality improves so the game, and ongoing practice time, can be continued at McMahon Stadium. On smoky days like we are presently experiencing, they are forced to locate indoor practice facilities. Our first regular season game will be on Thursday, June 8th against the BC Lions.

From a business viewpoint, John notes that all is not well. COVID really hurt both the League and our Team. Prior to COVID we had 19,500 season ticket holders and at the present time we have slightly over 13,000. So job one from a business viewpoint is to grow the season ticket holders numbers. John asks us all to help build their audience by telling our friends of the great experience to be had.

John believes we should have a great season this year as we have "all the pieces". He hopes that he will be able to return to our Club next year with the Grey Cup!

Tammy rose to thank our speaker and noted that she has been a proud season ticket holder for 30 years and a long time sponsor. She is firmly committed to the Stamps and recommends that we all consider getting involved with our team. She noted further that our first pre-season game on Monday afternoon (2pm), May 22nd, follows a morning of "Fan Fest" which will be fun for everyone.

She advised John that as a thank you for presenting to us today we will be making a donation to Rotary's Polio Plus program in our effort to eradicate Polio from our world.



## Youth Service Month

May 25th  
May 27th -31st

Evening Networking Meeting @ Limericks on Macleod Trail — 5:30pm - 7:30pm  
Rotary International Convention in Melbourne Australia

## Rotary Fellowships Month

June 6th  
June 18th

Helen Tubrett, Acadia Food Pantry  
23rd Anniversary of the official dedication of our Nature Park  
in Fish Creek Provincial Park

June 20th

Dwayne Klassen, Motivational Speaker and Life Coach

## New Rotary Year Begins

July 4th

On location with Anne Dale @ “My Sewing Room” — Charity Work

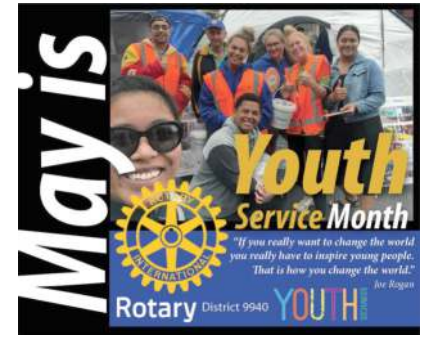
## Membership and New Club Development Month

August 8th

Meeting at Rotary Park, Jim Thompson and District Governor Kurt Kowalchuk

September 4th

Matthew Janz, Annual Giving and Stewardship Coordinator at Pacekids, Pacekids



## Roots2STEM

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School Programs include welcoming 55 students from Dr. Gordon Higgins School as well as indigenous groups from various sources.

The Calgary Maker Faire is being held at the BMO Centre on May 13th and 14th, and is an opportunity to see all kinds of entertaining presentations and displays including Robotics, Modeling and other cool projects and activities.

Dean then told us about Capstone Engineering Academy which was established 2 years ago. It provides free online STEM education classes for Grades 1-12 students funded by Alberta Education when they enroll with the Academy as non-primary students. They offer several programs and options available for students and schools. A non-primary student is a student who enrolls in an online/distance education program but continues to be a full-time student in an Alberta-funded school. They currently have 257 students and hope to grow significantly (to between 1,500 to 3,000) for the upcoming school year. This operation offers online learning, visiting classes for other schools, and classes in their own premises.

They would love to tour us through their facility and showcase the 7,100 sq. ft. laboratory of tools and technology that their students put to creative use.

John Charrett thanked Dean for his informative presentation and told him that in appreciation, our Club would be making a donation to Polio Plus, Rotary's project to eliminate Polio from our world.

John went on to highlight what Dean has achieved by using mostly his own resources. We are proud to have him as a Chinook Rotarian.

John took the opportunity to note that it has been his pleasure to chair the Mentorship Committee for many years and he would like to see another member step forward to take over the role. We also need more members to volunteer to attend the Friday pm mentorship sessions. It is an easy task and quite interesting to encourage the students and see what they are creating.

## You May Want to Know!

*Jim Thompson, Club Historian, President 81/82, Charter Member*

### DID YOU KNOW OR WISH TO KNOW?

Our Club recently celebrated its 46th year since receiving its charter as an official RI club in a world of over 25,000 clubs. An enormous commitment to “Service above Self” in a world full of need. We celebrated our birth at the Palliser Hotel ballroom on April 12th 1977, hosted by our sponsor clubs, with wall to wall attendance of members from all Calgary clubs and many other clubs in then District 5360. Our club was the 49th club established in the District. The District was later reduced in size.

Our 25th Anniversary was celebrated at Spruce Meadows on May 24th 2002, where we displayed an enormous collection of awards, photos, Past Presidents’ logs, club banners, etc. Spruce Meadows gave us a gift of \$ 25,000, added to our donations funding, in celebration of our years of service, which included manpower for their many equestrian events annually.

Our Nature Park, founded by this scribe, was dedicated in 2000. It is located on Fish Creek Provincial Park lands on the east side of the Bow River. It is a large footprint in urban Calgary, in recognition of Rotary International, through our club.

We were first represented at the annual RI Convention in Rome 1979, which Charter President Gregg attended, as did Judy and I. Our club had little in funds then, we paid our own way, and Gregg received \$1,000 from the club to help defray his expenses. There have been many conventions our club has been in attendance at, by incoming Presidents, many years missed for sponsorship due to lack of funding or ability to travel.

1996 was our city’s chance to shine. RI favoured our hard fought bid to secure the Convention, still touted as one of the very best ever!

Now we are down to just two Charter Members still attending meetings, and honoured as Honorary Life Members. The future looks bright for the club, COVID certainly took its toll, but we survived, “Staying Calm and Carrying on”.

